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(Strasbourg, 6 December 2010)

MEETING REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

1. The *Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (hereinafter referred to respectively as “the Committee” and “the Council of Europe Convention”) held its 5th meeting on 6 December 2010 in Strasbourg.

AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2: OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The meeting was opened by Ambassador Thomas HAJNOCZI (Austria), Vice-Chair of the Committee, in the absence of the Chair, Ambassador Zurab TCHIABERASHVILI (Georgia).
3. The Committee took note of the imminent departure from Strasbourg of Ambassador TCHIABERASHVILI, who had been called to take up new duties. The Committee took this opportunity to thank Ambassador TCHIABERASHVILI for his guidance and contribution to the work of the Committee.
4. The agenda, as adopted by the Committee, is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants to the meeting is set out in Appendix II.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES

5. In accordance with rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee proceeded with the election of its new Chair. The Committee elected Ambassador Tatiana PÂRVU (Moldova) as Chair for a first term of office of one year starting on 6 December 2010. The newly elected Chair welcomed the members and the participants of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF THE TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS (GRETA)

3.1 *Admissibility of the candidatures for GRETA (rule 9, paragraph 1, and rule 13 of CM/Res(2008)7)*

6. In pursuance of Article 36-2 of the Convention and in conformity with Resolution CM/Res(2008)7 on rules on the election procedure of the members of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (hereinafter referred to as “the Resolution”), the Committee proceeded with the examination of the admissibility of the candidatures for election of two new members of GRETA, submitted by the entitled parties. The Committee took note of the fact that nominations from three parties had not been submitted in full compliance with all the requirements of the Resolution. In particular, two parties had submitted candidates after the deadline and one party had submitted only one candidate.
7. The Committee took further note of the information provided by a representative of the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (Jurisconsult) of the Council of Europe concerning legal issues relating to the admissibility of GRETA candidates. It was stressed that the wording of rule 9 (requiring parties to present names and curricula vitae of at least two candidates) and rule 13 (stipulating that names and curricula vitae of candidates should be received by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe two months before the election) of the Resolution was clear and required no further interpretation.
8. In the light of this information and bearing in mind the requirements laid down in the Resolution, the Committee decided that only the candidates submitted by Austria, the Netherlands and Serbia were admissible to stand for election.

3.2 *Assessment of whether the candidates nominated meet the requirements for membership of GRETA (rule 9, paragraph 2, of CM/Res(2008)7)*

9. The Committee held a *tour de table* concerning the qualification and the capacity requirements of the remaining candidates. Having examined the candidatures in the light of rule 9, paragraph 2 of the Resolution, the Committee declared that all the remaining candidates met the qualification and capacity requirements for membership of GRETA as set out in Article 36 of the Convention and rules 2 to 5 of the Resolution.

3.3 Election of the members of GRETA

10. The Chair recalled the letter of 12 April 2010 from President of GRETA to the Chair of the Committee of the Parties concerning GRETA's expertise needs and its current composition. In accordance with Article 36 of the Convention, and bearing in mind that the composition of GRETA should take into account a gender and geographical balance, as well as a multidisciplinary expertise (rule 6 of the Resolution), that the main legal systems should be represented (rule 7 of the Resolution) and that no two members of GRETA may be nationals from the same State (rule 8 of the Resolution), the Committee proceeded with the election of two new members of GRETA in accordance with rule 14 of the Resolution.
11. The Committee elected the following persons as two new members of GRETA :
- Mr Helmut SAX (Austrian)
 - Mr Jan VAN DIJK (Dutch).
12. In accordance with rule 16 of the Resolution, the two new members of the GRETA were elected for a term of office of four years, beginning on 1 January 2011. The Committee wished the newly elected GRETA members every success in the important task of monitoring implementation of the Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13. In light of the information received concerning the progress of the first round of GRETA's evaluation of the implementation of the Convention by the parties, the Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 20 June 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 6: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF GRETA

14. The Committee held an exchange of views with Ms Hanne Sophie GREVE, the President of GRETA. The Committee took note of the information provided by Ms GREVE concerning the progress of the work of GRETA, which had carried out its first three country visits to Cyprus (11-14 October), the Slovak Republic (9-12 November) and Austria (16-19 November) with a view to supplementing the information provided in the replies to the Questionnaire.
15. Ms GREVE also informed the Committee of the current situation related to the staff of the Secretariat of the Convention. The Committee expressed satisfaction that additional human resources were expected to be allocated to the Secretariat of the Convention in the beginning of 2011 and expressed hope that this increase would take place as soon as possible. However, considering the increasing number of parties to the Convention, the Committee stressed that these resources would not fully meet the needs of GRETA and agreed to continue following this issue to make sure that adequate resources were provided to the monitoring mechanism of the Convention, as this activity was one of the priorities of the Organisation.

AGENDA ITEM 7: STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

16. The Committee noted with satisfaction that since its 4th meeting (13 September 2010), the Convention had been ratified by three more member states (Italy, San Marino and Ukraine), bringing the total number of ratifications to 33. The representative of Andorra informed the Committee of the forthcoming ratification of the Convention by the General Council (Parliament) of Andorra. The Committee 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, the Committee called for other non-member states to accede to the Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATION ON COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES

17. The Committee took note of the activities of the Council of Europe and other international organisations of interest to the Committee. In particular, the Committee welcomed the holding of the Interparliamentary Conference "*Parliaments united against human trafficking*", which was organised by the *Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe* in Paris on 3 December 2010 and stressed the importance of the role of parliamentarians of member

states in promoting and implementing the Convention through national legislation. The Committee took note of the "Paris declaration", adopted by the participants of the Conference, which expressed full support to the Council of Europe Convention and its monitoring mechanism and called upon Council of Europe member states and non-member states, which have not already done so, to become party to the Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 9: INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES

18. Ambassador Luisella PAVAN WOOLFE, Representative of the European Union to the Council of Europe, provided information on progress in the preparation of the new European Union Directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting victims. The Committee thanked Ms PAVAN WOOLFE for the information provided and expressed satisfaction that efforts had been made to avoid duplication with the activities of the monitoring mechanism of the Council of Europe Convention. The Committee also took note of the preparation of the new European Union Strategy on the fight against trafficking in human beings and welcomed the fact that the Council of Europe was invited to take part in consultations on this subject.
19. The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the 5th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, which took place on 18-22 October in Vienna. The Committee further took note of the launch of the *United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons*, which will provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of human trafficking. Furthermore, the Secretariat informed the Committee of the Council of Europe's interest to become a partner of the *United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking* (UN.GIFT). Recalling that the UN.GIFT was currently undergoing independent evaluation, the Committee requested the Secretariat to keep it informed of any developments in this area.
20. The Committee also took note of the 12th meeting of the *Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE*, which was held on 22 October 2010 in Vienna and was dedicated to reviewing the progress of co-operation between the two Organisations in the areas of the fight against terrorism and the fight against trafficking in human beings. The Committee noted with satisfaction the new impetus given to this co-operation following the "Thematic Debate on Partnerships among International Organisations Active in the Field of Trafficking in Human Beings: Need for Co-ordinated Action", organised on 13 September 2010 on the occasion of its 4th meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

21. No other business has been dealt with at this meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN

22. The Committee adopted the list of items discussed and decisions taken, as set out in document THB-CP(2010)LD5.

Appendix I

Agenda

1. **Opening of the meeting**
- I. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**
2. **Adoption of the draft agenda**
3. **Election of two new members of the *Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (GRETA)**
4. **Election of the Chair of the Committee of the Parties**
5. **Date of the next meeting**
- II. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
6. **Exchange of views with the President of GRETA**
7. **State of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings**
8. **Information on Council of Europe activities of interest to the Committee of the Parties**
9. **Information on the activities of other international organisations of interest to the Committee of the Parties**
10. **Other business**
- III. **ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN**

Appendix II

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