Linguistic Rights of National Minorities:
Ten Years after the Oslo Recommendations and More Years Ahead

18-19 June 2008

Venue: The Dag Hammarskjöld Room, Voksenåsen Hotel, Oslo

Programme

The Conference is organized by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, in cooperation with the High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM), OSCE, The Hague, the Netherlands

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

15.00 - 15:45  Arrival and registration of participants at Voksenåsen Hotel, Oslo

16:00 - 16:30  Opening Session
Address by Mads Andenas, Director of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, and Knut Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

16:40 - 18:00  Session II – The Oslo Recommendations: Law and Implementation

18:10 - 19:00  Session III – The Oslo Recommendations and Country Experiences

19:30 – 20:00  Reception

20:00  Dinner hosted by Amb. Knut Vollebaek, OSCE HCNM

Thursday, June 19, 2008

09:00 - 09:15  Session IV – Oslo Recommendations and Beyond I: Process and Substance
Address by H.E. Jonas Gahr Store, Foreign Minister of Norway

09:20 – 12:00  Session V – The Rights of Linguistic Minorities and Effective Participation

12:15 – 13:00  Lunch

13:15 – 15:00  Session VI – The Oslo Recommendations and Developments in Minority Rights

15:15 – 16:10  Session VII – The Oslo Recommendations and Beyond II: Process and Substance

16:30 – 17:00  Final Session and Closure of the Conference

17:30  Departure for a boat trip and dinner on the Oslo fjord