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1. CAHDI

1.a 1145th meeting – 13 June 2012 – Item 10.1

Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) – Abridged report of the 43rd meeting (Strasbourg, 29-30 March 2012)
(CM(2012)70)

Decision

“The Deputies took note of the abridged report of the 43rd meeting of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), as it appears in document CM(2012)70.”

1.b 1138th meeting – 28-29 March 2012 – Item 3.1

Parliamentary Assembly – Standing Committee (Paris, 9 March 2012) – Texts adopted
(2012 Session (Provisional Compendium of texts adopted))

Decisions

“The Deputies

[...]

2. concerning Recommendation 1995 (2012) – “The International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance”¹

- a. agreed to communicate it to the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and to the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), for information and possible comments by 30 June 2012;
- b. in the light of possible comments, invited their Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) to prepare a draft reply for adoption at one of their forthcoming meetings;

[...]”

¹ Recommendation 1995 (2012) appears as **Appendix I** to the present document.

2. PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND REPLIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY'S REQUESTS

2.a 1138th meeting – 28-29 March 2012 – Item 2.4

“The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the Council of Europe” – Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1982 (2011)

(Parliamentary Assembly REC_1982 (2011) and CM/AS(2012)Rec1982 prov2)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the reply² to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1982 (2011) on “The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the Council of Europe”³, as it appears at Appendix 2 to the present volume of Decisions.”

2.b 1138th meeting – 28-29 March 2012 – Item 3.1

Parliamentary Assembly – Standing Committee (Paris, 9 March 2012) – Texts adopted (2012 Session (Provisional Compendium of texts adopted))

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. concerning Recommendation 1994 (2012) – “An additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights on national minorities”⁴

- a. agreed to communicate it to the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, for information and possible comments by 30 June 2012;
- b. in the light of possible comments, invited their Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) to prepare a draft reply for adoption at one of their forthcoming meetings;

[...]

2.c 1138th meeting – 28-29 March 2012 – Item 8.1

“Towards a European framework convention on youth rights” – Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1978 (2011)

(Parliamentary Assembly REC_1978 (2011) and CM/AS(2012)Rec1978 prov2)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the reply⁵ to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1978 (2011) “Towards a European framework convention on youth rights”⁶, as it appears at Appendix 3 to the present volume of Decisions.”

² The reply of the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1982 (2011) appears as **Appendix II** to the present document.

³ Recommendation 1982 (2011) appears as **Appendix III** to the present document.

⁴ Recommendation 1994 (2012) appears as **Appendix IV** to the present document.

⁵ The reply of the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1978 (2011) appears as **Appendix V** to the present document.

⁶ Recommendation 1978 (2011) appears as **Appendix VI** to the present document.

2.d 1145th meeting – 13 June 2012 – Item 10.8

“The obligation of member and observer States of the Council of Europe to co-operate in the prosecution of war crimes” – Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1953 (2011)
(PACE REC_1953 (2011), CM/AS(2012)Rec1953 prov4)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the reply⁷ to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1953 (2011) on “The obligation of member and observer States of the Council of Europe to co-operate in the prosecution of war crimes”⁸, as it appears at Appendix 12 to the present volume of Decisions.”

2.e 1146th meeting – 20 June 2012 – Item 4.6

“Abuse of State secrecy and national security: obstacles to parliamentary and judicial scrutiny of human rights violations” – Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1983 (2011)
(Parliamentary Assembly REC_1983 (2011) and CM/AS(2012)Rec1983 prov2)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the reply⁹ to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1983 (2011) on “Abuse of State secrecy and national security: obstacles to parliamentary and judicial scrutiny of human rights violations”¹⁰, as it appears at Appendix 7 to the present volume of Decisions.”

⁷ The reply of the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1953 (2011) appears as **Appendix VII** to the present document.

⁸ Recommendation 1953 (2011) appears as **Appendix VIII** to the present document.

⁹ The reply of the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1983 (2011) appears as **Appendix IX** to the present document.

¹⁰ Recommendation 1983 (2011) appears as **Appendix X** to the present document.

3. TREATY LAW

3.a 1145th meeting – 13 June 2012 – Item 10.2

European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) – Draft Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24) and its Explanatory Report
(CM(2012)68 prov, CM(2012)68 addprov, Parliamentary Assembly Opinion No. 282 (2012))

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. took note of Parliamentary Assembly Opinion No. 282 (2012)¹¹ on the draft Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24);
2. adopted the Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24)¹², as it appears at Appendix 8 to the present volume of Decisions, and took note of its Explanatory Report¹³, as it appears in document CM(2012)68 addprov;
3. decided to open the Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition for signature on 20 September 2012 on the occasion of the 31st Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Justice which will take place in Vienna (Austria) on 19 to 21 September 2012.”

3.b 1146th meeting – 20 June 2012 – Item 3.1.b

Parliamentary Assembly – Standing Committee (Tirana, 25 May 2012) – Texts adopted
(2012 Session (Provisional Compendium of texts adopted))

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. concerning Opinion No. 282 (2012) – “Draft Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition”
 - a. took note of it and decided to forward it the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) for information;

[...]”

3.c 1147th meeting – 4-6 July 2012 – Item 1.9

“**Tour de table**” on the signature and ratification of:

- the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197)
- the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201)
- the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CETS No. 210)

¹¹ Opinion No. 282 (2012) appears as **Appendix XI** to the present document.

¹² The Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24) appears as **Appendix XII** to the present document.

¹³ The Explanatory Report to the Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24) appears as **Appendix XIII** to the present document.

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. took note of the state of signature and ratification of:

- the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197);
- the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201);
- the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CETS No. 210);

2. invited the States that have not yet done so, to consider signing and ratifying these treaties as soon as possible;

3. noted that their Chair intended to come back to this question towards the end of the Albanian Chairmanship to take stock of the progress made.”

3.d 1147th meeting – 4-6 July 2012 – Item 10.1

Council of Europe Convention on the Counterfeiting of Medical Products and Similar Crimes Involving Threats to Public Health (CETS No. 211) – Request by the Republic of Guinea to be invited to sign

(GR-J(2012)12, GR-J(2012)15, DD(2012)570 and DD(2012)574)

Decision

“The Deputies invited the Republic of Guinea to sign the Council of Europe Convention on the Counterfeiting of Medical Products and Similar Crimes Involving Threats to Public Health (CETS No. 211)¹⁴.”

¹⁴ As of 28 August 2012, the Republic of Guinea has not yet signed the Convention.

4. FUNCTIONING AND REFORM OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

4.a 1141st meeting – 2 May 2012 – Item 1.6

Election of the Deputy Secretary General – Transmission of the candidatures to the Parliamentary Assembly

(CM/Del/Dec(2011)1129bis/1.3, CM/Del/Dec(2012)1130/1.7, CM(2011)180 final, CM/Del/Dec(2012)1132/1.6, CM/Del/Dec(2012)1139/1.6, CM/Res(2012)1, Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Assembly having the rank of Deputy Secretary General, CM(2012)60 and CM(2012)61)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted Resolution CM/Res(2012)4¹⁵ on the appointment to the post of Deputy Secretary General, as it appears at Appendix 2 to the present volume of Decisions.”

4.b 122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers (23 May 2012) – Item 4

Council of Europe reform process

Decision

“The Committee of Ministers took note of the report by the Secretary General on the implementation of the reform process¹⁶.”

4.c 1146th meeting – 20 June 2012 – Item 1.5

Review of Council of Europe conventions – Report by the Secretary General

(SG/Inf(2012)12 and SG/Inf(2012)12 add)

Decision

“The Deputies welcomed the report of the Secretary General on the review of Council of Europe conventions (SG/Inf(2012)12 and SG/Inf(2012)12 add)¹⁷ and entrusted their Rapporteur Group on Legal Co-operation (GR-J) with examining the proposals contained therein.”

¹⁵ Resolution CM/Res(2012)4 appears as **Appendix XIV** to the present document.

¹⁶ The report by the Secretary General on the implementation of the reform process appears as **Appendix XV** to the present document.

¹⁷ The report of the Secretary General on the review of Council of Europe conventions appears as a working document under item 4 of the agenda of the 44th meeting of the CAHDI and is available on the website of the CAHDI.

5. BRIGHTON CONFERENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

5.a 1146th meeting – 20 June 2012 – Item 3.2.a

Written Questions by members of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Committee of Ministers

a. Written Question No. 615 by Lord Boswell: “Implementation of the provisions of the Brighton Declaration”

(CM/Del/Dec(2012)1143/3.1b and CM/AS(2012)Quest615 prov)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the reply¹⁸ to Written Question No. 615 by Lord Boswell: “Implementation of the provisions of the Brighton Declaration”, as it appears at Appendix 2 to the present volume of Decisions.”

5.b 1138th meeting – 28-29 March 2012 – Item 4.4

Draft Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on the selection of candidates for the post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights

(CM(2012)40 rev and CM(2012)40 addrev)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. adopted the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on the selection of candidates for the post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights¹⁹, as they appear in document CM(2012)40 final;
2. took note of the Explanatory Memorandum contained in document CM(2012)40 addfinal²⁰.”

5.c 1139th meeting – 4 April 2012 – Item 5.1

Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC)

a. Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of human rights with regard to search engines

(CM(2012)46)

b. Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of human rights with regard to social networking services

(CM(2012)47)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)3²¹ of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of human rights with regard to search engines, as it appears at Appendix 5 to the present volume of Decisions;

¹⁸ The reply of the Committee of Ministers to Written Question No. 165 appears as **Appendix XVI** to the present document.

¹⁹ The abovementioned Guidelines appear as **Appendix XVII** to the present document.

²⁰ The Explanatory Memorandum is available on the website of the Committee of Ministers: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1919189&Site=CM>

²¹ Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)3 appears as **Appendix XVIII** to the present document.

2. adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)4²² of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of human rights with regard to social networking services, as it appears at Appendix 6 to the present volume of Decisions.”

5.d 1141st meeting – 2 May 2012 – Item 4.3

Abolition of the death penalty in all member States of the Council of Europe

(CM/Del/Dec(2001)769/4.4, CM/Del/Dec(2011)1124/4.1, CM/Del/Dec(2012)1140/4.1, DD(2012)396 and DD(2012)379)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. reiterated their strong and urgent call on the Russian Federation, as the only member State which has not yet abolished the death penalty, to take without delay all the necessary steps to transform the existing moratorium on the death penalty into de jure abolition of the death penalty and to ratify Protocol No. 6;

2. took note of the information provided by the Russian Federation on measures taken to this effect;

3. welcomed the recent ratification of Protocol No. 13 by Latvia and encouraged those States which have not yet signed or ratified Protocol No. 13 to do so rapidly;

4. took note of the explanations provided by Poland and the Russian Federation regarding the signature and/or ratification of Protocol No. 13 and regretted that the other countries concerned had not yet responded to their invitation to provide further information on measures taken to this effect;

5. agreed to resume consideration of this issue at one of their forthcoming meetings, but no later than October 2012, in the light of additional information to be provided on Protocol No. 6 by the Russian Federation and on Protocol No. 13 by those countries which have not yet signed or ratified this Protocol, by mid-September 2012;

6. adopted the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the death penalty²³, as it appears at Appendix 3 to the present volume of Decisions.”

5.e 1142nd meeting – 9 May 2012 – Item 2.1bis

Current political questions – Other questions

- Statement by the Committee of Ministers on the situation in Syria

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the following statement by the Committee of Ministers:

“The Committee of Ministers condemns with the utmost firmness the continued violations of international human rights law committed since the beginning of hostilities in Syria, despite the current presence on the ground of an advance team of UN observers. The Committee calls for an immediate respect of the ceasefire which should have come into effect on 12 April.

²² Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)4 appears as **Appendix XIX** to the present document.

²³ The Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the death penalty appears as **Appendix XX** to the present document.

It expresses full support to the UN Supervision Mission in Syria and to its endeavours. It calls upon all parties in Syria to cease immediately all forms of violence. The Committee of Ministers urges the Syrian Government to follow its commitment and to apply immediately, completely and unconditionally the six point plan devised by the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Kofi Annan, and endorsed by UNSC Resolutions 2042 and 2043.

The Committee of Ministers commends neighbouring countries namely Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon for the humanitarian assistance provided to Syrian refugees.

A peaceful and democratic solution founded on full respect for human rights is the only way forward for Syria.””

5.f 1142nd meeting – 9 May 2012 – Item 3.1.b

Parliamentary Assembly – 2nd part of the 2012 Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 April 2012)

b. Texts adopted

(2012 Session (Provisional compendium of texts adopted))

Decisions

“The Deputies

[...]

6. took note of the following resolutions:

[...]

Resolution 1878 (2012) – “The situation in Syria”²⁴

[...]”

5.g 122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers (23 May 2012) – Item 2

Securing the long-term effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights

Decisions

“The Committee of Ministers

1. took note of the measures taken to date to implement the Interlaken and Izmir Declarations and invited all the parties concerned to comply with the deadlines set by these documents which have not yet expired;

2. welcomed the measures taken by the Court to increase its effectiveness and to deal with the clearly inadmissible applications pending before it, and encouraged the Court to make full use of the potential of Protocol No. 14, while observing that, notwithstanding the encouraging nature of the initial results obtained under Protocol No. 14, this instrument alone did not offer a sustainable and complete solution to the difficulties encountered by the Convention system;

²⁴ Resolution 1878 (2012) appears as **Appendix XXI** to the present document.

3. endorsed the declaration unanimously adopted on the occasion of the High-level Conference on the Future of the European Court of Human Rights, which took place in Brighton on 19 and 20 April 2012, and paid homage to the United Kingdom authorities for this initiative;
4. expressed its determination to implement, as a priority, the Brighton Declaration and instructed its Deputies to manage this process;
5. asked its Deputies to follow up paragraphs 9f(i), 9g, 20j, 25b (where the procedures for the election of judges were concerned), 29b, 29c and 35b of the Brighton Declaration, if need be through their responsible Rapporteur Groups, and, where paragraphs 29b and 29c were concerned, in co-operation with the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH);
6. instructed the CDDH to submit:
 - a. by 15 April 2013:
 1. a draft protocol amending the European Convention on Human Rights on the questions dealt with in paragraphs 12b, 15a, 15c, 25d and 25f of the Brighton Declaration;
 2. a draft optional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights relating to advisory opinions, following up paragraph 12d of the Brighton Declaration;
 3. its conclusions and possible proposals for action in response to paragraphs 12e and 20d of the Brighton Declaration;
 - b. by 15 October 2013:
 1. a guide to good practice in respect of domestic remedies and a toolkit to inform public officials about the State's obligations under the Convention, further to paragraph 9f (ii) and (iii) of the Brighton Declaration;
 2. its conclusions and possible proposals for action to follow up paragraphs 20c, 20e, 25b (where the re-examination of the functioning of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the Court was concerned) and 29d of the Brighton Declaration;
 - c. by 15 March 2015:
 - a report containing its opinions and possible proposals in response to paragraphs 35c to 35f of the Brighton Declaration;
7. invited member States to take the measures which the Brighton Declaration requires of them and to report to the Committee of Ministers by 15 March 2014;
8. invited the Secretary General to create a special account and to define its specific aim and methods in order to help the Court to deal with its backlog of cases;
9. invited the Court and the Secretary General to implement the part of the Brighton Declaration which concerns them directly and to co-operate when this is relevant and to inform the Committee of Ministers of the progress made in this respect by 15 October 2013;
10. instructed its Deputies to report to it at the next Session on the measures taken.”

5.h 1145th meeting – 13 June 2012 – Item 1.6

122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers (Strasbourg, 23 May 2012) – Follow-up

(CM(2012)PV prov, CM(2012)PV add1, CM(2012)PV add2prov, CM(2012)PV add2provcorr, CM/Inf(2012)15 and CM/Inf(2012)16)

Decisions

“The Deputies, on the basis of the decisions taken and the discussions held at the 122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers,

On the item “Securing the long-term effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights”

1. instructed their Ad hoc Working Party on Reform of the Human Rights Convention system (GT-REF.ECHR) to steer the implementation of the Brighton Declaration, ensuring that the deadlines fixed by the Declaration and by the decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers at its 122nd Session are met, in order to allow for the Deputies to report back at the 123rd Ministerial Session (16 May 2013);

2 instructed their Working Party, in this context, to follow the implementation by the different stakeholders (States Parties to the Convention, European Court of Human Rights, Secretary General) of the measures falling within their respective remits;

3. instructed also their Working Party to give appropriate follow-up to paragraphs 9f(i), 9g, 20j, 25b (where the procedures for the election of judges were concerned), 29b, 29c and 35b of the Brighton Declaration;

4. taking account of the above decisions, agreed to extend the mandate of their Working Party to the end of 2015;

[...]”

5.i 1147th meeting – 4-6 July 2012 – Item 4.2

Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) – Examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on human rights of members of the armed forces

(GR-H(2012)CB8)

Decisions

“The Deputies instructed the Secretariat, under the supervision of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH),

1. to elaborate a questionnaire on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4²⁵ of the Committee of Ministers to member States on human rights of members of the armed forces and to transmit it to member States. Other relevant stakeholders may also be invited to provide comments;

2. to submit to the Committee of Ministers the results of the examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4 by 30 June 2013 at the latest.”

²⁵ Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4 appears as **Appendix XXII** to the present document.

5.j 1147th meeting – 4-6 July 2012 – Item 5.2**Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) – Draft Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the Desirability of International Standards dealing with Forum Shopping in respect of Defamation, “Libel Tourism”, to Ensure Freedom of Expression**

(CM(2012)42 rev)

Decision

“The Deputies adopted the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the Desirability of International Standards dealing with Forum Shopping in respect of Defamation, “Libel Tourism”, to Ensure Freedom of Expression, as it appears at Appendix 9 to the present volume of Decisions.”

6. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

6.a 1145th meeting – 13 June 2012 – Item 4.5

Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) – Report to the Committee of Ministers on the elaboration of legal instruments for the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights
(CM/Del/Dec(2011)1126/4.1, CM(2011)149)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. instructed the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) to pursue negotiations with the European Union, in an ad hoc group⁺ 47+1, with a view to finalising the legal instruments setting out the modalities of accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights. In view of the urgency of the matter, these terms of reference shall be executed without delay;
2. instructed the CDDH to report directly and regularly to them on the negotiations with the European Union.”

⁺ This wording shall not be understood as falling within the scope of Article 4 of Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

6.b 1146th meeting – 20 June 2012 – Item 2.3

Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union – Summary report
(GR-EXT(2012)7, DER/INF(2012)3 rev, ODGProg/Inf(2012)9)

Decision

“The Deputies took note of the summary report on co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union²⁶ which appears in document GR-EXT(2012)7.”

6.c 1147th meeting – 4-6 July 2012 – Item 13.1

Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations – Draft resolution for submission to the United Nations General Assembly
(GR-EXT(2012)6 final)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. approved the text of the draft Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on co-operation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe²⁷, as it appears at Appendix 11 to the present volume of Decisions;
2. invited the chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers to take the necessary measures for its transmission, through its mission in New York, to the Secretary General of the United Nations;

²⁶ The summary report appears as **Appendix XXIII** to the present document.

²⁷ The draft Resolution appears as **Appendix XXIV** to the present document.

3. recalling that a wide margin of manoeuvre is left to the chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers with the objective of having this text adopted by consensus by the United Nations General Assembly, requested the chairmanship to keep them informed in due course of the discussions which will take place on the draft resolution at the General Assembly of the United Nations;
4. invited the delegations of all member States to co-sponsor and actively promote, in consultation with the chair of the Committee of Ministers, the draft resolution at the United Nations;
5. expressed the wish that the draft resolution would also be co-sponsored by observer States;
6. decided to communicate the draft resolution to the Parliamentary Assembly for information.”

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD COOPERATION

7.a 1138th meeting – 28-29 March 2012 – Item 2.5

Neighbourhood co-operation priorities for Tunisia

(DGProg/Inf(2012)3 rev)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. endorsed the priorities for co-operation with Tunisia²⁸, as set out in document DGProg/Inf(2012)3 rev;

2. asked the Secretariat to update this document in due course and to elaborate, in close co-operation with the country concerned and in co-ordination with other relevant actors, specific proposals for activities and modalities for their implementation, including operational presence, on the basis of these priorities, with a view to starting their implementation as soon as possible;

3. invited their Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT) to continue to follow this matter and to report in due course on progress made.”

7.b 1140th meeting – 11-12 April 2012 – Item 2.3

Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions – Co-operation with Morocco

(DGProg/Inf(2011)4 rev)

Decisions

“The Deputies

1. took note of the revised co-operation priorities for Morocco²⁹, as set out in document DGProg/Inf(2011)4 rev;

2. instructed the Secretariat to present an overview of the existing financing and the outstanding financial needs and to look into ways to complement the available budget to ensure the full implementation of the activities foreseen, and invited member States to consider providing voluntary contributions for their financing;

3. instructed the Secretariat to ensure the implementation of the activities and to report back, in due course, to their Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT).”

7.c 1143rd meeting – 16 May 2012 – Item 2.3

Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions – Jordan: Co-operation priorities 2012-2014

(ODGProg/Inf(2012)2 rev)

Decisions

“The Deputies

²⁸ The priorities for co-operation with Tunisia are available on the website of the Committee of Ministers: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=DGProg/Inf%282012%293&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=rev&Site=CM&BackColorIntranet=DBGCF2&BackColorIntranet=FDC864&BackColorLogged=FDC864>

²⁹ The revised co-operation priorities for Morocco are available on the website of the Committee of Ministers: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=DGProg/Inf%282011%294&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=rev&Site=CM&BackColorIntranet=DBGCF2&BackColorIntranet=FDC864&BackColorLogged=FDC864>

1. endorsed the priorities for co-operation with Jordan³⁰, as set out in document ODGProg/Inf(2012)2 rev;
2. as regards the medium-term priorities, instructed the Secretariat to elaborate, in close co-operation with the country concerned and in co-ordination with other relevant actors, specific proposals for activities with a view to their implementation;
3. also instructed the Secretariat to present an overview of the existing financing and the outstanding financial needs and to pursue efforts to complement the available budget to ensure the full implementation of the activities foreseen, and invited member States to consider providing voluntary contributions for their financing;
4. invited their Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT) to continue to follow this matter and to report in due course on progress made.”

7.d 122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers (23 May 2012) – Item 3

Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions

Decisions

“The Committee of Ministers

1. welcomed the measures taken since the 121st Ministerial Session with a view to implementing the Council of Europe policy towards neighbouring regions and, in particular, the co-operation priorities agreed with Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia;
2. expressed its determination to continue developing the policy on the basis of the Council of Europe’s values and instructed its Deputies to take the necessary decisions to this end with a view to reporting back to them at the next Session.”

7.e 1145th meeting – 13 June 2012 – Item 1.6

122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers (Strasbourg, 23 May 2012) – Follow-up

(CM(2012)PV prov, CM(2012)PV add1, CM(2012)PV add2prov, CM(2012)PV add2provcorr, CM/Inf(2012)15 and CM/Inf(2012)16)

Decisions

“The Deputies, on the basis of the decisions taken and the discussions held at the 122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers,

[...]

On the item “Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions”

5. instructed their Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT) to continue following the development of the policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions and, in this context, to examine the follow-up to be given to the proposals made by delegations on this matter at the 122nd Ministerial Session, and to the Secretary General's proposal for the establishment of a new status for non-member States.”

³⁰ The priorities for co-operation with Jordan are available on the website of the Committee of Ministers: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=ODGProg/Inf%282012%292&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=final&Site=CM&BackColorInternet=DBDCF2&BackColorIntranet=FDC864&BackColorLogged=FDC864>