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## Introduction

By letter dated 24 November 1995 the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly requested the assistance of the European Commission for Democracy through Law in the preparation of an opinion on the interpretation of the draft Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights appended to Recommendation 1201 (1993), with particular reference to Article 11 of the draft.

The Sub-Commission on the Protection of Minorities examined this question at its meeting in Venice 29 February 1996 on the basis of a report prepared by Mr MALINVERNI and Mr MATSCHER.

The present [opinion](#), which is limited at this stage to the question of Article 11, was adopted by the Plenary Commission at its 26th meeting (1 and 2 March 1996).