

**Resolution CM/ResCMN(2014)8  
on the implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities  
by Malta**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 2 July 2014  
at the 1204th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Articles 24 to 26 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (hereinafter referred to as “the Framework Convention”),

Having regard to Resolution Res(97)10 of 17 September 1997 setting out rules adopted by the Committee of Ministers on the monitoring arrangements under Articles 24 to 26 of the Framework Convention;

Having regard to the voting rule adopted in the context of adopting Resolution Res(97)10;<sup>1</sup>

Having regard to the instrument of ratification submitted by Malta on 10 February 1998;

Recalling that the Government of Malta transmitted its State report in respect of the third monitoring cycle under the Framework Convention on 19 January 2012;

Having examined the Advisory Committee's third opinion adopted on 11 October 2012;

Having also taken note of comments by other governments,

1. Adopts the following conclusions in respect of Malta:

a) Positive developments

The authorities have continued their activities to promote awareness of the need for a tolerant society and have also taken measures to facilitate integration of refugees and asylum-seekers. Regarding protection against discrimination, commendable measures have been adopted to improve the legislative framework for combating discrimination.

b) Issues of concern

Asylum-seekers and refugees are discriminated against and unfairly treated in terms of access to social rights.

There are continuing reports of racist attitudes and acts of intolerance against persons from different ethnic origins.

2. Adopts the following recommendations in respect of Malta:

In addition to the measures to be taken to implement the detailed recommendations contained in sections I and II of the opinion of the Advisory Committee, the authorities are invited to take the following measures to improve further the implementation of the Framework Convention:

**Recommendations:<sup>2</sup>**

- continue to take all necessary measures to combat intolerance and discrimination in all their forms and to ensure respect of the human rights of all those under the jurisdiction of Malta;

<sup>1</sup> In the context of adopting Resolution Res(97)10 on 17 September 1997, the Committee of Ministers also adopted the following rule: “Decisions pursuant to Articles 24.1 and 25.2 of the Framework Convention shall be considered to be adopted if two-thirds of the representatives of the Contracting Parties casting a vote, including a majority of the representatives of the Contracting Parties entitled to sit on the Committee of Ministers, vote in favour”.

<sup>2</sup> The recommendations below are listed in the order of the corresponding articles of the Framework Convention.

- pursue efforts to guarantee the full respect of the human rights of third country nationals with a view to fostering better social cohesion; and adopt resolute measures to improve society's attitudes towards such persons through a commitment to a robust and long-term information strategy.

3. Invites the Government of Malta, in accordance with Resolution Res(97)10:

*a.* to continue the dialogue in progress with the Advisory Committee;

*b.* to keep the Advisory Committee regularly informed of the measures it has taken in response to the conclusions and recommendations set out in sections 1 and 2 above.