

Strasbourg, 20 November 2015

DH-GDR(2015)R9

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(CDDH)

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE REFORM OF THE COURT
(DH-GDR)**

MEETING REPORT

9th meeting

17-20 November 2015

Item 1: Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and order of business

1. The Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR) held its 9th meeting in Strasbourg from 17 to 20 November 2015 with Mr Morten RUUD (Norway) in the chair. The list of participants appears in Appendix I. The agenda, as adopted, appears in Appendix II. The Committee heard a welcoming presentation by Mr Mikhail LOBOV, Head of the Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department.

Item 2: Work of Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F)

2. The Chairperson of Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F), Mr Martin KUIJER (the Netherlands), presented the draft CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the Convention system, as prepared by Group “F” (doc. GT-GDR-F(2015)020). The Committee examined and subsequently adopted the draft report as it appears in the Addendum, to be submitted to the CDDH at its next meeting (7-11 December 2015). Having approved the draft report, the Committee decided to record the following items in this meeting report where it retained the current text:

Concerning paragraph 133 of the draft report:
One delegation expressed the wish for it to be deleted.

Concerning paragraph 174 of the draft report (paragraph 176 of document DH-GDR(2015)R9 Addendum, as sent out on 24 November 2015):
The representative of the European Union expressed the wish for the last sentence of the paragraph to be deleted (“Following Opinion 2/13 of the CJEU of 18 December 2014, it is at this time of the adoption of this report uncertain when, how and even whether the EU will accede”).

3. The Committee concluded by expressing its gratitude to the GT-GDR-F and its Chairman, as well as to the Secretariat, for their invaluable contribution to the work.

Item 3: Activities during the biennium 2016-2017, including exchanges of information concerning the implementation of the Convention and the execution of the Court’s judgments

4. The Committee exchanged views on possible planning and working methods of the Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) during the biennium 2016-2017, as they appear in Appendix III herein, to be submitted to the CDDH at its next meeting. It decided that the first exchange of information of the DH-SYSC on the implementation of the Convention and the execution of the Court’s judgments, in spring 2016, will concern the mechanisms for ensuring the compatibility of laws with the Convention (arrangements, advantages, obstacles). The Committee entrusted the Secretariat with the organisation of the holding of the exchange of views, who will communicate information thereon in due course.

5. Furthermore, the Secretariat presented the overview concerning the exchange of views on the re-examination or reopening of cases following judgments of the Court (document DH-GDR(2015)008), held at the 8th meeting of the DG-GDR. The experts were invited to send to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) any modifications to be made to the text by **Friday 15 January 2016** in view of its publication online.

Item 4: Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2079(2015)

6. The Committee held an exchange of views on draft comments by the CDDH on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2079(2015) on the “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights” and decided to submit them to the CDDH as it appears in Appendix IV, for consideration at its next meeting.

Item 5: Other issues

7. The Committee expressed its gratitude to its Chairperson for the excellent way in which he had discharged his role over the course of the previous two years, which had been particularly active and productive.

* * *

Appendix I**List of participants**

MEMBERS / MEMBRES

ALBANIA/ALBANIE

Ms Alma HICKA, Albanian General State Advocate, Ministry of Justice

ANDORRA/ANDORRE [apologised]**ARMENIA/ARMÉNIE**

Ms Varduhi MELIKYAN, Second Secretary, Ledal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

AUSTRIA/AUTRICHE

Mr Dominik HAIDER, Austrian Federal Chancellery, Constitutional Service

AZERBAIJAN/AZERBAÏDJAN

Mr Otari GVALADZE, Chief adviser, Department for Coordination of Law Enforcement Agencies, Administration of President the Republic of Azerbaijan

BELGIUM/BELGIQUE

Mme Isabelle NIEDLISPACHER, Co-Agent du Gouvernement de la Belgique auprès de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme, SPF Justice, Service des Droits de l'Homme

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA/BOSNIE HERZÉGOVINE

Ms Zikreta IBRAHIMOVIC, Deputy Agent of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina before the European Court of Human Rights, Office of the Agent

CROATIA/CROATIE

Ms Štefica STAZNIK, Government Agent of Croatia before the European Court of Human Rights

CYPRUS/CHYPRE

Mrs Theodora CHRISTODOULIDOU, Counsel for the Republic of Cyprus, Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus

CZECH REPUBLIC/REPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE

Mr Vít A. SCHORM, Government Agent of Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

DENMARK/DANEMARK

Mr Kristoffer AAGREN, Head of Section, Ministry of Justice, Constitutional Law and Human Rights Division

ESTONIA/ESTONIE

Ms Maris KUURBERG, Government Agent of Estonia before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

FINLAND/FINLANDE

Mr Arto KOSONEN, Government Agent of Finland before the European Court of Human Rights, Director of the Unit for the Human Rights Court and Conventions

FRANCE

Mme Mathilde JANICOT, Rédactrice, Direction des affaires juridiques, Sous-direction des droits de l'homme, Ministère des Affaires étrangères

GEORGIA/GÉORGIE

Mr Levan MESKHORADZE, Government Agent to the European Court of Human Rights

GERMANY/ALLEMAGNE

Ms Katja BEHR, Head of Unit IV C 1, Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

GREECE/GRÈCE

Ms Ourania PATSOPOULOU, membre du Bureau de l'Agent du gouvernement, Attachée à la Représentation Permanente de la Grèce auprès du Conseil de l'Europe

HUNGARY/HONGRIE

Mónika WELLER, Co-Agent of the Government of Hungary before the European Court of Human Rights

IRELAND/IRLANDE

Mr Peter WHITE, Government Agent of Ireland before the European Court of Human Rights, Assistant Legal Adviser, Legal Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

ITALY/ITALIE

M. Piero VAIRA, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Italy to the Council of Europe, Permanent Representation of Italy to the Council of Europe

LATVIA/LETTONIE

Ms Sandra KAULINA, Head of the Government Agent Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Kristine LICE, Government Agent, Representative of the Government of Latvia before International Human Rights Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

LIECHTENSTEIN

Mr Manuel FRICK, Deputy Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the Council of Europe, Office for Foreign Affairs

LITHUANIA/LITUANIE

Ms Karolina BUBNYTE, Head of the Division for the Representation of Lithuania before the European Court of Human Rights

LUXEMBOURG

Mme Elise THOMAS, Représentation permanente du Luxembourg auprès du Conseil de l'Europe

MALTA/MALTE

Mr Maurizio CORDINA, Lawyer, Office of the Attorney General

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA/RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA

Mr Lilian APOSTOL, Agent for the Government of the Republic of Moldova

MONTENEGRO/MONTÉNÉGRO

Ms Valentina PAVLIČIĆ, Representative of Montenegro before the European Court of Human Rights

NETHERLANDS/PAYS-BAS

Ms Kanta ADHIN, Deputy Government Agent to the European Court of Human Rights, Legal Affairs Department, International Division Law

Mr Martin KUIJER, Senior Legal Adviser Human Rights Law, Ministry of Security and Justice, Legislation Department

NORWAY/NORVÈGE

Mr Morten RUUD, **Chairman of the DH-GDR/Président du DH-GDR**, Special Adviser Ministry of Justice

Ms Anette ØDELIEN, Higher Executive Officer, Ministry of Justice and Public Security

POLAND/POLOGNE

Ms Eliza SUCHOŻEBRSKA, Government Co-Agent of Poland before the European Court of Human Rights, Department of Proceedings before International Human Rights Protection Bodies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland

PORTUGAL

Ms Ana GARCIA MARQUES, Lawyer within the Office of the Agent of the Portuguese Government before the ECHR

ROMANIA/ROUMANIE

Ms Irina CAMBREA, Government Agent of Romania before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

RUSSIAN FEDERATION/FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE

Mr Vladislav ERMAKOV, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Kseniya ROGOZYANSKAYA, Attaché, Ministry of Justice of Russian Federation, Permanent Representation of Russian Federation to the Council of Europe

SAN MARINO/SAINT-MARIN [apologised]

SERBIA/SERBIE

Ms Vanja RODIC, Assistant Minister – Agent before the ECHR, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration

Ms Ana GAŠOVIĆ, State Attorney's office, Agency Sector before the European Court of Human Rights

SLOVAK REPUBLIC/RÉPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUIE

Ms Marica PIROŠÍKOVÁ, Government Agent of the Slovak Republic before the European Court of Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

SLOVENIA/SLOVÉNIE

Mr Matija VIDMAR, Secretary, Department for International Cooperation and EU law, Ministry of Justice

SPAIN/ESPAGNE

Mr Rafael Andrés LEON CAVERO, Government Agent of Spain before the European Court of Human Rights, Senior State Attorney, Head of the Human Rights Area, Ministry of Justice

SWEDEN/SUÈDE

Ms Helen LINDQUIST, Special Advisor, Department for International Law, Human Rights and Treaty Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ms Katarina FABIAN, Department for International Law, Human Rights and Treaty Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SWITZERLAND/SUISSE

Mr Adrian SCHEIDEGGER, Agent suppléant du Gouvernement suisse devant la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme et le CAT, le CERD et le CEDAW, Département fédéral de justice et police DFJP, Office fédéral de la justice

“THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA”/« L'EX-RÉPUBLIQUE YUGOSLAVE DE MACÉDOINE »

Ms Danica DJONOVA, Head of Unit, Government Agent Office, Ministry of Justice

TURKEY/TURQUIE

Mr Yusuf Emre KÖSE, Judge, Department of Human Rights, Adalet Bakanlığı Ek Binası

Mr Basri YILDIZ, Expert juridique, Ministère des Affaires étrangères

M^{me} Aysen EMÜLER, Experte juridique, Représentation permanente de la Turquie auprès du Conseil de l'Europe

UKRAINE [apologised]

UNITED KINGDOM/ROYAUME-UNI

Mr Paul McKELL, Legal Counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Rob LINHAM, Head of Europe Human Rights Policy, Ministry of Justice

OBSERVERS / OBSERVATEURS**HOLY SEE/ SAINT SIÈGE**

Mme Andreea POPESCU, Expert du Saint-Siège

EUROPEAN UNION / UNION EUROPEENNE

Ms Giulia LUCCHESI, Legal Affairs Advisor

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL [apologised]**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ) / COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DE JURISTES (CIJ) [apologised]****OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE [apologised]****EUROPEAN NETWORK OF HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (ENNHRI) / RÉSEAU EUROPÉEN DES INSTITUTIONS NATIONALES DES DROITS DE L'HOMME [apologised]****CONFERENCE OF INGOS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE / CONFÉRENCE DES ONG DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE**

M. Jean-Bernard MARIE

EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) / CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPEENNE DES SYNDICATS (CES)

Mr Klaus LÖRCHER, Conseiller des droits de l'homme de la CES

REGISTRY OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS / GREFFE DE LA COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Mr John DARCY, Adviser to the President and the Registrar, Private Office of the President, European Court of Human Rights

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY / ASSEMBLÉE PARLEMENTAIRE

Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI, Head of Department, Legal Affairs & Human Rights Department

DEPARTMENT FOR THE EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS / SERVICE DE L'EXÉCUTION DES ARRÊTS DE LA COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Mme Corinne AMAT, Chef de la Division I

* * *

SECRETARIAT

DG I – Human Rights and Rule of Law / Droits de l’homme et Etat de droit
Council of Europe / Conseil de l’Europe, F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex

Mr Mikhail LOBOV, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department / Chef du Service des politiques et de la coopération en matière de droits de l’Homme

Mr Alfonso DE SALAS, Head of the Human Rights Intergovernmental Cooperation Division / Chef de la Division de la coopération intergouvernementale en matière de droits de l’Homme, **Secretary of the CDDH / Secrétaire du CDDH**

Mme Irène KITSOU-MILONAS, Head of the Unit on the reform of the Court / Chef de l’Unité sur la réforme de la Cour, Human Rights Intergovernmental Cooperation Division / Division de la coopération intergouvernementale en matière de droits de l’Homme, **Secretary of the DH-GDR / Secrétaire du DH-GDR**

Mme Virginie FLORES, Administrator/Administratrice, Human Rights Intergovernmental Cooperation Division/Division de la coopération intergouvernementale en matière de droits de l’Homme

Mme Haldia MOKEDDEM, Assistant/Assistante, Human Rights Intergovernmental Cooperation Division / Division de la coopération intergouvernementale en matière de droits de l’Homme

INTERPRETERS/INTERPRETES

Bettina LUDEWIG
Sylvie BOUX

* * *

Appendix II
Agenda (as adopted)

Item 1: Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and order of business

General reference documents

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| - Draft annotated agenda | DH-GDR(2015)OJ009 |
| - Draft order of business | DH-GDR(2015)OT009 |
| - Report of the 83 rd CDDH meeting (17-19 June 2015) | CDDH(2015)R83 |
| - Report of the 82 nd CDDH meeting (19-22 November 2014) | CDDH(2014)R82 |
| - Report of the 81 st CDDH meeting (24-27 June 2014) | CDDH(2014)R81 |
| - Report of the 8 th DH-GDR meeting (27-29 May 2015) | DH-GDR(2015)R8 |
| - Report of the 7 th DH-GDR meeting (5-7 November 2014) | DH-GDR(2014)R7 |
| - Report of the 6 th DH-GDR meeting (4-6 June 2014) | DH-GDR(2014)R6 |
| - Brussels Declaration | CDDH(2015)004 |
| - Brighton Declaration | CDDH(2012)007 |
| - Izmir Declaration | CDDH(2011)010 |
| - Interlaken Declaration | CDDH(2010)001 |
| - Rome Declaration | |
| - 8 th Annual Report of the Committee of Ministers on the supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, 2014 | |
| - Securing the long-term effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights (decisions taken at the 125th Session of the Committee of Ministers, 19 May 2015) | DH-GDR(2015)004 |
| - Securing the long-term effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights (decisions taken at the 124th Session of the Committee of Ministers, 6 May 2014) | GT-GDR-F(2014)013 |
| - Securing the long-term effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights (decisions taken at the 122nd Session of the Committee of Ministers, 23 May 2012) | CDDH(2012)008 |
| - Proceedings of the Brussels Conference | H/Inf(2015)1 |
| - Proceedings of the Oslo Conference on the long-term future of the European Court of Human Rights | H/Inf(2014)1 |

Item 2: Work of Drafting Group “F” on the reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F)

Working document

- Draft CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (as prepared by the GT-GDR-F) GT-GDR-F(2015)020
- Draft executive summary GT-GDR-F(2015)022
- Draft appendix to the CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights GT-GDR-F(2015)023

Reference documents

(the full list can be found at www.coe.int/reformECHR)

- Compilation of drafting proposals submitted in view of the 9th DH-GDR meeting DH-GDR(2015)006
- Compilation of drafting proposals submitted on 17 November 2015 DH-GDR(2015)010 REV
- Report of the 8th GT-GDR-F meeting (14-16 October 2015) GT-GDR-F(2015)R8

Item 3: Activities during the biennium 2016-2017, including exchanges of information concerning the implementation of the Convention and the execution of the Court’s judgments

Working documents

- Possible planning and working methods of the DH-GDR during the biennium 2016-2017, including proposals for possible subjects for futures exchanges of information concerning the implementation of the Convention and execution of the Court’s judgments (document prepared by the Secretariat) DH-GDR(2015)007
- Overview concerning the exchange of views on the re-examination or reopening of cases following judgments of the European Court held at the 8th meeting of the DG-GDR (document prepared by the Secretariat) DH-GDR(2015)008
Restricted

Item 4: Recommendation 2079(2015) of the Parliamentary Assembly

Working document

- Elements for possible CDDH comments on PACE Recommendation 2079(2015) (prepared by the Secretariat) DH-GDR(2015)009

Reference documents

- Decisions of the Ministers’ Deputies on texts adopted at the 4th part of the Parliamentary Assembly’s 2015 Session CM/Del/Dec(2015)1238/3.1
- Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2079(2015) on “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights” PACE Rec. 2079(2015)

Item 5: Other business

* * *

Appendix III

**Possible planning and working methods of the Committee of Experts
on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)
during the biennium 2016-2017**

I. Possible Planning and working methods**A. *Implementation of the Brighton Declaration (specific task i)***

Concerning the measures taken by member States to implement the relevant parts of the Brighton Declaration: prepare a draft report for the Committee of Ministers containing (a) an analysis of the responses given by member States in their national reports, and (b) possible recommendations for follow-up (deadline: 30 June 2016).

Planned working methods:

- Analysis and overview of national reports and preparation of a preliminary draft report by the Secretariat, including, in particular, any recommendations for follow-up.
- Sending the preliminary draft report to DH-SYSC members in March 2016 for written comments to be submitted by mid-April 2016.
- Presentation by the Secretariat of a revised draft report based on the written comments to be submitted to the DH-SYSC at its 1st meeting in May 2016.
- Review and adoption of the draft report by the CDDH at its 85th meeting in June 2016.

NB: This activity would not require a specific working Group.

B. *Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 (specific task iv)*

Concerning Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 on efficient domestic capacity for rapid execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: take stock of its implementation, and make an inventory of good practices relating to it and, if appropriate, provide for updating the recommendation in the light of practices developed by the States Parties (deadline: 30 June 2017).

Planned working methods:

The work could be carried out within the framework of a working group.¹

- The working group could meet for the first time to take stock of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 and make an inventory of good practices in this respect.
- This meeting should take place after the first meeting of the DH-SYSC, so that the working group can follow the guidance of the DH-SYSC and the CDDH, notably on the basis of the analysis and synthesis of the national reports on the implementation of the Brighton Declaration.

¹ The outcome of the Conference on “*Enhancing national mechanisms for effective implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights*”, held on 22-23 October 2015 in Saint-Petersburg (the Russian Federation), will provide preliminary elements for the work that will be carried out by the DH-SYSC.

- The results of the 1st meeting could be submitted to the DH-SYSC at its 2nd meeting so that the DH-SYSC can decide on the possible updating of the recommendation.
- On the basis of the decisions and guidance of the DH-SYSC and the CDDH, the working group could meet for a second time at the beginning of 2017 to present its work for consideration and adoption by the DH-SYSC at its 3rd meeting, in spring 2017.

C. Longer-term future of the Convention system (specific task ii))

Concerning the longer-term future of the Convention system and the Court: achieve any results expected on the basis of decisions that may be taken by the Committee of Ministers further to the submission of the CDDH report containing opinions and possible proposals on this issue (deadline: 31 December 2017).

Planned working methods:

Subject to the decisions which will be taken by the Ministers' Deputies and the deadlines set for the possible work, the follow-up work could be entrusted to working groups focusing on subjects related to the work to be carried out.

[The first group could meet in September 2016, March 2017 and possibly also in September 2017. The second group could meet in October 2016, April 2017 and possibly also in October 2017.]

D. Implementation of the Convention and execution of the Court's judgments (specific task iii))

Concerning the implementation of the Convention and execution of the Court's judgments: ensure that information is exchanged regularly - in order to assist member States in developing their domestic capacities and facilitate their access to relevant information (see paragraph 29 (a) i) of the Brighton Declaration² and paragraph C. 1. g) of the Brussels Declaration).³

Planned working methods:

- At its 9th meeting, the DH-GDR agreed that the next exchange of information will concern the mechanisms for ensuring the compatibility of laws with the Convention (arrangements, advantages, obstacles).

² "The Conference therefore: a) Encourages the States Parties: i) to develop domestic capacities and mechanisms to ensure the rapid execution of the Court's judgments, including through implementation of Recommendation 2008(2) of the Committee of Ministers, and to share good practices in this respect."

³ "The Conference underlines the importance of the efficient supervision of the execution of judgments in order to ensure the long-term sustainability and credibility of the Convention system and, for this purpose: 1. Encourages the Committee of Ministers to: g) consider thematic discussions on major issues relating to the execution of a number of judgments, so as to foster an exchange of good practices between States Parties facing similar difficulties".

- This first exchange of views can be held at the 1st DH-SYSC meeting, in spring 2016, and further exchanges could be held at the meetings in November 2016 and May 2017.
- The exchanges of views will consist of an open and informal discussion on the subjects selected and will allow for the development of the online database on good practice concerning the implementation of the Convention and the execution of the Court's judgments and the difficulties encountered.

E. Recommendations Rec(2004)4 and CM/Rec(2010)3 (specific task v)

Submit, if appropriate, proposals to the Committee of Ministers regarding the following recommendations (deadline: 31 December 2017):

- *Recommendation Rec(2004)4 on the Convention in university education and professional training, along with the development of guidelines on good practice in respect of human rights training for legal professionals;*
- *Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)3 on effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings and its accompanying Guide to Good Practice.*

Planned working methods:⁴

- Preparatory work mainly carried out by the Secretariat, based on various sources of information, notably national reports on the implementation of the Brighton Declaration, the Court's case-law, and information from the HELP network;⁵
- Presentation to the DH-SYSC of the preparatory work so that it can decide on what proposals, if any, to make to the Committee of Ministers;
- On the basis of instructions given by the DH-SYSC and the CDDH, finalisation of work by the Secretariat with a view to presenting it to the DH-SYSC at its 4th meeting (autumn 2017), for submission to the CDDH by 31 December 2017.

II. Possible calendar

First Semester 2016		
Preparatory work carried out by the Secretariat on the implementation of the Brighton Declaration (<i>specific task i</i>)		1 st semester
Preparatory work carried out by the Secretariat on Recommendations Rec(2004)4 and CM/Rec(2010)3 (<i>specific task v</i>)		1 st semester
1 st meeting of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)		25-27 May
95 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		Paris, 2-3 June
85 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)		15-17 June
1 st meeting of a Working Group on Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2		End of June

⁴ Based on document CDDH(2015)011, DH-GDR Draft Terms of Reference for the biennium 2016-2017 – Work on two Committee of Ministers' recommendations.

⁵ In addition to the participation of the HELP Consultative Board in the DH-SYSC meetings (see terms of reference in Appendix I), its increased involvement in the work on Recommendation Rec(2004)4 could be considered in due time.

Second Semester 2016		
1 st meeting of Working Group I on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention		September
1 st meeting of Working Group II on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention		October
2 nd meeting of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)		16-18 November
96 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		November
86 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)		7–9 December
First Semester 2017		
2 nd meeting of the Working Group on Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2		February
2 nd meeting of Working Group I on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention		March
2 nd meeting of Working Group II on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention		April
3 rd meeting of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)		May
97 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		June
87 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)		June
Second Semester 2017		
[3 rd meeting of Working Group I on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention]		[September]
[3 rd meeting of Working Group II on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention]		[October]
4 th meeting of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)		November
98 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)		November
88 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)		December

Appendix IV**Draft CDDH comments on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2079(2015) on the “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”**

1. The Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) takes note of Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2079(2015) on the “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”, calling on the Committee of Ministers to use all available means to effectively fulfil its task of supervising the implementation of judgments of the Court. The CDDH reaffirms that full and prompt execution of Court judgments, in accordance with the obligation set out in Article 46 of the Convention, is essential for the effective functioning of the Convention system.

2. The CDDH recalls its previous contributions regarding both the execution and the supervision process⁶ and refers to its reflections thereon in its report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights.⁷

* * *

⁶ See CDDH 2008 report on practical proposals for the supervision of the execution of judgments of the Court in situations of slow execution (doc. CDDH(2008)014 Addendum II), CDDH 2013 report on whether more effective measures are needed in respect of States that fail to implement Court judgments in a timely manner (doc. CDDH (2013)R79 Addendum I), as well as the CDDH contribution to the Brussels Conference on the “Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights, our shared responsibility” (document CDDH(2014)R82 Addendum II).

⁷ [Document CDDH(2015)R83 Addendum ...]