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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 Council of Europe Convention") held its third meeting on 21 September 2009 in Strasbourg.

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

- The meeting was opened by Ms Marta REQUENA, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, who chaired the meeting pending the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 3. The Committee took note of the departure from Strasbourg of Ambassador Pēteris Kārlis ELFERTS (Latvia) and Ambassador Bruno GAIN (France), its former Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, who had taken up new duties. The Committee took this opportunity to thank Ambassador ELFERTS and Ambassador GAIN for their invaluable contribution to the setting-up of the Convention's monitoring mechanism and for their continued support 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 3: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

5. In accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee proceeded with the election of its new Chair and Vice-Chair. The Committee elected Ambassador Zurab TCHIABERASHVILI (Georgia) as Chair for a first term of office of one year starting on 21 September 2009 and Ambassador Thomas HAJNOCZI (Austria) as Vice-Chair also for a first term of office of one year starting on 21 September 2009. The newly elected Chair welcomed the members¹ and the participants² to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF GRETA

- 6. The Committee held an exchange of views with Ms Hanne Sophie GREVE, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). The Committee took note of the information provided by Ms GREVE concerning the progress of its work and the current difficulties related to GRETA's budget and staffing of the Secretariat the Council of Europe Convention.
- 7. In particular, the Committee was informed that at its second meeting on 16-19 June, in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 36 and pursuant to article 38, paragraphs 1 to 6 of the Council of Europe Convention, GRETA adopted the Rules of procedure for evaluating implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by the parties. The Committee took note that the evaluation procedure would be divided into rounds each lasting four years. The first evaluation would aim to obtain an overview of implementation of the Council of Europe Convention by the parties.
- 8. The President further informed the Committee that bearing in mind the current number of parties to the Convention and the foreseen ratifications, GRETA would have to complete, on average, 10 evaluations per year, including 10 country visits and in addition would hold four GRETA meetings each year. At its last meeting GRETA had recalled that once the evaluation procedure was launched, in accordance with the Convention, it had a legal obligation to treat all the parties on an equal footing, and in particular to complete the evaluation in respect of each party within the equal time-frame. The President informed the Committee of GRETA's concern regarding the feasibility of completing the first evaluation round for

¹ In accordance with Rule 2.a. of its Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee of the Parties are representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe member states parties to the Convention (Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Georgia, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom).
² In accordance with Rule 2.b. of the Rules of Procedure, participants of the Committee are the representatives on the Committee of Macedonia, United Kingdom).

² In accordance with Rule 2.b. of the Rules of Procedure, participants of the Committee are the representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the member states, which have ratified the Convention, but for which it has not yet entered into force (Slovenia) and of the member states, which have signed but not yet ratified the Convention (Andorra, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine). 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 and the European Commission.

all the parties to the Convention within the four-year period stipulated in Rule 2 of its *Rules of Procedure for evaluating implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by the parties,* given the insufficient budget allocated to this activity and the scarce human resources of the Secretariat of the Convention. GRETA could not send its first questionnaire to the parties, thereby initiating the first evaluation round, unless it could ensure that it could analyse and publish a report for each of the parties within the equal time-frame, in conformity with its legal obligation to treat all parties on an equal footing.

- Finally, the President recalled her appeal for voluntary contributions to enable the completion of the *Trafficking Information Management System* (TIMS), made during the second meeting of the Committee. TIMS would be an invaluable support tool for GRETA and the governments of the parties.
- 10. When replying to questions raised by the members of the Committee during the exchange of views the President once again stressed the crucial nature of country visits for enabling GRETA to obtain a complete picture as regards action against trafficking in human beings.
- 11. The Committee reiterated its support to GRETA, recalling its request to the Committee of Ministers, made at its second meeting (15 June 2009), to include in the ordinary budget for 2010 and the following years, sufficient financial and human resources for GRETA to carry out its work. In this respect it was pointed out that if no additional resources were available then existing resources should be reallocated to action against trafficking in human beings, as this activity was one of the main priorities of the Council of Europe. The Committee thanked the President for the information provided and invited her to keep the Committee informed about any further needs GRETA might have for successful completion of its very important and challenging tasks.

AGENDA ITEM 5: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL FRAMEWORK DECISION ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS, AND PROTECTING VICTIMS

- 12. The Committee discussed the new developments concerning the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities for a *Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims* (hereinafter referred to as "proposal for a Framework Decision"). Several members of the Committee wished to have a clearer explanation as to the added value of the proposal for a Framework Decision in comparison with the Council of Europe Convention.
- 13. The Committee was informed by the Representative of the European Commission to the Council of Europe that negotiations concerning the text of the proposal for a Framework Decision were still under way within the European Union and at present some modifications were being made to the text which should avoid overlapping of GRETA's activities and functions with those of national rapporteurs, as the original version of the proposal could have led to. The Representative of the European Commission stated that the current version of the proposal for a Framework Decision no longer contained a provision giving monitoring functions to National Rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms it now only allowed National Rapporteurs to assess trends in trafficking in human beings, measure the results of national anti-trafficking measures and report to national authorities. According to the Representative of the European CRETA and National Rapporteurs and should make a clearer distinction between their functions.
- 14. In relation to this issue the Committee took note of the different notions and competences of "national coordinating bodies" and "national rapporteurs" within the meaning of Article 29 of the Council of Europe Convention (see document THB-CP(2009)1). It also took note of the recent exchange of letters between Ms Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Acting Secretary General of the Council of Europe and Mr Jacques BARROT, Vice-President of the European Commission in relation to the proposal for a Framework Decision.
- 15. The Committee reiterated that achieving greater synergies and avoiding duplication of work in the field of action against trafficking in human beings was of paramount importance. It further recalled that action against trafficking in human beings was an integral part of the shared priorities of the Council of Europe and the European Union, listed in the Memorandum of Understanding, signed between the two Organisations in May 2007.
- 16. The Committee looked forward to learning the outcome of the on-going negotiations in the European Union concerning the text of the proposal for a Framework Decision and suggested that this question be included on the agenda of the next quadripartite meeting between the Council of Europe and the

European Union. The Committee agreed to continue following any further developments in this matter with a view to ensuring positive synergy.

AGENDA ITEM 6: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DECISION ON TOPICS TO BE EXAMINED BY THE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS THEMATIC DEBATES ON TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

- 17. The Committee held an exchange of views concerning issues to be examined in the framework of its thematic debates on trafficking in human beings. The Committee noted the contribution of the Council of Europe Convention and its independent human rights monitoring mechanism to global efforts to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings. At the same time it expressed serious concern over the recent tendency of different international organisations to carry out monitoring of the implementation of national measures in the field of trafficking in human beings, especially in states which were already parties to the Council of Europe Convention.
- 18. The Committee underlined the need to safeguard the effectiveness of the monitoring machinery established by the Council of Europe Convention, a binding international instrument imposing strict legal obligations to States Parties. The Committee also pointed out that unnecessary duplication of monitoring operations might lead to inconsistent or contradictory conclusions with detrimental effects on the monitoring process: "forum shopping" and relinquishment of peer pressure. Above all, it may create confusion as to the binding or non-binding nature of the obligations of States in the field of trafficking in human beings and was likely to generate monitoring fatigue on the part of national authorities.
- 19. To avoid such adverse effects the Committee agreed that there was a need to co-ordinate the activities of international organisations involved in action against trafficking in human beings and create partnerships with a view to achieving greater complementarity and synergies between these organisations. Therefore, the Committee agreed to examine, in the framework of a thematic debate at its forthcoming meeting, the following theme: *Partnerships among international organisations active in the field of trafficking in human beings: need for co-ordinated action.*

AGENDA ITEM 7: OBSERVERS TO BE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETING

- 20. Taking into account its decision to hold a thematic debate on *Partnerships among international organisations active in the field of trafficking in human beings: need for co-ordinated action*, the Committee decided to invite the following international governmental and non-governmental organisations, referred to in Rule 2.c. of its *Rules of Procedure*, to send representatives as observers to its next meeting on 15 March 2010:
 - the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC),
 - the International Labour Organization (ILO),
 - the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),
 - the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR),
 - the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),
 - the International Organization for Migration (IOM),
 - the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE),
 - Interpol,
 - Europol,
 - Amnesty International,
 - Anti-Slavery International,
 - La Strada International,
 - the International Federation Terre des Hommes (IFTDH).

AGENDA ITEM 8: PROPOSED DATES OF THE MEETINGS IN 2010

- 21. Bearing in mind the current insufficient budget for activities in the field of action against trafficking in human beings, as well as the lack of staff of the Secretariat of the Convention, the Committee agreed to postpone its next meeting from 7 December 2009 to 15 March 2010.
- 22. The Committee also agreed on the possible dates for its 5th, 6th and 7th meetings: 31 May, 13 September and 6 December 2010 respectively, provided there was sufficient increase in the Secretariat staff for organising these meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 9: STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION [CETS 197]

- 23. The Committee noted with satisfaction that since its second meeting on 15 June 2009 the Convention had been ratified by one more member state, bringing the total number of ratifications to 26 and the number of signatures to 15. It also welcomed the intention of Sweden to ratify the Convention at the beginning of 2010.
- 24. The Committee once again urged the Council of Europe member states which had not already done so, and the European Community to sign and 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

- 25. Ambassador Zurab TCHIABERASHVILI (Georgia), Council of Europe Focal Point for trafficking in human beings in relation to co-operation with the OSCE, informed the Committee of the discussions which had taken place at the 10th meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE, held in Strasbourg on 11 September 2009 (see document CM/Inf(2009)43). The Committee also took note of the appointment of Ambassador TCHIABERASHVILI as the new Thematic Co-ordinator on Equality and Trafficking (TC-ET) of the Committee of Ministers.
- 26. Furthermore, the Committee took note of the forthcoming exchange of views between the Acting Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Chair of the Committee, the President of GRETA and the Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the proposal for a *Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims.* This exchange of views would take place on 28 September 2009.

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

- 27. The Committee took note of the activities of the Council of Europe in the field of trafficking carried out in co-operation with other international organisations. In particular the Committee welcomed the imminent publication of 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, as well as of the launching event of this Joint Study, which would take place in the United Nations headquarters in New York on 13 October 2009.* In this respect the Committee thanked the national authorities of the two Council of Europe member States, which were co-sponsoring this event: Slovenia, as the country currently holding the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and Spain, as the country previously holding the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the world leader regarding organ donation and organ transplantation.
- 28. The Committee also took note of the participation of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe in the forthcoming European Union Ministerial Conference *Towards Global EU Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* which would take place on 19-20 October in Brussels in the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and on the occasion of Anti-Trafficking Day.
- 29. Finally, the Committee was informed that the Council of Europe had given its support to the *Pan-European Campaign on Compensation for Trafficked Persons* launched by Anti-Slavery International and La Strada International, together with partners in 13 countries.

AGENDA ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS

30. No other business was discussed by the Committee at this meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN

 The Committee adopted the list of items discussed and decisions taken, as set out in document THB-CP(2009)LD3.

Appendix I

Agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- I. ITEMS FOR DECISION
- 2. Adoption of the draft agenda
- 3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Committee
- 4. Exchange of views with the President of GRETA
- 5. Exchange of views on the proposal for a *Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims*
- 6. Exchange of views and decision on topics to be examined by the Committee within the framework of its thematic debates on trafficking in human beings
- 7. Observers to be invited to the next meeting
- 8. Proposed dates of the meetings in 2010: 15 March, 31 May, 13 September and 6 December
- 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

Appendix II

List of Participants

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¹There 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 n'est Partie à la Convention.

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