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# COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

**10th meeting of the Committee of the Parties** (Strasbourg, 15 February 2013)

**MEETING REPORT** 

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#### Agenda items 1 and 2: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

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 Convention") held its 10th meeting on 15 February 2013 in Strasbourg.

2. The meeting was opened by Ambassador Alain COOLS (Belgium), Vice-Chair of the Committee, who invited the members of the Committee to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting. The agenda, as adopted by the Committee, is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants is set out in Appendix II.

#### Agenda item 3: Election of the Chair of the Committee of the Parties

- 3. The Vice-Chair recalled that the second term of office of the previous Chair of the Committee, Ambassador Tatiana PÂRVU (Republic of Moldova) had expired on 30 January 2013. On behalf of the Committee, he expressed gratitude to Ambassador PÂRVU for her commitment to anti-trafficking action and her guidance and contribution to the work of the Committee during the two years of her chairmanship.
- 4. The Vice-Chair informed the Committee that two Ambassadors had indicated their interest in taking on the role of Chair of the Committee of the Parties: Ambassador Joseph LICARI (Malta), who submitted his candidacy on 18 January 2013, and Ambassador Pekka HYVÖNEN (Finland), who submitted his candidacy on 24 January 2013.
- 5. The Vice-Chair recalled that the election required a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the first ballot, and a simple majority at the second ballot.
- 6. The Committee proceeded with the election of the Chair by secret ballot, as stipulated in Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Parties. Following two rounds of voting, Ambassador LICARI was elected as Chair for a first term of office of one year, starting on 15 February 2013.
- 7. The newly elected Chair thanked the Committee for entrusting this important role upon him and proceeded with conducting the meeting.

#### Agenda item 4: Exchange of views with the President ad interim of GRETA

- 8. The Chair informed the Committee that pending the elections of GRETA's new Bureau at the next plenary meeting of GRETA in March 2013, GRETA had decided that its work would be directed by a Bureau *ad interim*, with Mr Nicolas LE COZ continuing to act as President *ad interim*. The Chair invited Mr LE COZ to take the floor.
- 9. Mr LE COZ informed the Committee that four country-by-country evaluation reports by GRETA had recently been published, concerning France, Latvia, Malta and Portugal. On the basis of these reports, he presented some emerging trends. While trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation remained the predominant form of trafficking, an increasing number of cases of trafficking for labour exploitation were being identified, and this form of trafficking was affecting predominantly men. Mr LE COZ also referred to trafficking for other types of exploitation, such as forced begging and committing of criminal offences, which were on the rise in countries like France. He also mentioned trafficking for the purpose of "sham marriages", which had been mentioned in the report on Latvia, and pointed out that usually "sham marriages" are fraudulently arranged for the benefit of both parties and do not contain the three elements of action, means and purpose that are characteristic to the offence of human trafficking. That said, he admitted that in some cases "sham marriages" may lead to exploitative situations, which is why GRETA would continue paying attention to this issue.

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10. Mr LE COZ stressed that one of the main difficulties observed by GRETA is the lack of comprehensive, reliable and comparable data on trafficking in human beings. He referred to the positive example of Portugal, which had established a system for the collection of data. Another issue examined in GRETA's reports was the existence of formalised procedures for the identification and referral of victims of trafficking (the so-called National Referral Mechanism), which were still missing in France and Latvia. Further, access to compensation for victims of trafficking had been identified as another area requiring improvement. Among positive trends, Mr LE COZ underlined that in nearly all Parties anti-trafficking coordination structures were well established and National Action Plans were being adopted and implemented.

- 11. Finally, Mr LE COZ referred to his participation in a recent meeting of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination in the light of the preparation of a report entitled "Criminalising the purchase of sex to combat the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation" (with Mr MENDES BOTA as rapporteur). Mr LE COZ pointed out that even though criminalising the clients of sex workers might appear as a tool for decreasing demand which results in human trafficking, it could also give rise to a number of concerns from an anti-trafficking perspective. In particular, he noted that the criminalisation of prostitution can make it more difficult to identify victims of human trafficking as customers and sex workers would be less likely to report criminal incidents to the police, and it would also become harder for social and health services to reach victims of trafficking as prostitution is driven deeper underground and sex workers are put in more danger of abuse and exploitation.
- 12. The Chair thanked Mr LE COZ for his presentation and opened the floor to members of the Committee.
- 13. Ambassador Pekka HYVÖNEN (Finland) remarked that all four countries referred to in Mr LE COZ's presentation were EU member States and noted that GRETA's evaluations could also contribute to monitoring the implementation of the EU Directive 2011/36/EU on action against trafficking in human beings. He asked how serious the problem of lack of registration of children at birth was in Latvia. Mr LE COZ replied that this was not a wide-spread problem, but both GRETA and the Latvian authorities were concerned by it and its implications for human trafficking.
- 14. Ambassador Peter GUNNING (Ireland) stressed the importance of distinguishing between "sham marriages" and trafficking in human beings. He stated that the Irish law enforcement authorities had carried out comprehensive investigations into a number of cases of sham marriages, but no evidence had been found of human trafficking. He noted that this particular issue would probably be discussed again in the context of GRETA's report on Ireland. He also stressed that the Irish authorities were prepared to continue their close co-operation with their Latvian colleagues.
- 15. Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI, member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and representative of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, referred to the report under preparation by PACE referred to in paragraph 11 and stressed the importance of adopting a balanced approach.
- 16. Ms Hannah FISCHER (Germany) stated that the German authorities were prepared to engage in co-operation with GRETA. In reply to a question from Ms FISCHER concerning GRETA's co-operation with other international organisations, GRETA's President *ad interim* gave examples of such co-operation established with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNODC, OSCE (in particular with the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings), the European Union, Europol, etc.
- 17. Ms Kanta ADHIN (Netherlands) expressed appreciation of the presentation made by Mr LE COZ and indicated that the Dutch authorities were looking forward to GRETA's evaluation visit to the Netherlands later this year.
- 18. Mr Laurent KNUBEL (Switzerland, Federal Department of Justice and Police) expressed appreciation for the exchange of views with the President *ad interim* of GRETA and indicated that the Swiss authorities were looking forward to GRETA's evaluation.

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# Agenda item 5: Examination of GRETA's reports on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by France, Latvia, Malta and Portugal

#### 5.1 Draft recommendation to be adopted in respect of France

- 19. The Chair invited the representative of France to take the floor concerning the final report of GRETA on the implementation of the Convention by France. Ms Melanie BILOCQ stated that France welcomed the spirit of co-operation with GRETA and the quality of the report. The French Government considered the report to be a valuable instrument for developing the three "P"s relevant to combating trafficking. Since the evaluation visit by GRETA the Government had decided to strengthen anti-trafficking action by establishing on 3 January 2013 a special inter-ministerial body. This body was expected to become operational in the coming weeks and has been given the task of developing further the anti-trafficking action plan drafted in 2011. The French authorities also intended to amend legislation in the areas outlined by GRETA. Finally, Ms BILOCQ informed the Committee that on 28 November 2012, a circular had been issued to Prefects, asking them to pay particular attention to requests for residence permits received from victims of trafficking.
- 20. The Committee adopted the proposed recommendation addressed to the authorities of France concerning the measures to be taken to implement the conclusions of GRETA and decided to request the French Government to inform it of the measures taken to comply with this recommendation by 15 February 2015.

#### 5.2 Draft recommendation to be adopted in respect of Latvia

- 21. Ambassador Aiga LIEPINA (Latvia) thanked GRETA for the constructive co-operation and welcomed GRETA's first report on the implementation of the Convention by Latvia. She informed the Committee that the GRETA report had been carefully examined by the Latvian authorities and would be used for developing anti-trafficking policy documents. Despite a difficult financial situation, the funding for the rehabilitation of victims of trafficking had been increased in 2013. Ambassador LIEPINA indicated that "sham marriages" were of growing concerning in Latvia and stressed the importance of co-operation with other countries to combat human trafficking. Finally, she affirmed Latvia's commitment to combating trafficking and to continuing the fruitful co-operation with GRETA.
- 22. The Committee adopted the recommendation in respect of Latvia and decided to request the Latvian Government to inform it of the measures taken to comply with it by 15 February 2015.

#### 5.3 Draft recommendation to be adopted in respect of Malta

- 23. Ambassador Joseph LICARI (Malta) stated that the Maltese authorities welcomed GRETA's first report on the implementation of the Convention by Malta. Together with the draft recommendation, the Maltese authorities considered that these were useful guiding documents and were prepared to follow them.
- 24. The Committee adopted the proposed recommendation in respect of Malta and decided to request the Maltese Government to inform it of the measures taken to comply with this recommendation by 15 February 2015.

#### 5.4 Draft recommendation to be adopted in respect of Portugal

25. Ambassador Luís Filipe CASTRO MENDES (Portugal) expressed the high appreciation of the Portuguese authorities for the work carried out by GRETA and the constructive dialogue during the first evaluation of the implementation of the Convention by Portugal. He noted that the Portuguese authorities had taken note of GRETA's proposals and many of them were already implemented. Further, he proposed two amendments to the draft recommendation: to substitute the word "improving" with "continuing to improve" in the sentence "improving the identification of victims of trafficking by disconnecting it in practice from victims' participation in criminal proceedings, stepping up proactive investigations and strengthening the multi-disciplinary approach to victim identification", as well as to delete the word "systematically" from the sentence "ensuring that victims of trafficking are systematically informed of the possibility of being given a recovery and reflection period and are effectively granted such a period".

26. The Committee agreed to the proposed amendments and adopted the recommendation in respect of Portugal. The Committee decided to request the Portuguese Government to inform it of the measures taken to comply with it by 15 February 2015.

# Agenda item 6: Discussion on a possible revision of the rules on the election procedure of the members of GRETA

- 27. The Chair recalled that at the Committee's previous meeting, following the election of GRETA members, some of the members of the Committee had suggested that it would be appropriate to review the election procedure in order to make it less time consuming. He indicated that the Rules of the election procedure of GRETA members had been prepared in the course of seven informal consultation meetings between the Parties to the Convention in 2008. The Chair also noted that when considering how the rules could be amended the Committee should bear in mind the need to ensure the multidisciplinarity, professionalism and diversity of GRETA's membership, as well as to maintain the legitimacy of the outcome of the elections. The Chair invited the Committee to hold a tour de table on the issue of revising the Rules of the election procedure of GRETA members.
- Ms Melanie BILOCQ (France) questioned the rationale of having only three votes cases in each 28. round and suggested that GRETA members might be divided into two groups for election purposes. Ambassador Aiga LIEPINA (Latvia) suggested to keep electing three members at most in each round, but to provide members of the Committee with more votes than the number of GRETA members to be elected. Mr Stefan RUTKOWSKI (Austria) indicated that his authorities were in favour of keeping the current system. but would be prepared to consider a review if it was result-oriented. Mr Marcel BABICZ (Slovak Republic) was also in favour of maintaining the current rules as they had proved capable of ensuring a qualified. multidisciplinary and independent composition of GRETA. Ambassador Andrei TEHOV (Bulgaria) expressed criticism of the current election rules and called for the adoption of a more rational system, inspired by the rules of election procedure of other Council of Europe monitoring bodies. In particular, he referred to the possibility of introducing a partial renewal of GRETA's membership (by dividing GRETA members into two groups for election purposes) and casting as many votes as there are vacant seats. Ms Sara FINNIGAN (Sweden) spoke in favour of reviewing the election procedure rules and suggested that a small working group be set up to work on concrete proposals. Ms Kanta ADHIN (Netherlands) and Mr James MOLONEY (Ireland) also spoke in favour of revising the election rules, along the lines proposed by previous speakers, while stressing the importance of maintaining a balanced composition and observing the independence criteria.

29. The Committee decided to set up an open-ended working group, presided by the Chair of the Committee, which would meet as many times as necessary before the next plenary meeting to work on a written proposal for amendments to the Rules on the election procedure of GRETA members. Ambassador HYVÖNEN (Finland) and Mr RUTKOWSKI (Austria) expressed their readiness to be included in the working group. The Chair invited members of the Committee to inform the Secretariat of their intention to participate in the working group and asked them to send their written proposals as regards possible amendments. The Committee asked the Secretariat to prepare a memorandum reflecting these proposals as well as the experience of other monitoring bodies, and to set a date of the first meeting of the working group, in consultation with the Chair.

#### Agenda item 7: Dates of future meetings

30. The Committee decided to hold its 11th meeting on 7 June 2013.

# Agenda item 8: State of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

31. The Committee noted that since its 9th meeting (12-13 November 2012), Germany and Switzerland had ratified the Convention (respectively on 19 and 17 December 2012), bringing the total number of ratifications to 39. The Committee once again called upon 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 9: Information on Council of Europe activities of interest to the Committee of the Parties

- 32. The Executive Secretary of the Convention informed the Committee of the holding of an international expert conference entitled "Making Prevention Work: Addressing the Root Causes of Human Trafficking in Europe" on 4-5 December 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria. The conference had been organised in cooperation with the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and had examined the issue of prevention of trafficking in human beings from different angles (prevention among vulnerable groups; discouraging demand; public-private partnerships; and innovative awareness-raising methods).
- 33. The Executive Secretary also informed the Committee of progress made as regards the follow-up to GRETA's evaluations. On 22 November 2012, a round-table meeting had been organised in Bratislava, Slovak Republic to discuss the implementation of GRETA's proposals and possible co-operation activities aimed at assisting implementation. Further round-table meetings had been planned in Cyprus and the Republic of Moldova in the first guarter of 2013.
- 34. Further, the Executive Secretary informed the Committee of ongoing plans to organise a conference under the Austrian chairmanship of the Council of Europe, in early 2014, which would take stock of the first five years of the implementation of the Convention. She also indicated that the Council of Europe would be involved in the organisation of a conference on the protection of victims of human trafficking, to be held in November 2013 in Warsaw with funding from the Norway Grants programme.

# Agenda item 10: Information on the activities of other international organisations of interest to the Committee of the Parties

- 35. Ambassador Luisella PAVAN-WOOLFE, representative of the European Union, presented to the Committee the latest developments in the EU as regards action against trafficking in human beings. She referred to the adoption in June 2012 of the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of trafficking in human beings for 2012-2016 and recalled that the deadline for EU member States to transpose Directive 2011/36/EU was approaching (6 April 2013). The next meeting of the informal Network or EU National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms on Trafficking in Human Beings will take place in March 2013.
- 36. Further, Ambassador PAVAN-WOOLFE spoke of the conference organised on the occasion of the 6th EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October 2012 in Brussels. The Committee was also informed that a user-friendly information template on victims' rights designed to provide EU states with guidance on how to disseminate information about the rights accorded to victims under national laws had been presented to the EU Council of Ministers. Further, the European Commission was working on improving the collection of data relating to human trafficking and Eurostat had sent a questionnaire to member States, with a preliminary report being expected in the first half of 2013.
- 37. The Executive Secretary to the Convention informed the Committee of the forthcoming First Regional Consultation on the Right to an Effective Remedy for Trafficked Persons, which will be hosted by the UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, on 1 March 2013 in Geneva. This event will be aimed at providing an opportunity for a deeper discussion on the content of the draft Basic Principles on the right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons, presented to the Human Rights Council in June 2011. In addition, the Executive Secretary informed the Committee of a conference on strengthening multidisciplinary operational co-operation to fight trafficking in human beings, entitled "Putting Rantsev into practice" organised on 16-18 April 2013 in Amsterdam. GRETA would be represented at both events by its President *ad interim*.

#### Agenda item 11: Other business

38. The Chair informed the Committee of the expected departure of the Vice-Chair Ambassador COOLS (Belgium) from his current post in Strasbourg. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Ambassador COOLS for his valuable contribution to the Committee's work and wished him success in his future endeavours. The Chair noted that at its next meeting the Committee would have to elect a new Vice-Chair.

#### Agenda item 12: Adoption of the list of decisions taken

39. The Committee approved the decisions taken at the meeting.

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#### **Appendix II**

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