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**BUREAU OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
ON THE MEDIA AND NEW COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

(CDMC-BU)

**Meeting of 16 and 17 October 2008
Council of Europe, Agora Building, Strasbourg
(Room 04G)**

MEETING REPORT

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Items 1 and 2. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Bureau adopted the agenda, as set out in Appendix II. The list of participants is set out in Appendix I. The meeting was chaired by Mr Matthias Traimer (Austria) and was largely devoted to the preparation of the 8th meeting of the CDMC, including the point on the First Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and New Communication Services (Reykjavik, 28 and 29 May 2009).

2. The Bureau noted the death of the representative of Azerbaijan to the CDMC, Mr Nazim Isayev. The Chairperson will send a condolence letter on behalf of the CDMC.

3. The Chairperson drew attention to very late transmission of documents for the meeting. This did not allow Bureau members to study them in detail. The Bureau stressed that, in the future, all documents should be available in good time for consideration at a meeting. This applies in particular to documents which will be finalised at the meeting and transmitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption, transmission of which should respect the three-week delay established in the Committee of Ministers Resolution (2005) 47¹.

The Secretariat assured the Bureau that every effort would be made in order to comply with this requirement.

Item 3. Decisions of the Committee of Ministers of interest to the work of the CDMC

4. The Bureau was informed that the Committee of Ministers took note of the report of the last CDMC meeting on 24 September 2008.

On the same date, the Committee of Ministers took note of the Guidelines to assist Internet Service Providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, key human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (now called Human rights guidelines for Internet service providers) and of the Guidelines to assist online games providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (now called Human rights guidelines for online games providers).

The two sets of guidelines were officially launched during a press conference on 3 October 2008. The representatives of the business sector present at the launching event, Messrs Michael Rotert, Vice-President of the European Internet Service Providers Association (EuroISPA) and Patrice Chazerand, Secretary General of the Interactive Software Federation of Europe (ISFE), were very positive in terms of future take-up of the guidelines by the business organisations concerned.

¹ Article 2 of Appendix 1 to Resolution Res(2005)47 on committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods reads as follows: "Documents requiring a decision, whether originating from the Secretariat or from a member, shall be sent, in the official languages (cf. Article 6 below), to members at least three weeks before the opening of the meeting at which the decision is to be taken. In exceptional cases, however, the committee may, if no member objects, consider a document submitted later. Use should be made of information technology whenever possible."

5. The Bureau also noted that the Committee of Ministers has invited the CDMC to give comments on the Recommendation 1836(2008) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on realising the full potential of e-learning for education and training. The Secretariat circulated this document to CDMC members shortly after its adoption (adopted on 29 May 2008); it will circulate shortly a draft response prepared in light of CDMC members' contributions.

It is expected that the Committee of Ministers will also invite the CDMC to comment on PACE's Resolution 1636(2008) and Recommendation 1848(2008) on indicators on media in a democracy (adopted on 3 October 2008). These documents have also been circulated by the Secretariat; it will prepare a draft response having regard to CDMC members' contributions.

Item 4. Work programme for the CDMC in 2008

6. The Bureau discussed the terms of reference of the CDMC and agreed to propose that the Steering Committee requests the Committee of Ministers to renew them without significant change. Following earlier discussions, the CDMC should in particular consider the observers to be listed in the terms of reference.

7. The Bureau also noted the request by the Permanent Conference of the Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators (COPEAM) for observer status with the CDMC. While recognising the interest of hearing the views of non-European Mediterranean broadcasters, certain Bureau members raised the question of COPEAM's European-wide representativeness and, if observer status were granted, the likely double representation of certain of its members (e.g. if they are members of both EBU and COPEAM).

In line with the approach followed in previous cases, the Bureau decided to invite COPEAM's representatives to present their organisation during the coming CDMC meeting and for an exchange with Steering Committee members. It asked the Secretariat to make arrangements accordingly.

Item 5. Draft instruments or texts to be submitted to the CDMC for consideration

Group of Specialists on Human Rights in the Information Society (MC-S-IS)

- Draft recommendation on measures to protect children against harmful content and behaviour and to promote their active participation in the new information and communications environment (MC-S-IS(2008)011rev2)

8. The Bureau examined the text drafted by the MC-S-IS in light of a report by the consultant expert Ms Milwood Hargrave. It supported the approach followed and the draft's overall content. It asked the MC-S-IS to finalise it by within its current terms of reference, preferably before the next CDMC meeting. If the draft is not ready in good time for decisions to be taken at the next CDMC meeting (see footnote 1 above) with a view to its transmission to the Committee of Ministers for adoption, the Bureau proposed that the CDMC hold a discussion on the draft as it will stand at the time with a view to its finalisation at the CDMC's March 2009 meeting. Further, the Bureau agreed that the report be submitted to the CDMC for information and decision as to further action to be taken (e.g. publication).

- Draft report on the policy-oriented rationale and recommendations on human dignity between media policies and media literacies (MC-S-IS(2008)013)

- Draft report on emerging issues and trends in respect of, on the one hand, the protection of intellectual property rights and the use of technical protection measures in the context of the development of new communication and information services (and the Internet) and, on the other hand, the fundamental right to freedom of expression and free flow of information, access to knowledge and education, the promoting of research and scientific development and the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions and artistic creation and, if appropriate, make concrete proposals for further action in this area (cf. item 18 of the Kyiv Action Plan) (MC-S-IS(2007)008rev5)

9. Bureau members agreed to make comments on these two documents within two weeks. Subject to those comments, the draft reports will be submitted to the CDMC for consideration and decision as to further action to be taken (e.g. publication).

Group of Specialists on Media Diversity (MC-S-MD)

- Draft Declaration on the role of community media in promoting social cohesion and inter-cultural dialogue (MC-S-MD(2008)004)

10. The Bureau examined the text drafted by the MC-S-MD in light of a report by the consultant expert Peter Lewis. It noted that the choice for a declaration rather than a recommendation is explained by the sensitivity of the subject, its relatively unexplored character and the lack of a clear general definition of the notion of “community media”, which in some countries are perceived with certain mistrust. One of the aims of the draft text is to highlight the positive role of community media which contribute to social cohesion and inter-cultural dialogue.

The Bureau supported the approach followed and the draft’s overall content. Subject to certain changes, it decided that the draft declaration be submitted to the CDMC for approval and, if appropriate, for subsequent transmission to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

- Draft Report on methodology for the monitoring media concentration and media content diversity (MC-S-MD(2008)007rev)

- Draft Report on the situation in member states regarding the democratic and social contribution of digital broadcasting (MC-S-MD(2008)008rev)

- Draft Report on possible support measures for independent productions (MC-S-MD(2008)006rev)

11. Bureau members agreed to make comments on these three documents within two weeks. Subject to those comments, the draft reports will be submitted to the CDMC for consideration and decision as to further action to be taken (e.g. publication).

Group of Specialists on Public Service Media in the Information Society (MC-S-PSM)

- Draft Report on how member states ensure the legal, financial, technical and other appropriate conditions required to enable public service media to discharge their remit (MC-S-PSM(2008)004rev)

- Draft Report on good practices of public service media as regards promoting a wider democratic participation of individuals (MC-S-PSM(2008)005rev)

- Draft Report on contribution of public service media in promoting social cohesion and integrating all communities and generations; implementation of the Committee of Ministers Recommendation Rec(97)21 on media and the promotion of a culture of tolerance (MC-S-PSM(2008)006rev)

12. Bureau members agreed to make comments on these three documents within two weeks. Subject to those comments, the draft reports will be submitted to the CDMC for consideration and decision as to further action to be taken (e.g. publication).

Item 6. Implementation of non-binding instruments prepared under the authority of the CDMC

13. The Bureau discussed which non-binding instruments may be the subject of follow-up as to their implementation in Council of Europe member states.

It noted that follow up work is currently being carried out in respect of media in times of crisis (e.g. the recently adopted guidelines and previous normative texts) in the context of examining development in national legislations since 2001 in relation with the fight against terrorism which have a bearing on freedom of expression and information and freedom of the media.

Certain of the reports prepared by the groups of specialists (see item 5 above) also amount to follow up of the implementation of standard-setting instruments (e.g. on how member states ensure the legal, financial, technical and other appropriate conditions required to enable public service media to discharge their remit; on contribution of public service media in promoting social cohesion and integrating).

Other items identified that might merit follow-up are media literacy, i.e. Committee of Ministers Recommendation Rec(2006)012 on empowering children in the new information and communications environment, as well as Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)16 on measures to promote the public service value of the Internet. It was suggested that, as regards media literacy, the Secretariat might explore with relevant colleagues whether the Secretariat dealing with education whether they would be better equipped to do this follow-up. The Bureau invited the CDMC to consider these matters further.

Finally, the Bureau noted with interest that Mr Michael Rotert (EuroISPA) and Mr Patrice Chazerand (ISFE) have expressed their interest in organising together with the Council of Europe a follow-up impact assessment event within a few months in respect of the Human rights guidelines for Internet service providers and on Human rights guidelines for online games providers. The Bureau welcomed this suggestion, inviting the CDMC to consider the matter further.

14. The Bureau reiterated the view expressed by the CDMC during its last meeting that follow up provisions should accompany or be included in each standard-setting instrument prepared by or under the authority of the Steering Committee.

Item 7. Discussion on a possible future mechanism in respect of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights

15. The Bureau recalled the decision taken in Vienna during the last CDMC meeting to ask the Committee of Ministers for further instructions on the subject. It noted that the competent Committee of Ministers Rapporteur Group (the GR-H) did not make a proposal in this respect, but decided to discuss it at a later meeting; several delegation indicated that, in order to consider the matter, the CDMC should be asked to provide information on the reasons identified in favour and against such a mechanism.

The Bureau agreed to the Chairperson's proposal for him to send a letter to the Chairperson of the GR-H transmitting the Bureau's report on the state of discussions on this matter (document CDMC-BU(2008)002rev). It also agreed that the Secretariat background document (CDMC(2006)025rev2) be transmitted to the GR-H Chairperson, indicating that it served as a basis for discussions by does not reflect the CDMC's views. The Bureau further decided to propose that, awaiting further instructions from the Committee of Ministers, this item should be dealt with briefly as a point of information at the next CDMC meeting.

Item 8. Discussion on a possible Council of Europe convention on the protection of the neighbouring rights of broadcasting organisations

16. The Bureau recalled that the CDMC has agreed to entrust a feasibility assessment on this subject to an ad-hoc stocktaking group. Ms Delia Mucica presented its work and conclusions, in particular as regards the value added of a new convention and the desirability of European Commission support and active participation in this work. The Bureau thanked the group and Ms Mucica for their work.

The Bureau agreed to propose to the CDMC to follow the ad-hoc group's proposal, i.e. by asking the group to continue work towards the elaboration of a Council of Europe convention on the protection of the neighbouring rights of broadcasting organisations and, subject to decisions to be taken by the Steering Committee, to ask the Secretariat to convey to the European Commission the desirability of their participation in the process. It also decided that, resources permitting, Mr Jukka Liedes, who chaired the meetings of the ad-hoc group, be invited to the CDMC's November 2009 meeting.

Item 9. Discussion on ad hoc terms of reference for the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) with a view to examining the operation and functioning of media complaints procedures and media complaints bodies in member states.

17. The Bureau took note of the discussions and output of the expert round-table that had been organised the previous day to consider this matter, in particular on the question of the added value of such a work and of a possible standard-setting text, possibly a declaration, in response to the Committee of Ministers' request. It asked the Secretariat to prepare a brief written summary of the discussions for the November CDMC meeting.

The Bureau also agreed to propose to the CDMC that this work be pursued, in the first instance possibly (and resources permitting) by organising a broader consultation meeting or conference and subsequently within the framework of implementation of the Action Plan to be adopted at the 1st Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for the Media and New Communication Services (Reykjavik, 28 and 29 May 2009).

Item 10. Work of the CDMC's subordinate bodies

18. The Bureau recalled that, in Vienna, the CDMC agreed that implementation of the Kiev action plan should be regarded as broadly completed by end of 2008, something that would not preclude pursuing certain work in 2009, especially to the extent that it relates also to the expected outcomes of the next Ministerial Conference. Moreover, it agreed that it would be difficult for the CDMC to decide upon its future subordinate bodies and their terms of reference at the November meeting given that the work of such bodies should derive from the Action Plan that will be adopted at the Reykjavik Ministerial Conference in May 2009.

The Bureau welcomed parts of the proposals for terms of reference made by the groups of specialists. Nonetheless, it expressed some reservations as regards proposals involving only, or mostly, the preparation of reports (e.g. the proposals of the MC-S-MD). It also discussed the future working methods of the groups, envisaging that groups of specialists could, in some cases, be replaced by ad hoc groups made up of independent experts as well as specialists from member states. This option will be discussed in depth in the March 2009 CDMC meeting (cf. paragraph 30). It agreed that Bureau members should make comments on them within two weeks and suggested that they should be considered by reference to the texts to be adopted in Reykjavik.

The Bureau agreed to suggest to the CDMC to ask the Secretariat to prepare proposals for subordinate bodies and their terms of reference following discussions on the Ministerial Conference draft documents in November, having regard as appropriate to the proposals made by the groups of specialists, and having regard also to budgetary decisions that will be taken before the end of the year. The CDMC should be able to discuss such proposals during its March 2009 meeting (see item 16) so as to enable them to start working during the second half of 2009.

19. The Chairperson recalled that the core of the CDMC work is standard-setting, i.e. elaborating normative and if appropriate conventional texts (rather than outsourced reports) and underlined the role in this context of both CDMC and group of specialists members and of the Secretariat.

- **Freedom of expression in times of crisis**

20. Following up on standard-setting work on media in times of crisis, the CDMC agreed to the elaboration of a thematic study examining developments in national legislation since 2001 concerning the fight against terrorism which have a bearing on freedom of expression and information and freedom of the media (see paragraph 13, second sub-paragraph, above). The Bureau took note of the study prepared in this connection by Mr David Banisar and of arrangements being made for a conference on the subject, to be held on 17 and 18 November in Amsterdam.

Having regard to the study and the possible outcomes of the Amsterdam conference, the Bureau decided to propose to the CDMC that a text (e.g. a declaration or resolution) be prepared reflecting the conclusions reached for adoption at the Reykjavik Ministerial Conference. It asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft for the Bureau's consideration and possible submission to the CDMC for examination at its next meeting.

- **Living Together**

21. The Bureau noted that work in this respect is going according to schedule; it is foreseen that the result be published by early 2009.

Item 11. Internet Governance and implementation of WSIS action lines

European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Strasbourg, 20 and 21 October 2008

22. The Bureau welcomed information on the first European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) due to take place on Council of Europe premises on 21 and 22 October in Strasbourg and co-organised by various stakeholder, including member states. EuroDIG is intended to serve as a contribution to the UN-led Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Expected participants included state representatives (including CDMC Bureau and MC-S-IS members), civil society, academia and the business sector.

The Bureau invited the Secretariat to report on EuroDIG at the CDMC meeting in November.

Internet governance Forum (IGF), Hyderabad, India, 3 to 6 December 2008

23. The Bureau took note of the Council of Europe Secretary General's submission to the Internet Governance Forum entitled "Internet – a critical resource for all" and of the Council of Europe expected participation at the event.

The Bureau agreed on the need for work on the topic of critical internet resources and discussed its possible form, preferably within the framework of the Reykjavik Ministerial Conference. In line with CDMC discussions in Vienna, it decided to submit a proposal for a specific resolution on the subject for discussion by the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

Item 12. First Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and New Communication Services (Reykjavik, 28 and 29 May 2009)

24. The Bureau held extensive discussions on this subject considering, in particular, the draft texts already examined by the CDMC in Vienna and developed by the Secretariat in light of those discussions.

Subject to certain changes, it asked the Secretariat to transmit to the CDMC the relevant draft texts (Programme; Declaration / Resolution on "A new notion of media?" and Action Plan; specific Resolution on Internet Governance and Critical Internet Resources) (see also paragraph 20 in respect of a specific Declaration / Resolution on developments in national legislation since 2001 concerning the fight against terrorism which have a bearing on freedom of expression and information and freedom of the media).

25. The Bureau also considered a draft discussion paper prepared by Mr Karol Jakubowicz on “A new Notion of Media” and held an exchange of views with the author. Having regard to this exchange, Mr Jakubowicz agreed to submit a revised version of the document in time for discussion at the next CDMC meeting.

The Bureau decided to propose to the CDMC to invite Mr Karol Jakubowicz as key note speaker at the Ministerial Conference.

Item 13. Standing Committee on Trans-frontier Television (T-TT)

26. The Secretariat informed the Bureau on T-TT work and on the state of play of the revision of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ECTT). The Bureau noted the next steps as follows: during its 43rd meeting (from 12 to 14 November 2008), the Standing Committee is expected to reach a provisional agreement on the revised Convention, pending finalisation of the consultation process with stakeholders.

The texts should be finalised during the Standing Committee’s 44th meeting (February 2009) or, failing this, at the 45th meeting (to be organised in such case in the late spring of 2009). The proposed revision to the Convention will then be submitted to the Jurisconsult and Legal Advice Department of the Council of Europe before transmission, in the form of an amending Protocol, to the Committee of Ministers with a view of its adoption and opening for signature. Before adoption, the Committee of Ministers might seek the views of the CDMC on the proposed amendments. As matters stand, the adoption of the amending protocol and its opening for signature is expected towards the end of 2009.

27. The Bureau agreed that, in order to ensure a smooth process, CDMC delegations that are not involved in the revision process could make their views known to the T-TT Secretariat during the currently ongoing and any future open consultations (e.g. before the end of January 2009 in light of the text finalised by the T-TT during its upcoming meeting). It asked the Secretariat to circulate, if possible, the revised texts to CDMC members by mid-December 2008. This will allow for a more rapid process once, and if, the CDMC is asked to comment on the revision, given that all member states, whether they are or not parties to the ECTT, will have had the opportunity to make their views known.

Item 14. Information on the work of, and co-operation with, other Council of Europe bodies, of interest to the CDMC

28. The Bureau took note of the work of other Council of Europe bodies or other events of interest for the work of the CDMC, including the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (see also paragraph 5 above), the Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH) and, more particularly, its subordinate body DH-DEV (Conference on Human Rights in a Culturally Diverse Society: Challenge and Perspectives, The Hague, 12-13/11/08), the Ad-Hoc Committee on Electronic Democracy (CAHDE) (which is finalising a draft Recommendation including elements on electronic media) and the Forum on the Future of Democracy (held in Madrid from 15 to 17 October 2008).

Item 15. Other information of interest to the work of the CDMC

29. The Bureau noted with interest the preparation of Safer Internet Day 2009 (to be held on 10 February) and the European Commission's call to all interested bodies and entities to contribute to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. The previous editions of Safer Internet Day have been very successful. In 2008, it involved over 130 organisations in 56 countries, organising local, national and pan-European events ranging from safety sessions in schools and competitions for young people to public meetings and conferences.

In 2009, the organisers are hoping for an even greater number of participants in the Safer Internet Day activities in an even greater number of countries. They propose that Safer Internet Day Committees be set up in each participating country to bring together relevant stakeholders. Those Committees will have access to a common set of tools in this concerted effort.

More detailed information with suggestions for possible activities and an indicative calendar about Safer Internet Day 2009 can be found at www.saferinternetday.org. Stakeholders wishing to take part are invited to register with the organisers (SID-helpdesk@eun.org).

The Bureau welcomed these arrangements and decided to bring them to the attention of CDMC members.

Item 16. Dates of the next CDMC and bureau meeting

30. The Bureau decided to hold a meeting on Tuesday 17 March 2009 (afternoon), followed by a CDMC meeting on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 19 March. These meetings will be devoted mostly to the finalisation of documents for the Reykjavik Ministerial Conference (see nonetheless paragraph 8 above). In addition, the CDMC will hold a one-day meeting in Reykjavik on 27 May 2009 (i.e. on the eve of the Ministerial Conference).

The proposed dates for other meeting in 2009 will be made available to the CDMC in time for its November 2008 meeting.

Item 17. Administrative and budgetary matters and Other business

31. The Secretariat informed the Bureau of the last changes in its staff and of on-going recruitment procedures to fill vacant posts. The Bureau expressed some concern about the staff situation of the Media and Information Society Division and, welcoming the Secretariat's efforts to deal with CDMC requests, expressed the wish that it remains adequately resourced to deal appropriately the tasks assigned to it, including Council of Europe-wide transversal or cross-cutting issues that are best deal with good knowledge of CDMC-related work (media and information society or new communication services).

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APPENDIX II**Draft Agenda**

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 Report of the 7th meeting of the CDMC –CDMC(2008)005
 Abridged report of the 7th meeting of the CDMC – CDMC(2008)004rev
 Guidelines to assist Internet Service Providers (H/Inf(2008)9)
 Guidelines to assist online games providers (H/Inf(2008)8)
- 4) **Work programme for the CDMC in 2009**
 Renewal of the CDMC's terms of reference – CDMC(2007)002rev
 Observers to the CDMC: discussion on granting observer status
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6) Implementation of Council of Europe standards on media and freedom of expression prepared under the authority of the CDMC

Recommendations and Declarations of the Committee of Ministers in the media field and work currently being carried out in connection thereto - CDMC(2006)006rev2

7) Discussion on a possible future mechanism in respect of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights

Bureau's report on the current state of CDMC discussions on the subject
CDMC-BU(2008)002rev

Secretariat discussion paper prepared by the Secretariat on a possible future mechanism for promoting respect of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights CDMC(2006)025rev2

8) Discussion on a possible Council of Europe convention on the protection of the neighbouring rights of broadcasting organisations

Memorandum on a possible Council of Europe Instrument on the Protection of Broadcasting Organisations – CDMC(2008)misc6rev2 (English only)

9) Discussion on ad-hoc terms of reference for the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) with a view to examining the operation and functioning of media complaints procedures and media complaints bodies in member states

10) Work of CDMC's subordinate bodies

Proposal for terms of reference and working methods for future Council of Europe work on promoting respect for human rights in the information society
MC-S-IS(2008)009rev (English only)

Items for possible renewed Terms of Reference for the MC-S-MD in 2009-2010 and for possible debate at the Reykjavik Conference - MC-S-MD(2008)005

Items for possible renewed Terms of Reference for the MC-S-PSM in 2009-2010 and for possible debate at the Reykjavik Conference - MC-S-PSM(2008)007

Group of Specialists' revised or new terms of reference (with reference to Item Work on media in times of crisis and implementation of the White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue)

Other work on media in times of crisis

- Report by the expert Mr. Banisar: "Terrorising the media – A review of the effects of the War on Terror on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in European Countries" (*work in progress, not on line*)
- Conference on Anti-terrorism legislation in Europe since 2001 and its impact on freedom of expression and information: programme

Living together

11) Internet Governance and implementation of WSIS action lines

EuroDIG:

EuroDig programme

Internet Governance Forum, 3-6 December 2009, Hyderabad:

Written contribution: "Internet - a critical resource for all"

12) Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for the Media and New Communication Services (Reykjavik, 28-29 May 2009)

- Programme outline CDMC(2007)018rev (English only)
- Draft texts for the adoption during the Conference
- "A New Notion of Media" a discussion paper by K.Jakubovicz (*work in progress, not on line*)
- Compilation of contributions

13) Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television (T-TT)

- Draft revised Convention for consultation – T-TT-GDR(2008)001 fin
- Secretariat note on the amendments to the European Convention on Transfrontier Television as proposed by the Drafting Group of the Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television – T-TT-GDR(2008)006 (English only)

14) Information on the work of, and co-operation with, other Council of Europe bodies, of interest to the CDMC

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe:
Resolution and Recommendation on indicators for media in a democracy
T-TT related conference
DH-DEV:
GR-DEM: meeting 21 October
1st Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Social Cohesion
White Paper
Campaign on Media and Discrimination

15) Other information of interest to the work of the CDMC

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- 16) **Dates of the next CDMC and Bureau meeting**
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- 17) **Administrative and budgetary matters and other business**