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# GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS (GRETA)

**10th meeting of GRETA** (Strasbourg, 21-24 June 2011)

LIST OF DECISIONS

Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs – DG-HL

### Item 1 Opening of the meeting

#### Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and order of business

The agenda, as adopted by GRETA, is set out in Appendix I to this document. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

#### Item 3 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: adoption of the final GRETA report on Cyprus

GRETA adopted the final report on Cyprus as amended in the light of the comments received from the Cypriot authorities. GRETA decided to send the report to the Cypriot authorities and to invite them to submit their final comments within one month. At the expiry of this time-limit GRETA's report, together with eventual comments received from the Cypriot authorities, will be made public.

## Item 4 <u>1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: adoption of the final GRETA report on the Slovak Republic</u> GRETA adopted the final report on the Slovak Republic as amended in the light of the comments received from the Slovak authorities. GRETA decided to send the report to the Slovak authorities and to invite them to submit their final comments within one month. At the expiry of this time-limit GRETA's report, together with eventual comments received from the Slovak authorities, will be made public.

#### Item 5 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: adoption of the final GRETA report on Austria

GRETA adopted the final report on Austria as amended in the light of the comments received from the Austrian authorities. GRETA decided to send the report to the Austrian authorities and to invite them to submit their final comments within one month. At the expiry of this time-limit GRETA's report, together with eventual comments received from the Austrian authorities, will be made public.

## Item 6 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: draft GRETA report on Denmark

GRETA examined the preliminary draft report on Denmark and agreed on a number of amendments. GRETA decided to transmit the draft report to the Danish authorities and to ask them to submit comments within one month. GRETA recalled that its draft reports remain confidential until their final adoption.

### Item 7 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: draft GRETA report on Albania

GRETA examined the preliminary draft report on Albania and agreed on a number of amendments. GRETA decided to transmit the draft report to the Albanian authorities and to ask them to submit comments within one month. GRETA recalled that its draft reports remain confidential until their final adoption.

## Item 8 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: draft GRETA report on Croatia

GRETA examined the preliminary draft report on Croatia and agreed on a number of amendments. GRETA decided to transmit the draft report to the Croatian authorities and to ask them to submit comments within one month. GRETA recalled that its draft reports remain confidential until their final adoption.

## Item 9 <u>1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: draft GRETA report on Bulgaria</u>

GRETA examined the preliminary draft report on Bulgaria and agreed on a number of amendments. GRETA decided to transmit the draft report to the Bulgarian authorities and to ask them to submit comments within one month. GRETA recalled that its draft reports remain confidential until their final adoption.

- Item 10 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: feedback on the country visit to Georgia
- Item 11 <u>1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: feedback on the country visit to Moldova</u>
- Item 12 1st Evaluation Round, 1st Group: feedback on the country visit to Romania

## Item 13 <u>1st Evaluation Round, 2nd Group: appointing Rapporteurs and approving a draft timetable</u> for country visits

GRETA adopted the Bureau's proposals as regards the appointment of Rapporteurs for the country visits to the 2nd Group of parties. It also discussed and approved a timetable for the carrying out of country visits and the preparation of draft reports concerning the 2nd Group of parties.

Item 14 First General Report on GRETA's activities

GRETA examined and adopted the First General Report on its activities. It was agreed that the report would be sent to the Committee of the Parties and the Committee of Ministers at the end of June 2011. The report will also be published on the Anti-Trafficking website and copies of it will be sent to relevant international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Item 15 Administrative and budgetary questions

GRETA was concerned to note that the budget proposed for its activities in 2012 and 2013 was significantly less than the amount requested. GRETA also noted that the two additional posts allocated to the Anti-Trafficking Secretariat in the 2011 budget had still not materialised. Given the lack of human and financial resources allocated to its activities, GRETA was concerned that it might not be able to effectively carry out the first round of the evaluation of the implementation of the Convention to schedule. GRETA decided to mandate its Bureau to send a letter to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on these issues. GRETA also agreed that is would welcome voluntary contributions made for specific purposes on condition that they do not jeopardise its independent status.

## Item 16 State of signatures and ratifications of the Convention

GRETA was pleased to note that, shortly after its last meeting, the Convention had been ratified by Andorra (on 23 March 2011), bringing the total number of ratifications to 34. GRETA once again urged the Council of Europe member States which had not already done so, the non-member states which had participated in the preparation of the Convention, and the European Union, to sign and/or ratify the Convention. In addition, GRETA reiterated its call for other non-member states to accede to the Convention.

# Item 17 Report from the informal working group on ensuring consistency in the interpretation of the Convention

GRETA agreed to follow the proposals formulated by the informal working group concerning the human rights-based approach to action against trafficking in human beings.

- Item 18 Communications received containing information for consideration by GRETA
- Item 19 Information on Council of Europe activities of interest to GRETA
- Item 20 Information on the activities of international governmental and non-governmental organisations of interest to GRETA
- Item 21 <u>Exchange of views with the Director of Co-operation on future Council of Europe co-operation activities in the field of action against trafficking in human beings</u>
- Item 21a
   Exchange of views with Ms Myria VASSILIADOU, EU Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinator on behalf of the European Commission

   GRETA agreed to systematically send its evaluation reports to the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator and to explore means of co-operation in the follow-up to GRETA's reports. In this context, GRETA underlined the importance of avoiding duplication in the field of monitoring.

## Item 22 Dates of future meetings GRETA fixed the dates for its first three meetings of 2012 as follows: 20 - 23 March; 19 - 22 June; 18 - 21 September.

- Item 23 Items to be put on the agenda of the 11th meeting
- Item 24 Other business

GRETA decided to send requests for information to NGOs active in the area of combating trafficking in human beings in the 10 countries to which the questionnaire had been sent in February 2011 (Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Latvia, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom).

GRETA also agreed to adapt its working methods for the carrying out of country visits in light of the experience gained from the visits to the first group of 10 countries.

Item 25 Approval of the list of decisions adopted during the 10th meeting

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## Agenda

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- 21a. Exchange of views with Ms Myria VASSILIADOU, EU Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinator on behalf of the European Commission
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## Appendix II

## **List of Participants**

# **Members of GRETA**

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