

## **THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES: THE BOLZANO RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE OSCE POLICY**

*Bolzano, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011*

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

Seminar organized by the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, in cooperation with the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Bozen

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening addresses
- Luis Durnwalder, President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Bozen
  - Riccardo Migliori, Head of the Italian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Session 1: The principles of the Bolzano Recommendations and their implementation**
- The principles underlying the Bolzano Recommendations,**  
Amb. Knut Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- The protection of National minorities and the sovereignty of States,** Prof. Francesco Palermo, University of Verona
- The role of the OSCE PA for the protection of the National minorities** - Matteo Mecacci, Rapporteur of the OSCEPA Committee on Democracy and Human Rights
- CSCE/OSCE source materials on national minorities,**  
Prof. Giovanni Barberini, University of Perugia
- Debate
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Presentation of the book on “National minorities in inter-state relations”, edited by Francesco Palermo and Natalie Sabanadze
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Session 2: Concrete cases related to the treatment of national minorities**

**National minorities in European history,**

Prof. Francesco Guida, University of Roma Tre

**Bilateral agreements between States on the treatment of national minorities**

Prof. Peter Hilpold, University of Innsbruck

**Concrete cases** (speeches by Government representatives and/or parliamentary delegations of the countries involved):

- Hungary, Slovakia, Romania
- *or*: The Western Balkans

Debate

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Conclusions**

- Amb. Knut Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- Luis Durnwalder, President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Bozen
- Riccardo Migliori, Head of the Italian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly