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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 Convention”) held its second meeting in Strasbourg on 15 June 2009 with Ambassador Pēteris Kārlis Elferts in the Chair.

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

2. The Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting. He recalled that, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the Committee was composed of members (the representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe member states parties to the Convention¹) and participants (the representatives on the Committee of Ministers of member states, which had ratified the Convention, but for which it had not yet entered into force², and member states which had signed but not yet ratified³ the Convention⁴). The Chair also recalled that only members had the right to vote.

3. The Chair stressed that the Committee of the Parties was a political body and should be composed of representatives on the Committee of Ministers of States parties to the Convention. He also reminded that while attendance of national experts from the capitals was accepted, only designated representatives from Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe had the right to vote.

4. 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: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF GRETA

5. On behalf of the Committee the Chair welcomed Ms Hanne Sophie Greve, the President of the *Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (GRETA), and congratulated her on her election.

6. The President of GRETA thanked the Committee for having taken into account the need for a multidisciplinary composition of GRETA when electing its members and confirmed that its first meeting (24-27 February 2009) demonstrated the advantages of the wide range of expertise of GRETA's current composition. The President highlighted that the task of GRETA was to evaluate the implementation of the Convention by the parties and the task of the Committee of the Parties was to ensure the full and timely implementation of GRETA's conclusions. Therefore, GRETA had reflected the importance it attached to the regular exchanges of views with the Committee in Rule 25 of its Internal Rules of Procedure, which mirrors Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Parties.

7. The Committee took note of the information provided by the President concerning the current work of GRETA and its work-plan for 2009-2010. In particular, the Committee was informed that at its first meeting GRETA had adopted its Internal Rules of Procedure and had started

¹ Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Georgia, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, United Kingdom.

² Belgium, Luxembourg, Serbia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

³ Andorra, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, San Marino, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine.

⁴ In addition, according to Rule 2.b. of its Rules of Procedure the Chair recalled that the participants also include representatives of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe and the European Commission.

drafting the Rules on the evaluation procedure of the implementation of the Convention by the parties. GRETA had decided that the duration of the evaluation rounds would be four years. Furthermore GRETA had envisaged for 2009-2010:

- to adopt the Rules on the evaluation procedure at either its 2nd or its 3rd meeting;
- to adopt the questionnaire to be sent to the parties at its 3rd meeting or at its 4th meeting;
- to send the questionnaire to the parties by December 2009 at the latest;
- to receive the first replies from the parties in the first half of 2010;
- to carry out the first country visits, where necessary, in 2010;
- to prepare the first Reports and Conclusions concerning the evaluation of the implementation of the Convention by the parties, envisaging the adoption of its first Reports and Conclusions by the end of 2010.

8. The President recalled that, in accordance with Article 36 of the Convention, GRETA could be composed of a maximum of 15 members. The President stated that GRETA was on the whole in favour of filling the two remaining seats as soon as possible. However, since it would create an additional incentive for states to ratify the Convention, GRETA had expressed the opinion that the election of more members should take place at a later stage. Holding an election of two new members two years after electing the first composition of GRETA would contribute to a "rotation system", allowing partial renewal of members at regular intervals. In addition, the expected workload of GRETA from 2011 onwards would require a full composition. Therefore, in GRETA's view, the election of the remaining two members could be organised by the end of 2010, with their term of office beginning early 2011.

9. The Committee took particular note of the budgetary needs of GRETA. It was informed that GRETA envisaged holding four meetings a year, each lasting for four days. In addition, budgetary resources would be needed, from 2010, for carrying out country visits. Furthermore, from 2011, should two more GRETA members be elected, a corresponding budget increase should be envisaged. In 2011 and 2012 GRETA should be able to adopt seven to nine reports per year on average in order to complete its first monitoring round, including country visits, in all parties. The President expressed the hope that the funds necessary to carry out this work would be made available.

10. The President further stated that, considering the rapid increase of ratifications of the Convention, the number of parties could reach 35 by the end of 2010. GRETA would then have to evaluate the implementation of the Convention in about the same number of states as the other monitoring bodies of the Council of Europe. The President, having expressed deep appreciation of the work carried out by the Secretariat of the Convention, suggested that the increase in the workload of the monitoring mechanism of the Convention would require a considerable reinforcement of the Secretariat.

11. The President also referred to the Trafficking Information Management System (TIMS), which would be an invaluable support tool for the monitoring mechanism of the Convention, as well as for the governments of the parties. She called upon the participants of the meeting to consider providing voluntary contributions to cover the costs of TIMS in 2010 and 2011. However, the President stressed that GRETA's regular activities should not be funded by voluntary contributions, as this could be seen to jeopardise GRETA's independent status.

12. Responding to questions raised during the exchange of views with the Committee, the President stressed that when preparing its first questionnaire GRETA would focus on the three "P"s – prevention, protection and prosecution and would aim to obtain complete information (general as well as specific) necessary for a constructive dialogue with the parties. It was not the intention of GRETA to establish "black lists" or rank the states. Indeed, GRETA's primary aim was to achieve progress in the implementation of the Convention through genuine and confidence-based dialogue with each party by means of addressing the identified gaps in the legislation and practice and making proposals to overcome obstacles in the implementation of the Convention.

13. In GRETA's view, in addition to the questionnaire, country visits were crucial for evaluating the implementation of the Convention as they provided the opportunity to understand the situation on the ground and could contribute to the promotion of dialogue and co-operation with the parties. GRETA also considered that carrying out visits in only some of the parties would lead to their unequal treatment. The President confirmed that visits would be announced in good time and would be organised in full co-operation with the parties concerned, in particular through the national contact person, indicated in Article 38 of the Convention.

14. Concerning the impact of activities of other monitoring bodies of the Council of Europe on GRETA's work, the President confirmed that coordination was necessary, especially where the activities of other bodies could relate to those of GRETA. However any such coordination and co-operation should be carried out bearing in mind the differences in mandates and working methods of GRETA and other monitoring bodies.

15. The President finally stressed that the Convention was open for accession to non-member states of the Council of Europe, which gave it the potential to become a world-wide instrument. On the other hand, the Convention was the only international instrument whose implementation would be evaluated by an independent human rights monitoring mechanism.

16. The Committee confirmed the importance of periodic meetings with the President of GRETA and expressed the wish that these meetings be held regularly. The Committee further reiterated its full support to GRETA to ensure the independent and efficient functioning of the monitoring mechanism of the Convention and decided to request the Committee of Ministers to include in the ordinary budget for 2010-2011 the necessary funds to provide GRETA with sufficient financial and human resources to carry out its work.

17. On behalf of the Committee the Chair thanked the President of GRETA for the information provided and wished her and GRETA every success in carrying out their very important and challenging task.

AGENDA ITEM 4: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN UNION "COUNCIL FRAMEWORK DECISION ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND PROTECTING VICTIMS"

18. The Committee held a preliminary exchange of views on the *proposal of the Commission of the European Communities for an EU Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims*. This proposal should be read in conjunction with *Council Directive 2004/81/EC of 29 April 2004 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities*. The Committee took note that the provisions of both texts, read together, corresponded to a large extent to those contained in the Council of Europe Convention and welcomed the preparation of a new EU instrument, contributing to the implementation of measures contained in the Convention. However, the Committee voiced some concerns relating to provisions of Article 13 of the proposal, introducing monitoring of the Framework Decision by national rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms.

19. A representative of the European Commission presented the proposal, drawing particular attention to the possible outcome of Article 13. He confirmed that the Council of Europe Convention had indeed been the source of inspiration for the proposed Framework Decision. As regards Article 13, he stated that it would contribute to synergies in the work of the Council of Europe and the European Union, as monitoring within the meaning of the proposed Framework Decision would be carried out by a national mechanism and would therefore be without prejudice to the work of an international mechanism – GRETA.

20. The Executive Secretary of the Convention outlined the concerns the Council of Europe had in relation to Article 13 of the Framework Decision. In particular, Article 13 of the proposal for the Framework Decision which:

- could lead not only to a duplication of work but possibly to conflicting reports being made on the one hand by GRETA and on the other by the National Rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms, as the provisions of the proposal for the Framework Decision were almost identical to the provisions of the Convention;
- did not define what was meant by monitoring:
 - was it national or international monitoring?
 - was it international monitoring through national bodies?
 - were the bodies carrying out “monitoring” supposed to report to the European Commission or to the responsible national institutions?
- could contribute to the existing confusion between the concepts of “national coordinating bodies” and “national rapporteurs” as it did not define the functions and competences of either of them, while these were clearly defined in Article 29 of the Convention.

The Executive Secretary recalled that these concerns had already been reflected in a letter to Mr Jaques Barrot, Vice-President of the European Commission, dated 16 March 2009 from Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

21. Reference was also made to the *Council of the European Union conclusions on establishing an informal EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms on Trafficking in Human Beings*, adopted on 4 June 2009. The Committee took note of the letter on this issue addressed by Ms de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe to Mr Barrot, Vice-president of the European Commission, and agreed that the omission of the Council of Europe from the list of organisations which may be invited as observers to this network was indeed regrettable. The Permanent Representative of the European Commission to the Council of Europe underlined that the list of organisations included in the conclusions was not exhaustive and explained that all other relevant organisations, including the Council of Europe, would have an opportunity to participate in the meetings of this network. She also informed the Committee that discussions concerning provisions of Article 13 were still under way.

22. The Committee agreed to follow closely any further developments concerning the proposal for the EU Council Framework Decision in order to continue co-operation with a view to achieving positive synergy.

AGENDA ITEM 5: FUTURE ELECTION OF TWO GRETA MEMBERS

23. The Committee recalled that in accordance with Article 36 of the Convention, GRETA could be composed of a maximum of 15 members. It further noted that, following the election of 13 members for the first composition of GRETA, it was still possible to elect two more members. The Committee agreed that the election of new members should aim to ensure on the one hand, the partial renewal of the composition of GRETA at regular intervals and on the other hand continuity in the institutional memory of GRETA.

24. The Committee also stressed that the expertise needs of GRETA should be fully taken into account when electing the two new members. It took the view that these needs would be easier to identify once GRETA started evaluating the implementation of the Convention by the parties.

25. The Committee further agreed to take into account the forthcoming ratifications with a view to allowing newly ratifying states to present their candidates for these elections. The Committee

called upon states, wishing to ratify the Convention, to do so within the time limits that would enable them to present candidates for the next elections.

26. Mindful of the budgetary restrictions, the Committee underlined that it had so far taken a conscious decision not to elect the two remaining GRETA members. However, the Committee stressed that once GRETA's needs would require the two vacant seats to be filled, necessary funding would have to be made available.

27. Taking into account the above-mentioned aspects the Committee agreed that the election of the two new members of GRETA should take place at the end of 2010, with their term of office beginning early 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OBSERVERS TO BE INVITED TO FUTURE MEETINGS

28. Bearing in mind Rule 2.c. of its Rules of Procedure concerning observers, the Committee underlined the importance of a global coordinated action against trafficking by all stakeholders, including states and international organisations, as well as NGOs working in this field.

29. The Committee also recalled that, according to its Rules of Procedure, one of its aims was to function as an international observatory on the prevention and combating of trafficking in human beings and the protection of the human rights of the victims of trafficking. To carry out this function effectively the Committee agreed to consider, during its next exchanges of views with the President of GRETA, themes for its future thematic debates.

30. The Committee considered that participation of observers at its meetings should take place in a manner allowing their efficient participation in the discussions on specific issues. Therefore, the Committee agreed that the observers should be invited on an *ad hoc* basis in accordance with the theme(s) to be discussed, and in the context of future deliberations on the Committee's work-plan.

31. Finally, the Committee agreed to hold an exchange of views on specific proposals for themes of its future thematic debates at its next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING TO THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

32. With reference to Article 23 of its Rules of Procedure, concerning periodic reporting to the Committee of Ministers, the Committee decided to entrust its Chair to carry out this task.

33. Furthermore, taking into account the change of nature of the Council of Europe activities in the field of trafficking from promotion and awareness-raising of the standards of the Convention to monitoring implementation of the provisions set out in the Convention, the Committee agreed with the Chair's proposal that the competence of the *Thematic Coordinator on Equality between Women and Men of the Committee of Ministers* (TC-EG) in the field of trafficking in human beings be transferred to the Chair of the Committee. The Committee took note of the Chair's intention to address a letter to the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on this matter.

AGENDA ITEM 8: PROPOSED DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

34. The Committee took note of the dates for its two remaining meetings for 2009, proposed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair, and agreed to hold its third meeting on 21 September and its fourth meeting on 7 December 2009. It also agreed that these meetings should each last one full day.

AGENDA ITEM 9: STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

35. The Committee noted with satisfaction that since its first meeting on 5 and 8 December 2008 the Convention had been ratified by six additional member states, bringing the total number of ratifications to 25, and signed by one additional member state, bringing the total number of signatures to 16.

36. The Committee took note that, among others, further ratification by Ireland was expected in the course of 2010.

37. The Committee urged the Council of Europe member states which had not already done so and the European Community to sign and/or ratify the Convention. In addition, the Committee called for non-member states to accede to the Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 10: INFORMATION ON COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES

38. The Committee took note that on 22 June 2009 its Chair and the President of GRETA would hold an exchange of views with the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

39. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to keep it informed of all Council of Europe activities in the field of trafficking in human beings with a view to increasing the overall efficiency of the Council of Europe action in this field.

AGENDA ITEM 11: INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES

40. The Committee of the Parties recalled the reorientation of the nature of the Council of Europe activities in the field of trafficking in human beings from promotion and awareness-raising of the standards of the Convention to monitoring of the implementation of such standards. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to adapt the Council of Europe's co-operation strategy with other international organisations in light of this reorientation.

41. The Committee recalled the adoption on 3 November 2008 of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution *A/RES/63/14 Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe*, which specifically commends the enhanced co-operation between both organisations in this field.

42. The Committee took note of information, provided by the Secretariat, concerning the anti-trafficking activities of the following bodies and entities of the United Nations:

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);
- Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols;
- Open-ended Interim Working Group on Trafficking in Persons established by the Conference of the Parties of the Organized Crime Convention;
- Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT);
- Working Group on Trafficking in Persons;
- United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR);
- Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons especially women and children;
- United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT).

43. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to further strengthen co-operation with the different bodies and entities of the United Nations as it was the only other international organisation with a legally binding instrument concerning trafficking in human beings.

44. The Committee also took note of information, provided by the Secretariat, concerning the *Joint Council of Europe/United Nations Study on trafficking in organs tissues and cells and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of organs*, which was currently being prepared. The Committee was informed that the next meeting to finalise the consolidated version of the Study would take place on 2-3 July 2009 in Strasbourg with participation, among others, of Ms Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, as well as representatives of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

45. As regards co-operation with the OSCE, the Committee recalled that trafficking in human beings was one of the four priority areas of co-operation between the two organisations as set by the Heads of State and Government during the Third Summit of the Council of Europe. The Committee recalled that currently the TC-EG acted as the *Council of Europe focal point for co-operation with the OSCE as regards combating trafficking in human beings*. Referring to the recent change in the nature of the Council of Europe action against trafficking in human beings, the Committee agreed with the Chair's proposal that this function should be transferred from the TC-EG to the Chair of the Committee, subject to the decision of the Committee of Ministers. The Committee further noted that due to the current restrictions in financial and human resources the Council of Europe's participation would concentrate on key events organised by the OSCE/ODIHR. Likewise, the OSCE/ODIHR would be regularly invited to participate in any Council of Europe anti-trafficking events which were public.

46. The Committee agreed to continue its co-operation with the Commission of the European Communities, in the framework of *Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union*, as well as to enhance its co-operation with the Council of the European Union in the field of action against trafficking in human beings.

AGENDA ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS

47. The Committee took note of the forthcoming departure of its Chair, Mr Pēteris Kārlis Elferts from the office of Permanent Representative of Latvia to the Council of Europe. The Committee thanked the outgoing Chair for his dedicated work and significant contribution to the Council of Europe action against trafficking in human beings and wished him every success in his new duties.

48. The Committee decided to hold the elections of its new Chair and, if necessary, its new Vice-Chair at its next meeting on 21 September 2009 and entrusted its Vice-Chair, Mr Bruno Gain, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe, to preside over that meeting until the said election(s) took place.

ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN

49. The Committee adopted the list of items discussed and decisions taken set out in document THB-CP(2009)LD2.

APPENDIX I

AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- I. ITEMS FOR DECISION**
- 2. Adoption of the draft agenda**
- 3. Exchange of views with the President of GRETA**
- 4. Exchange of views on the proposal for a European Union “Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims”**
- 5. Future election of two GRETA members**
- 6. Observers to be invited to the next meeting**
- 7. Exchange of views on the procedure for reporting to the Committee of Ministers on the state of the Committee of Parties’ work (Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Parties)**
- 8. Proposed dates of the next meetings: 21 September and 7 December 2009**
- II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 9. State of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings [CETS 197]**
- 10. Information on Council of Europe activities of interest to the Committee of the Parties**
- 11. Information on the activities of other international organisations of interest to the Committee of the Parties**
- 12. Other business**
- III. ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN**

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¹ There are currently no Parties to the Convention which are not Council of Europe member States/ Actuellement aucun État non-membre du Conseil de l'Europe est Partie à la Convention.

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