Intergroup for Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages

Intergroup meeting agenda

Thursday, 16 February 2017 10:00-12:00 Strasbourg, WIC 100

- 1. Adoption of agenda
- 2. Chair's announcements
- 3. The situation of the Turkish, Pomak and Roma Minorities in Bulgaria

Mr. Timur Halilov, specialist in Turkish Philology, will present the status of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria, with both a historical perspective and in terms of fundamental rights.

Mr. Hasan Mehmedaliev, historian and researcher on Pomaks in Bulgaria, will continue with a presentation of the Pomaks identity and the massacres over the Pomak minority, forcible Christianization of Pomaks and the Pomaks according to Bulgarian Ethno Demographic Statistics.

Mr. Asen Asenov, expert on Roma integration- Facilitator ROMACT Program, will focus on the Roma groups in Bulgaria; custom, traditions and culture of Roma people in Bulgaria and the life of Roma people in terms of democracy, discrimination and migration of Roma people in modern Bulgaria and in Europe.

4. The protection of linguistic minorities in the Trentino Alto-Adige/Südtirol region

Mr Giuseppe Detomas, Regional Minister for Minority Languages will present "membership model" and "territorial model" - issues related to the protection of particularly small linguistic groups in the autonomous province of Trentino-Südtirol.

5. Any other business

6. Next meeting

Thursday 16 March.