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(CDDH)**

**BUREAU OF THE
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FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

(CDDH-BU)

REPORT

93rd meeting

Paris, 4–5 June 2015

PREPARATION OF THE 83rd MEETING OF THE CDDH (17–19 June 2015)

INTRODUCTION

1. The CDDH Bureau held its 93rd meeting in Paris from 4 to 5 June 2015, with Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic) as Chair. The list of participants appears in Appendix I. The meeting focused on the preparation of the 83rd CDDH plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 17–19 June 2015).

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The Bureau accepted the request from the Conference of European Churches (KEK) to take part in the work on items 4 (Development and Promotion of Human Rights) and 10 (CDDH work beyond the current biennium) of the draft agenda.

3. The Bureau noted with satisfaction that Mr Philippe BOILLAT, Director General, Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), will take part in the opening of the meeting. He will briefly discuss the current situation on the accession of the EU to the Convention, as well as CDDH work beyond the current biennium.

4. The draft order of business as proposed by the Bureau appears on page 11 hereafter.

ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

5. The Bureau noted that the CDDH is invited, at its meeting in June, to consider four recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly which the Ministers' Deputies sent to it for information and possible comments. The text of each recommendation can be found in document CDDH(2015)008.

- Recommendation 2065(2015) on “European Institutions and Human Rights in Europe”: the Bureau suggested to the CDDH some draft comments (CDDH(2015)008). Drawing attention to the existing link between the possible comments the CDDH might make on this recommendation and the decisions it might take in June on its feasibility study on the impact of the economic crisis and austerity measures on human rights in Europe, the Bureau suggested to the CDDH to examine, and where necessary, adopt these draft comments only once it has taken its decisions on the feasibility study.
- Recommendation 2067(2015) on “Mass Surveillance”: the Bureau suggested to the CDDH to limit itself to taking note thereof. It may be clear that these practices put at great risk a number of fundamental human rights guaranteed

under the Convention, but the Bureau considers that the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) and the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD), both of which have also been consulted on this recommendation, are more appropriately placed to study the matter more closely.

- Recommendation 2069(2015) on “Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights and international law”: the Bureau suggested to the CDDH to limit itself to taking note thereof. It is clear that this practice, which has resulted in a high number of lethal drone attacks, resulting in significant unintended “collateral damage” to non-combatants, should be carried out in accordance with international law, international humanitarian law and human rights law and must, *inter alia* be clearly defined and constantly supervised. According to the Bureau, the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), who has also been consulted on this recommendation, is more appropriately placed to carry out a thorough study on the lawfulness of the use of combat drones for targeted killings.
- Recommendation 2070(2015) on “The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights: the Brighton Declaration and beyond”: the Bureau suggested to the CDDH to adopt comments drafted by the DH-GDR during its 8th Meeting (27–29 May 2015, Report DH-GDR(2015)R8, Appendix 4). They can also be found in document CDDH(2015)008.

6. Referring to the large number of recent recommendations on which the CDDH had commented and which are annexed to document CDDH(2015)008 for information, the Bureau reiterated the need for the CDDH to assess on a case-by-case basis whether to submit comments to the Committee of Ministers, and to do so only if it concludes that, in doing so, it would bring added value.

ITEM 3: REFORM OF THE COURT (DH-GDR)

3.1 Follow-up to the Brussels High-Level Conference on the Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights, our shared responsibility (Brussels, 26–27 March 2015) and to the decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers at its 125th session (19 May 2015)

7. The Bureau exchanged views on the High-Level Brussels Conference and took note of the Brussels Declaration and of the decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers at its 125th session (19 May 2015). It thanked the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers for having meticulously organised the event. It noted that a copy of the Brussels Declaration will be presented in the final draft report which is currently being prepared by the GT-GDR-F Group (see 3.2 hereinafter) and that this group was instructed by the DH-GDR to carry out discussions on the implementation and the follow-up to the declaration.

8. The Bureau proposed to the CDDH that this item be examined with item 3.4 below (Future activities during the 2016–2017 biennium). Finally, it noted that the Brussels Proceedings should be made available for the June CDDH plenary meeting.

3.2 *Work conducted by Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F)*

9. The Chair of Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F), Mr Martin KUIJER (the Netherlands), took part in the Bureau and presented the current state of preparation of the CDDH draft final report on the longer-term future of the Convention system.

10. Mr Kuijer made reference to document GT-GDR-F(2015)010, which contains the draft consolidated report as revised following the 6th meeting of the GT-GDR-F, 15–17 April 2015. The Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR), at its 8th meeting (27–29 May 2015), approved the overall structure and the adopted methodology thereof. Furthermore, the DH-GDR provided the GT-GDR-F with guidance on sub-section D (The ECHR mechanism in the European and international legal order) and instructed the GT-GDR-F to identify, at its 7th meeting (8–10 September 2015), all the challenges related thereto and to envisage possible follow-up to these issues. It also instructed the GT-GDR-F to examine in September the question of possible conclusions to add to the draft final report and examine other issues in more detail, such as that of awarding just satisfaction to applicants in accordance with Article 41 of the Convention.

11. It has been foreseen that, in view of the Group “F” meeting in September:

- the Secretariat will prepare a revised version of the text based on (i) written contributions which were presented for the meeting in April, (ii) draft proposals drawn up during this meeting, and (iii) any new contributions to be addressed to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) by Friday, 26 June;
- the President of Group “F”, together with the Secretariat, will then carry out drafting work, notably, in order to (i) add the comments received to the text, (ii) make the whole text as coherent, succinct and enjoyable to read as possible, and (iii) suggest different conclusions for further reflection and which will, for the time being, be under the sole responsibility of the Chair of Group “F”. The amended version of the draft final report will serve as the basis for discussion at the 7th meeting of Group “F” (8–10 September 2015). At the 8th Group “F” meeting (14–16 October 2015), the Chair will be invited to formally present any conclusions and the contents of the analytical summary.

12. The Chair of the DH-GDR, Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), noted that the 9th meeting of the Committee (17–20 November 2015) will mainly focus on examining the draft consolidated final report of the CDDH on the longer-term future of the Convention system.

13. The Bureau congratulated Group “F” and the DH-GDR, via their respective Chairs, on the significant progress made. It noted that the CDDH, at its June meeting, is invited to take note and exchange views on the ongoing work, bearing in mind that it is to adopt the final report at its 84th meeting (8-11 December 2015) for submission to the Committee of Ministers by the given deadline (31 December 2015).

3.3 Information on the implementation of the Convention and the execution of judgments of the Court

14. The Chair of the DH-GDR presented to the Bureau the outcome of the discussions of the Committee at its 8th meeting (27–29 May 2015), on re-examining and reopening cases following Court judgments. The successful exchange of views placed particular focus on good practices and practical and procedural difficulties encountered. It was based on written contributions received on this topic and on a synthesis drafted by the Secretariat and it benefited from the practical experience presented by a Representative of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the Court. The DH-GDR subsequently decided on the follow-up to this exercise. (see report on the 8th meeting, DH-GDR(2015)R8):

- All the contributions will be published on a dedicated webpage, which will be updated regularly;
- The Secretariat will draft an overview presenting the main information, issues and challenges identified during the exchange of views, on the basis also of the written contributions and their synthesis. To this end, experts of the DH-GDR are invited to send any additional information, including legislative provisions and case-law, to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) by Friday, 17 July 2015. The overview will be submitted to experts by written procedure for their possible comments with a view to its online publication.

3.4 Future activities during the 2016–2017 biennium aimed at ensuring the effectiveness and viability of the European Convention on Human Rights system at national and European level

15. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH is invited to exchange views on the draft terms of reference for the DH-GDR for 2016–2017 and approve them in view of submitting them to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption by the end of 2015. The Chair of the DH-GDR presented the draft terms of reference as approved by the DH-GDR at its 8th meeting (27–29 May 2015). These can also be found in document CDDH(2015)03Rev. These draft terms of reference reflect, in particular, the decisions taken by the Ministers’ Deputies following the Brussels Conference and the 125th Ministerial Session (see item 3.1 above).

16. The Chair of the DH-GDR noted that the expected result v) was examined in detail,¹ and that the Secretariat was asked to provide further information on the current

¹ As revised by the DH-GDR, it reads as follows :

relevance of this activity and on the proposed working methods. This information can be found in document CDDH(2015)11. The Bureau considered this document and endorsed it, after having made one modification.

17. Lastly, the Bureau noted that the DH-GDR, at its 9th meeting (17–20 November 2015), will hold a discussion on the organisation and working methods for the 2016–2017 biennium, in the light of its terms of reference and on the basis of proposals by the Secretariat. This will include identifying possible topics for future exchanges of information on the implementation of the Convention and the execution of Court judgments. To this end, experts of the DH-GDR are invited to send their suggestions for possible topics to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) by Friday, 16 October 2015.

ITEM 4: DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

4.1 Corporate social responsibility in the field of human rights (CDDH-CORP)

18. The Bureau noted that the Chair of the Drafting Group of the CDDH on human rights and business (CDDH-CORP), Mr René LEFEBER (the Netherlands), will report on the work of the fourth meeting of the CDDH-CORP (25–27 February 2015); see report CDDH-CORP(2015)R4, Appendix III.

19. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH is invited in June to:

- hold an exchange of views and give guidance to the CDDH-CORP on the drafting work conducted on the draft recommendation concerning the following issues:
 - if, in addition to the already existing sub-chapters on “Civil liability on business-related human rights abuses” and “Criminal liability for business-related human rights abuses”, the CDDH-CORP should also cover in the recommendation access to remedies under administrative law in view of the fact that any paragraphs on this issue would still have to be drafted;
 - if the sections on special measures for workers, indigenous people and children should be maintained in the draft recommendation in view of the fact that no in-depth discussion of these sections has yet taken place.
- note that the Secretariat together with the Chair of the CDDH-CORP prepared a draft explanatory memorandum on the recommendation, in light

“Submit, if appropriate, proposals to the Committee of Ministers regarding the following recommendations (deadline: 31 December 2017):

- Recommendation Rec(2004)4 on the Convention in university education and professional training, along with the development of guidelines on good practice in respect of human rights training for legal professionals.
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)3 on effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings and its accompanying Guide to Good Practice”.

of the progress made at the meeting in February. CDDH-CORP participants are expected to send comments on the draft explanatory memorandum to the Secretariat by 31 August 2015

(Matthias.Kloth@coe.int; Corinne.Gavrilovic@coe.int);

- decide on the possibility of extending the next meeting of the Group so that the work can be finalised (the meeting would therefore take place on 21–25 September 2015, instead of on the initial dates, 23–25 September 2015). The Bureau suggested to the CDDH to also consider, with the Chair of the CDDH-CORP and the Secretariat, the alternative of leaving the 5th meeting on the dates initially planned (23–25 September) and adding a 6th and final three-day meeting in October.
- hold and exchange of views with the Chair of the CDDH-CORP on the outcome of the Committee of Ministers’ thematic debate on the United Nations on 12 February 2015 on “Human Rights and Business”.

4.2 *Human rights in culturally diverse societies (CDDH-DC)*

20. The Bureau noted that the Chair of the CDDH Drafting Group on human rights in culturally diverse societies (CDDH-DC), Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland), will report on the work of the third meeting of the Group (31 March – 2 April 2015), CDDH-DC (2015) R3) report.

21. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH is invited in June to:

- exchange views and proceed to a possible adoption of the draft Compilation of Council of Europe standards relating to the principles of freedom of thought, conscience and religion and links with other human rights, complemented by a compendium of good practices. Regarding the latter, the Bureau noted some repetition of a limited number of countries having contributed with good practices and wondered if the compendium could not be subject to a new selection showing a wider range of countries;
- exchange views on the state of preparation of the draft Guidelines on the promotion and protection of human rights in culturally diverse societies and, if need be, give instructions to the CDDH-DC on this subject;
- decide to hold an additional meeting of the group enabling it to finalise its work on the drafting of guidelines. The fourth meeting will be held on 8–10 September 2015 and the fifth and final meeting on 27–29 October 2015. It was recalled that the final draft text will be submitted to the CDDH for adoption at its 84th meeting in December 2015. The Bureau advised the CDDH to meet this request.

22. Lastly, the Bureau noted that on 4 February 2015 the Committee of Ministers adopted “neighbourhood partnership documents” with Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan. Reinforced political dialogue is being established among the various Council of Europe

bodies and these three countries on the basis of these texts² and it is now possible to invite them to be represented within intergovernmental committees.³ In this respect, the Bureau is aware of the interest that these three countries have for the work of the CDDH-DC. If the CDDH gives its approval in June, representatives from these countries could take part in two meetings proposed for the autumn and their expenses for participating in the meetings would be covered by the South Programme. The Bureau advised the CDDH to meet this request.

4.3 The impact of the economic crisis and austerity measures on human rights in Europe

23. The Bureau sincerely thanked the Rapporteur of the CDDH mandated with drafting the feasibility study on the impact of the economic crisis and austerity measures on human rights in Europe, Ms Zinovia STAVRIDI (Greece), as well as the Secretariat, for the document which was revised in the light of written comments received by participants. Taking into account the sheer extent of the subjects covered by the study, their particular sensitivity in some member States and the need to identify concrete aspects in respect of which the CDDH could carry out work with an added value, the Bureau suggested to the CDDH the following procedure for its meeting in June:

- hold an exchange of views on the basis of general observations;
- if the exchange of views shows that it proves difficult to adopt the feasibility study with a limited number of amendments:
 - decide that the feasibility study, in its current form, will serve as the basis for reflection within a working group (six CDDH members, plus observers), who will meet during the second semester of 2015 in order to identify a limited number of concrete aspects on which the CDDH could carry out work with added value during the next biennium;
 - already inform the Committee of Ministers that the CDDH prefers not to submit an overall feasibility study, but rather a limited number of concrete aspects on which the CDDH could carry out work with added value during the next biennium and, in this respect, ask the Committee of Ministers for an extension of the deadline until [31 December 2015];⁴
 - proceed to the election of the members of the working group.

²[https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=CM/Del/Dec\(2015\)1218/2.3b&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=original&BackColorInternet=DBDCF2&BackColorIntranet=FDC864&BackColorLogged=FDC864](https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=CM/Del/Dec(2015)1218/2.3b&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=original&BackColorInternet=DBDCF2&BackColorIntranet=FDC864&BackColorLogged=FDC864).

³ Section I, item 3 of the documents (link attached) contains the following provision: “Representatives of (country) may participate as observers in the parts of the meetings of relevant intergovernmental committees of experts when discussing issues of relevance to the implementation of the Neighbourhood Partnership.” For the 2015 meetings, this provision is henceforth applicable. In the terms of reference of the relevant committees for 2016-2017, the following phrase must be inserted under the section on the participation in an observer capacity: “Non-member states with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities”.

⁴ It was recalled that the Committee of Ministers postponed the initial deadline for the adoption of an overall study from 31 December 2014 to 30 June 2015.

ITEM 5: BIOETHICS (DH-BIO)***5.1 Work conducted under CDDH authority***

24. The Bureau noted that the Head of the Bioethics Unit and DH-BIO Secretary, Ms Laurence LWOFF, will report to the CDDH on the work of the 7th DH-BIO meeting (4–7 May 2015). She will, in particular, report on the progress made regarding the revised draft Recommendation on the processing for insurance purposes, in particular data resulting from genetic tests. This draft instrument should be finalised at the 8th meeting (1–4 December 2015) and subsequently submitted to the CDDH for approval in June 2016 with the view to presenting it to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

25. The Bureau welcomed the ongoing work and suggested to the CDDH to invite the new Chair of the DH-BIO, Mr Mark BALE (United Kingdom), for an exchange of views in December 2015 on the ongoing work and on DH-BIO priorities for the next biennium.

26. The Vice-Chair of the CDDH, Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg), presented to the Bureau the outcome of the Conference on “Emerging Technologies and Human Rights, organised by the DH-BIO in Strasbourg on 4–5 May 2015, wherein she took part representing the CDDH. Concerning the issues which result from big data, the Bureau suggested that the CDDH representative before the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), Ms Kristine LĪCE (Latvia), be involved in any future work that this committee may undertake.

5.2 Other ongoing work within the DH-BIO

27. The Bureau noted that the CDDH will be kept informed on the state of preparation of the revised draft Additional Protocol to the Oviedo Convention relating to the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment. It was recalled that the preliminary draft was revised in the light of the comments sent by both DH-BIO and CDDH members.

5.3 Activities proposed in bioethics for the 2016–2017 biennium

28. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH will be invited to examine in June the activities proposed for 2016–2017 submitted by the DH-BIO, for which the terms of reference can be found in document CDDH(2015)003rev.

ITEM 6: YOUNG PEOPLE’S ACCESS TO FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

29. Le Bureau noted that Mr Vladislav ERMAKOV (Russian Federation) and Ms Nataliia SHAKURO (Ukraine), will report on their participation in the work of the 2nd meeting of the Drafting Group on the preparation of the draft Recommendation on young people’s access to fundamental rights (29–30 June 2015). The text of the most recent version of the draft recommendation (version 4: March 2015) can be found in document CDDH(2015)009.

ITEM 7: EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE CDDH IN OTHER BODIES

30. The Bureau invited the CDDH to exchange views with its representatives, namely in the light of the written information they have sent (document CDDH(2015)002) since the 82nd meeting (November 2014):

- Ms Nataliia SHAKURO (Ukraine) and Mr Vladislav ERMAKOV (Russian Federation) attended the 2nd meeting of the Drafting Group on the preparation of the draft Recommendation on young people’s access to fundamental rights (29–30 January 2015), see item 6 above;
- Mr Martin KUIJER (the Netherlands) attended the Conference organised by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT): “The CPT at 25: taking stock and moving forward” (2 March 2015);
- Mr Rob LINHAM (United Kingdom) attended the 28th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER, 8–10 April 2015);
- Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg) attended the 7th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) and the Conference on “Emerging Technologies and Human Rights” (4–7 May 2015), see item 5 above;
- Ms Nataliia SHAKURO (Ukraine) attended the 3rd meeting of the European Committee for Social Cohesion, Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS, 27–29 May 2015).

ITEM 8: INVITEES

31. Having indicated that she would not be able to attend the exchange of views in June, as well as her hope to attend a forthcoming CDDH meeting, the Bureau suggested to the CDDH to invite Ms Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, United Nations special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, to one of its meetings in 2016.

32. The Bureau noted with satisfaction that Ms Professor Dr Theresia DEGENER, expert from Germany before the conventional body of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, will attend the 84th meeting (December 2015), that Ms Professor Frédérique DREYFUS-NETTER (France), lawyer and specialist in bioethics, will attend the CDDH meeting in June 2016, and that it plans to invite a representative from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to a forthcoming meeting.

33. The Bureau invited the CDDH to exchange views on other possible invitees for its upcoming meetings, as well as on the structure and objectives for these meetings.

ITEM 9: REVIEW OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTIONS

34. The Bureau recalled that at its 82nd meeting (19–21 November 2014), the CDDH decided that, during its meeting in June 2015, it would exchange views on the state of signature and ratification of Protocol Nos. 15 and 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights as well as of the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No. 205). To this end, it invited its members to propose any corrections and provide relevant information to appear in summary document CDDH(2014)005.

35. The Bureau noted with satisfaction the regular progress made, particularly in terms of Protocol No. 15. It noted however that very few member States have disclosed information particularly on the Convention on Access to Official Documents. It deemed it necessary that the CDDH make a decision in June in this regard so as to be able to indicate shortly to the Committee of Ministers, its opinion on the issue: either formally relaunching the signature and ratification process of the current instrument, or reviewing it (the solution advocated by certain member States), or reaching the conclusion that the instrument is no longer relevant.

ITEM 10: CDDH WORK BEYOND THE CURRENT BIENNIUM

36. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH is to adopt the 2016–2017 draft terms of reference for the CDDH, DH-GDR and DH-BIO and transmit them to the Committee of Ministers for review and possible adoption in November.

37. The Bureau suggested that revised document CDDH(2005)003Rev. should serve as the basis for discussions,⁵ which will take place:

- firstly, within the framework of an enlarged extraordinary meeting of the Bureau including experts from Finland, Greece, Latvia, the Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland, on Tuesday, 16 June from 9:30 to 17:00, Agora building, room G.05;
- and subsequently, during the CDDH plenary meeting. The Bureau suggested this point be addressed on Thursday, 18 June from 9:30 to 13:00. The CDDH meeting will take place in the Agora building, room G.01

38. The Bureau indicated that this document is not intended for the adoption by the CDDH, but only for assisting it in drafting the terms of reference for the next biennium.

39. Concerning the CDDH terms of reference, the Bureau stressed the importance of:

- placing emphasis on the competence of the CDDH in standard setting activities, which is one of its fundamental traits;

⁵ In document CDDH(2005)003Rev, each comment/proposal to make modifications has a reference number which it was assigned in document CDDH(2015)003Addendum containing the contributions received (Finland, Greece, United Kingdom, CES/ETUC).

- underlining that the work on the European Convention on Human Rights system (reinforcing the protection of human rights by improving the effectiveness of the control mechanism of the Convention and its implementation at national level) are a permanent priority of the CDDH;
- selecting a limited number of activities to be conducted in 2016–2017, presenting a real added value.

ITEM 11: CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

40. At its 82nd meeting (November 2014), the CDDH adopted the calendar of its meetings and those of its subordinate bodies for the first semester of 2015, and provisionally adopted the calendar for the second semester of 2015, on which it decided it would resume its discussion at its meeting in June 2015. The Bureau noted that the CDDH will be invited to exchange views on this issue in June, taking into account, in particular, the requests from the CDDH-CORP (see paragraph 10 above) and the CDDH-DC (see paragraph 11 above). The Bureau advised the CDDH to meet these requests. The draft calendar, as proposed by the Bureau, can be found in Appendix II hereinafter.

ITEM 12: OTHER ISSUES

12.1 Information on other events of interest for CDDH members

41. The Bureau noted that the information will be provided to the CDDH on the state of preparation of the Conference on the “Reinforcement of national mechanisms for the effective implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights” (Saint-Petersburg, 22–23 October 2015).

12.2 Prenatal sex selection

42. The Bureau noted that the CDDH decided that it would resume its discussion on this issue in June, under the broader discussions on the activities proposed for the next biennium.⁶ It drew attention to the information on this issue, which can be found in document CDDH(2015)03Rev.

12.3 CDDH Rapporteur on Equality

43. The Bureau sincerely thanked Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium), CDDH Rapporteur on gender equality, for his vigilant and active work and, taking into account Mr Wery’s wish to invite another expert to succeed him, it suggested to the CDDH to proceed in June with appointing a new Rapporteur.

⁶ At their 1207th meeting (17 September 2014), the Ministers’ Deputies instructed the CDDH, with the support of the DH-BIO and in co-operation with the Gender Equality Committee (GEC), to examine and propose concrete activities for the Council of Europe in this area. The deadline for this work was left to the discretion of the CDDH.

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS
83rd meeting of the CDDH 17–19 June 2015

as proposed by the Bureau at its 93rd meeting
(Paris, 4–5 June 2015)

Reminder – TUESDAY 16 JUNE: Enlarged meeting of the Bureau (9:30–17:00, Agora building, room G.05)

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE	THURSDAY 18 JUNE	FRIDAY 19 JUNE
<p>9:30 1 – Opening</p> <p>2 – Recommendations</p> <p>3. Reform CEDH (DH-GDR) 3.1 Brussels Conference 3.2 Work conducted by Group “F” 3.3 Implementation of the Convention 3.4 Future activities</p>	<p>9:30 10 – CDDH work beyond the biennium</p>	<p>10:00</p> <p>11 – Calendar</p> <p>12 – Other issues</p> <p>Adoption of the meeting’s conclusions</p>
<i>13:00 Lunch break</i>	<i>13:00 Lunch break</i>	<i>End of meeting</i>
<p>14:30 4 – HR Development 4.1 CDDH-CORP 4.2 CDDH-DC 4.3 Impact of the economic crisis</p>	<p>14:30 5 – DH-BIO 5.1 Under CDDH authority 5.2 Other ongoing work 5.3 2016–2017 biennium</p> <p>6 – Young people’s access to fundamental rights</p> <p>7 – Representatives</p> <p>8 – Invitees for the forthcoming meetings</p> <p>9 – Conventions</p> <p>10 – CDDH work beyond the biennium [if necessary]</p>	
<i>End of session</i>	<i>End of session</i>	

Appendix**Draft calendar of meetings of the CDDH
and subordinate bodies for the second semester 2015**

as proposed by the Bureau at its 93rd meeting
(Paris, 4–5 June 2015)

(For the record: first semester 2015)		
5 th meeting of Drafting Group “F” on the reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F – longer-term reform)		18–20 February
4 th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Business (CDDH-CORP)		25–27 February
<i>Conference: “The CPT at 25: taking stock and moving forward”</i>		<i>Strasbourg 2 March</i>
<i>High-Level Conference on the Implementation of the Convention: our shared responsibility</i>		<i>Brussels, 26–27 March</i>
3 rd meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights in Culturally Diverse Societies (CDDH-DC)		31 March – 2 April
6 th meeting of Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F – longer-term reform)		15–17 April
<i>Conference: “Human Rights and Emerging Technologies”</i>		<i>Strasbourg, 4–5 (morning) May</i>
7 th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)		4–7 May
8 th meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR)		27–29 May
93 rd meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		Paris, 4–5 June
<i>Conference: HELP</i>		<i>Strasbourg, 4–5 June</i>
Enlarged meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		Strasbourg, 16 June
83 rd meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)		17–19 June
Second Semester 2015		
7 th meeting of Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F – longer-term reform)		8–10 September
4th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights in Culturally Diverse Societies (CDDH-DC)		[8–10 September]
5 th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Business (CDDH-CORP)		21–25 September Or 23–25 September +

		a 3-day meeting in October
8 th meeting of Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F – longer-term reform)		14–16 October
5 th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights in Culturally Diverse Societies (CDDH-DC)		27–29 October
9 th meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR)		17–20 November
94 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		Paris 26–27 November
8 th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)		1–4 December
84 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)		8–11 December

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