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To the Members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis of the meetings held in Bratislava (Slovakia) on 22 November 2007

The Sub-Committee on Rights of Minorities (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Bratislava on 22 November 2007, with first Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), Chairperson, and then Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The situation of Roma in Europe*** (*Rapporteur on the situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe: Mr József Berényi, Slovakia, EPP/CD*):
 - held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Dušan Čaplovič, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Knowledge-Based Society, European Affairs, Human Rights and Minorities
 - Mr Henry Scicluna, Council of Europe Co-ordinator for activities concerning Roma and Travellers
 - Mr Krzysztof Drzewicki, Senior Legal Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
 - Ms Savelina Danova/Roussinova, Senior Research and Policy Coordinator, European Roma Rights Centre
 - M. Andrey Ivanov, Senior Human Development Advisor, UNDP Bratislava
 - Ms Slavomira Macakova, Executive Director of ETP Slovakia, Centre for Sustainable Development
 - Took note of an outline report on the situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe;
- ***Minority protection in Europe: best practices and deficiencies in implementation of common standards*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): took note of an outline report;
- ***Next meeting***: left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and time of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Bratislava on 22 November 2007, with Mr Michel Hunault (France, EDG), Vice-Chairperson in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The fight against terrorism and the protection of human rights: progress and shortcomings:*** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Manuel Lezertua, Director of Legal Advice and Public International Law, Council of Europe
 - Ms Mienieke de Ruiter, Detached National Expert at the Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Senior Legal Adviser at the Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands
 - Mr Dimitrav Jalnev, Programme Co-ordinator OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit
 - Mrs Joanne Mariner, Director, terrorism and counter-terrorism program, Human Rights Watch

- ***Next meeting:*** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and time of the next meeting.

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