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# COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TERRORISM (CODEXTER)

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## ABRIDGED REPORT

**28<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting**

Strasbourg (France), 8-10 April 2015

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The Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER), meeting in Strasbourg on 8 to 10 April 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), decided to:

**1. Opening of the meeting**

- take note of the intervention by the Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, who expressed his concerns about ensuring that the duty of States to prevent and combat terrorism is carefully balanced with their duty to protect and uphold human rights and the rule of law. The Commissioner for Human Rights further underlined the need for legal clarity and precision in criminal law instruments;
- take note of the information provided by the Counterterrorism Coordinator, Mr Ivan KOEDJIKOV, concerning his recent participation in meetings of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament respectively on the topic of the draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196);
- take note of the submission of Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists concerning the draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196), dated 7 April 2015;

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

- adopt the agenda;

**3. Examination and adoption of the draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)**

- examine and adopt the draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196);
- submit the aforesaid draft Additional Protocol to the Committee of Ministers for finalisation and adoption;
- draw the attention of the Committee of Ministers to the possible benefits of allowing non-member States to sign and ratify future binding legal instruments of the Council of Europe in the manner prescribed by the MEDICRIME Convention (CETS No. 211) and other recent conventions, while fully acknowledging that in the case of this Additional Protocol, it is advisable for the sake of legal consistency to use the exact same mechanism for accession by non-member States as that applicable to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196);

**4. Examination and adoption of the draft Explanatory Report to the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)**

- examine and adopt the draft Explanatory Report accompanying the draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196);

- submit the aforesaid draft Explanatory Report to the Committee of Ministers for consideration;

**5. Other business**

- hold its next meeting in Strasbourg in the week of 16 November 2015.