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(VENICE COMMISSION)

Conference on
“Legal frameworks to facilitate the settlement of ethno-political conflicts
in Europe”

Organised in cooperation with the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan

Baku, 11-12 January 2002

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 10 January 2002

Arrival of participants

Friday 11 January 2002

10:00 Registration of the participants

10:30 Opening statements

- Mr K. HAJIYEV, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan
- Mr. G. BUQUICCHIO, Secretary of the Venice Commission

11: 00 General introduction:

Introduction to the problematics of federalism- regionalism and autonomy

by Mr S. Bartole, Member for Italy, Venice Commission

Discussion

11:45 The distribution of powers

by Mr K. Tuori, Member for Finland, Venice Commission

Discussion

12:15 Federalism and the regulation of ethnic conflicts

by Mr B. Coppeters, Vrije University, Brussels, Belgium

Lunch

15:00 International and legal status of national minorities. The problems of the formation of autonomous entities within the framework of the States

by Mr R. Mammadov, Baku State University

15:45 Russia's experience of regulating ethnic conflicts by means of political institutions

by Mr N. Petrov, Macalester College

Discussion

Saturday 12 January 2002

10:00 The autonomous status in an unitarian state
by Mr V. Moreira, Member for Portugal, Venice Commission

Discussion

10:40: Resolution of conflicts between central and regional authorities
by Mr L. Lopez Guerra, member for Spain, Venice Commission

Discussion

11:00 Legal aspects of the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh problem in the light of Council of Europe approaches
by Mr R. Guliyev, Chief of International Relations Department, Constitutional Court of Azerbaijan

Discussion

11:45 The implementation of the right to self-determination as a contribution to conflict settlement
Mr Y. Reshetov, Institute of International Relations, Moscow