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[Commentator] With the growing potential for new ethnic conflicts, the OSCE established the institution of the High Commissioner on National Minorities. The High Commissioner's job is to detect problems, alert governments and offer solutions at an early stage.

[Max van der Stoep] I prefer to work behind the scenes. There is more willingness on both sides to consider possible options which I might offer for a solution or then later reducing of the tensions. Minority and majority have many common interests; simply to maintain peace and order and stability; to have a healthy environment; to have a prosperous economy and, above all, to have a democratic State with an independent judiciary. A democratic State respecting human rights is, I think, the best safeguard for the interest of minorities.