

Proposal submitted by the delegations of Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Liechtenstein, Malta, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia

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The participating States,

**Acknowledging** the rich contribution of national minorities to the States in which they live;

**Bearing** in mind that the protection and promotion of the ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious identity of national minorities and the protection of the rights of persons belonging to them is essential for mutual understanding and confidence, friendly and good-neighbourly relations, international peace, security and justice;

**Reaffirming** their commitment to the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to their unequivocal condemnation of racial and ethnic discrimination against anyone;

**Stating** with satisfaction that the human dimension mechanism described in the section on the human dimension of the CSCE of the Vienna Concluding Document also applies to national minorities and persons belonging to them;

**Determined** to improve the implementation of their commitments relating to the human dimension of the CSCE and in particular to national minorities and the rights of persons belonging to them by completing the existing mechanism;

**Recommend** to complete the existing mechanism of the human dimension at the third meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the CSCE by the following paragraph:

- that any participating State may send, as an addition to the human dimension mechanism, observers to any other participating State, in order to examine situations and specific cases relating to their commitments undertaken in the CSCE.

They further recommend that the observers may compile a report on their findings and the State which had sent observers may submit this report to the CSCE Secretariat which will forward it to the participating States.

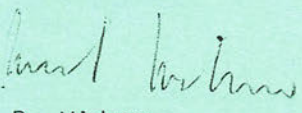
The Committee of Senior Officials may discuss the findings. It may offer general or specific comment or advice and bring it to the attention of the Council.



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