

Resolution CM/ResCMN(2010)2 on the implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities by San Marino

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 April 2010 at the 1082nd 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 (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 (97) 10;¹

Having regard to the instrument of ratification submitted by San Marino on 1 February 1998;

Recalling that the Government of San Marino transmitted its state report in respect of the third monitoring cycle under the Framework Convention on 22 April 2009;

Having examined the Advisory Committee's third opinion on San Marino, adopted on 26 June 2009;

Having also taken note of comments by other governments,

- 1. Adopts the following conclusions in respect of San Marino:
- a) Positive developments

The work of the authorities in the field of awareness-raising about discrimination and intolerance has been pursued. Measures have been taken to facilitate the integration of immigrants.

In the field of protection against discrimination, positive steps have been taken in order to improve the legislative framework to combat discrimination. The adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law is to be welcomed.

b) Issues of concern

There is a need to increase awareness of the importance to combat racism in all its forms and to set up an independent institution to monitor racism and discrimination. In doing so, the authorities should guarantee that its competences and resources are sufficient to ensure its independence and its capacity to provide adequate assistance to persons who have been victims of discrimination.

2. Adopts the following recommendations in respect of San Marino:

- to continue efforts to heighten public awareness of the importance of tolerance and intercultural dialogue, and pursue measures to promote and facilitate integration of immigrants;

- to pay particular attention to the full and effective implementation of the Law No. 66 on "Provisions against Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Sexual Discrimination" and set up an independent institution to monitor racism and discrimination.

- 3. Invites the Government of San Marino, in accordance with Resolution (97) 10:
 - *a.* to continue the dialogue in progress with the Advisory Committee;

¹ In the context of adopting Resolution (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".

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