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STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(CDDH)

**DRAFTING GROUP 'F' ON THE REFORM OF THE COURT
(GT-GDR-F)**

8th Meeting

Wednesday 14 – Friday 16 October 2015

Strasbourg, Agora, Room G01

MEETING REPORT

Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. Drafting Group “F” on the Reform of the Court (GT-GDR-F) held its 8th meeting in Strasbourg from 14 to 16 October 2015 with Mr Martin KUIJER (the Netherlands) in the chair. The list of participants appears at Appendix I. The agenda, as adopted, appears at Appendix II.

Item 2: Revised draft CDDH final report

2. The Group examined the draft CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the Convention, with a view to transmitting it to the DH-GDR for examination at its next meeting (17-20 November 2015).

3. During the extensive discussions held on the draft report, consensus was not reached on some operative parts of the text. The Group instructed the Secretariat to finalise the text on the basis of the decisions taken during the meeting, and to send it to the DH-GDR by 28 October 2015.

Item 3: Other business

4. Experts are invited to send to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int), by 22 October, their possible contributions on the draft executive summary which was distributed during the meeting. The Chair and the Secretariat will present, under their authority, a revised version of the draft executive summary to the DH-GDR.

Item 4: Adoption of the meeting report

5. With the finalisation of the above-mentioned draft CDDH report, the Group considered that it had fulfilled its terms of reference. It expressed its appreciation for the constructive approach shown by members throughout its work, as well as its thanks to its seven independent “external experts” and its rapporteurs for their invaluable contribution. It also expressed appreciation to its Chairman and Secretariat for their extensive efforts in support of the Group’s work.

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Appendix II**Agenda***(as adopted)***Item 1: **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda****General background documents

- Draft annotated agenda GT-GDR-F(2015)OJ008
- Draft order of business GT-GDR-F(2015)OT008
- Report of the 83rd meeting of the CDDH (17-19 June 2015) CDDH(2015)R83
- Report of the 8th meeting of the DH-GDR (27-29 May 2015) DH-GDR(2015)R8
- Report of the 7th meeting of the GT-GDR-F (8-10 September 2015) GT-GDR-F(2015)R7
- Report of the 6th meeting of the GT-GDR-F (15-17 April 2015) GT-GDR-F(2015)R6
- Report of the 5th meeting of the GT-GDR-F (18-20 February 2015) GT-GDR-F(2015)R5
- Report of the 4th meeting of the GT-GDR-F (10-12 December 2014) GT-GDR-F(2014)R4
- Report of the 3rd meeting of the GT-GDR-F (24-26 September 2014) GT-GDR-F(2014)R3
- Report of the 2nd meeting of the GT-GDR-F (14-16 May 2014) GT-GDR-F(2014)R2
- Report of the 1st meeting of the GT-GDR-F (19-21 March 2014) GT-GDR-F(2015)R1
- Brussels Declaration CDDH(2015)004
- Brighton Declaration CDDH(2012)007
- Izmir Declaration CDDH(2011)010
- Interlaken Declaration CDDH(2010)001
- Rome Declaration
- 8th 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
- 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
- Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the reform of the Court (DH-GDR) for 2014-2015 DH-GDR(2014)001

Item 2: Revised draft CDDH final reportWorking documents

- Revised draft CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the Convention system (as revised following the 7th meeting of the GT-GDR-F) GT-GDR-F(2015)017
- Revised draft CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the Convention system (as revised following the 7th meeting of the GT-GDR-F) GT-GDR-F(2015)017
with track changes
- Draft Executive summary GT-GDR-F(2015)019

Reference documents

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

- Compilation of written contributions received following the 7th GT-GDR-F meeting on the revised draft CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the Convention system (document GT-GDR-F(2015)017) GT-GDR-F(2015)018
- Compilation of written contributions received following the 7th GT-GDR-F meeting (on document GT-GDR-F(2015)012) GT-GDR-F(2015)016
- Draft final conclusions prepared by the Chair and the Secretariat GT-GDR-F(2015)015
- Compilation of written contributions on the revised consolidated draft CDDH final report on the longer-term future of the Convention system (document GT-GDR-F(2015)012) GT-GDR-F(2015)013

Item 3: Other business

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