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(CDDH)

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
(DH-DEV)**

Meeting report

40th meeting
Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 April 2009

Room G03, Agora, Strasbourg

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

1. The Committee of Experts for the Development of Human Rights (DH-DEV) held its 40th meeting in Strasbourg on 26-28 April 2010 with Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium) in the Chair. The list of participants appears in Appendix I.
2. Having welcomed all participants, Mr Daniele CANGEMI, Secretary of the DH-DEV, informed them of the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of Recommendation (2010) 4 on human rights of members of the armed forces (adopted on 24 February 2010 at the 1077th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies) and of the Recommendation (2010) 5 on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity (adopted on 31 March 2010 at the 1081st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies). He also referred to the recent publication of the Proceedings of the Conference on “Human rights in culturally diverse societies: challenges and perspectives” (The Hague, 12-13 November 2008) available in the meeting room or on request to the Secretariat.
3. The DH-DEV adopted the proposed agenda of the meeting as set out in Appendix II.

Item 2: Impunity

4. Mr Derek WALTON (United Kingdom), Chair of the Committee of Experts on Impunity (DH-I), presented the draft guidelines on the fight against impunity which the Committee drafted at its second meeting on 3-5 March 2010 (see the meeting report DH-I (2010)005). He explained the rationale of the guidelines, presented the structure of the text and indicated that the texts of reference underlying and explaining the guidelines were in the final process of being drafted and that they would be circulated to the delegations of the DH-I in the near future.
5. Mr Walton invited the Committee to have an exchange on the text of the draft guidelines so that any useful suggestions may be transmitted to and considered by the DH-I at its next meeting (26-28 May 2010), during which the current draft of the guidelines would be revised. During the exchange of views, delegations initially discussed the draft paragraph by paragraph and made a number of suggestions, which will be taken into account by the DH-I at its next meeting. The discussion then focused on certain issues which Mr Walton had particularly identified in order to obtain the views of delegations in the DH-DEV.
6. With regard to the scope of the guidelines, Mr Walton pointed to possible difficulties related to the proposed definition of “serious human rights violations”, and to the proposed scope of the guidelines. Several members pointed out that such a scope might exceed the instructions of the CDDH (which had defined the scope as solely including Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 (1) of the ECHR), in view of certain obligations to criminalise arising under Articles 8 and 14 ECHR (notably the deliberate destruction of homes and the investigation of racist attitudes). Other members noted that there existed certain violations of Article 3 ECHR (such as prison conditions amounting to inhuman treatment) which might not engage criminal responsibility.
7. Mr Walton asked members for their opinion on whether, in view of the instruction by the CDDH not to deal with the accountability of international actors, the guidelines should make an exception from the above exclusion with regard to the future accession of the

European Union to the ECHR. While some members underlined the necessity to provide for such an exception, given that the European Union would accede to the ECHR “on equal footing” with other Contracting Parties, other members asked the DH-I to further examine possible scenarios in which the European Union could be concerned by the guidelines, in particular with a view to its jurisdiction, and pointed out possible difficulties related to the fact that the EU is not yet a party to the ECHR and that the Guidelines would be addressed to governments of member states of the Council of Europe.

8. With regard to international cooperation (Guideline XV.), the Chair of the DH-I presented the different options of having either a general statement, a more specific statement listing various obligations, or a combination of both approaches, as currently envisaged by the DH-I. The majority of members stated their preference for a more general statement on international cooperation, while retaining the possibility of adding few examples (mutual legal assistance, extradition) as presented in the current draft.

9. Although the CDDH had given guidance that the guidelines should not address issues such as amnesties, immunities, pardons or time-bars, Mr Walton explained that the DH-I had felt that it was necessary that the guidelines made a reference to those restrictions in order to ensure that they would not unduly impede the prosecution of perpetrators (see Guideline XVII.). The discussion on this point remained open and delegations generally agreed on the need to refer to these restrictions in the guidelines; however, most delegations expressed doubts as to the appropriateness of maintaining a reference in particular to immunities based on international law.

10. The Chair took note of the general support expressed by the Committee for the ongoing work and thanked Mr Walton and the members of the Committee for their participation in the debate. The Chair indicated that in view of the next DH-I meeting (26-28 May 2010) the members of the DH-DEV could send their comments in writing to the DH-I Secretariat (matthias.kloth@coe.int) before 7 May 2010. The Committee agreed to transmit the conclusions of this exchange of views to the CDDH in the form of this meeting report.

Item 3: Human rights and the environment

11. The Chair recalled that at its last meeting the DH-DEV had held a preliminary exchange of views on two Parliamentary Assembly recommendations concerning the environment, namely Recommendation 1885 (2009) on “Drafting an additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Right concerning the right to a healthy environment” and Recommendation 1883 (2009) on “The challenges posed by climate change”.

12. At its meeting in November 2009, the CDDH had taken into account the views of the DH-DEV and entrusted it with two tasks: firstly, to update the manual on human rights and the environment, and secondly to study the issue of the right to a healthy environment and the links between climate change and human rights with regard to Europe, including the possibility, subject to the availability of funding, of holding a conference to examine this issue from various angles.

13. The DH-DEV held an exchange of views on how to proceed with the updating both with regard to the structure and contents of the manual.

14. The DH-DEV agreed that the present structure was appropriate and should be maintained. It was, however, considered that conclusions resuming the relevant principles could be integrated into the various chapters and subchapters, and that it would be useful to add an index at the end of the manual to make it easier for the reader to search for particular information.

15. As to the contents, the Committee agreed that it would be necessary to update the manual in the light of new relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights. Reference to the relevant standards of other international bodies could be made by referring to corresponding websites in Appendix III. With regard to the inclusion of relevant national legislation or good practices from member States, the DH-DEV took note of the difficulty of obtaining specific information on the human rights aspects of environmental legislation. It was agreed that the Secretariat should send a reminder to the member States inviting them to provide specific information on the human rights aspects of their environmental legislation and practices. A decision on whether to include this information in the manual will be taken once it has been collected and analysed.

16. On the basis of the guidance provided, the Secretariat was instructed to draft the revised manual.

17. As regards ways to study further the issue of human rights and the environment, including the links between climate change and human rights with specific regard to Europe, the DH-DEV considered that the most appropriate would be to entrust a small group of members of the Committee with this task. This group should also study the feasibility of holding a conference on the topic should the necessary funding be available and, where appropriate, propose themes and questions to be examined during such a conference.

18. The group should also have the task of examining the draft revised manual to be prepared by the Secretariat including any proposals for conclusions resuming the relevant principles and best practices, and discussing follow-up to this work, including the feasibility of elaborating guidelines to member States on human rights and the environment drawing on the principles emerging from the relevant case-law of the European Court of Human Rights.

19. The following delegations expressed an interest in taking part in this group: Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Poland and Slovakia. Other delegations interested in joining the group are invited to contact the Secretariat at their earliest convenience. Subject to the availability of financial resources, this group may meet once during the fourth quarter of 2010. In the absence of available resources, the Secretariat would set up a restricted on-line working space with a view to allowing consultation of the group in 2010, at least with respect to the revision of the manual.

Item 4: Proposals to the CDDH on future activities

20. The DH-DEV invited Professor Emmanuel DECAUX (Pantheon-Assas Paris II University) to express his opinion and provide clarification with a view to selecting themes for future activities proposed by the Secretariat in document DH-DEV (2010) 05, namely human rights of the elderly persons, the responsibility of businesses with regard to human rights and freedom of religion within the framework of the protection of human rights in culturally diverse societies. During the discussion that followed his presentation, Prof. Decaux also referred to other themes mentioned in the introduction to document DH-DEV (2010) 05.

Furthermore he proposed reflection on the theme of justice, in particular the issue of special jurisdictions, namely military justice, and on issues related to the application of the *non bis in idem* rule. The DH-DEV thanked him for his very useful contribution.

21. Prof. Decaux considered the protection of the rights of elderly persons to be an interesting and important theme, in particular due to the specificities of Europe as compared to other parts of the world. Attempts to launch work on this theme within the United Nations have not yet been successful. With regard to the responsibility of businesses in the area of human rights, Prof. Decaux referred to the importance of the United Nations Norms on the Responsibility of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with regard to Human Rights, and of the explanatory report thereto. He considered that action by the Council of Europe in this field should be welcomed, and that cooperation with the OECD could bring added value to the work. With respect to the freedom of religion, he called for a cautious approach and advised to await in any case the judgment by the Court's Grand Chamber in the case of *Lautsi v Italy*.

22. The DH-DEV had an exchange of views on the envisaged themes. Some delegations felt that the priority to be given to the reform of the Court and to the accession of the European Union to the Convention should be borne in mind during this exchange of views. It was however agreed, without prejudice to these priorities and to their eventual budgetary implications, that the task of the DH-DEV was to express its views on future activities and to make concrete proposals to the CDDH in this respect.

23. In order to facilitate an in-depth discussion on the elements provided on each theme by the Secretariat and Prof. Decaux, the Chair proposed that the Committee divide into working groups chaired by a rapporteur. The purpose was to identify the relevance of each theme according to criteria such as the feasibility of the work, its added-value with respect to the work undertaken by other Council of Europe bodies or other international organisations, the nature of the envisaged instrument, its addressees, and possible co-operation with other Council of Europe bodies or other international organisations. On the basis of the discussion within the working groups the Committee reached the following conclusions:

24. The work on the promotion and protection of the rights of the elderly should focus on the protection of the dignity of the elderly. Issues related to detention, the protection of procedural rights and access to healthcare could be examined. The work could take place in several stages. Firstly, a study should be carried out in order to identify the existing standards and the work already accomplished within the Council of Europe. This would include the case-law of the Court and the decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights, and the work of the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Commissioner for Human Rights and the CPT. Some delegations noted that, with regard to the protection of the social rights of the elderly, the fact that not all Council of Europe member States are Parties to the revised European Social Charter should be taken into account. The relevant work of the United Nations, national legislation and good practices in this field should also be analysed. As a second step, consideration should be given to the elaboration of guidelines or a recommendation. Any such instrument should be addressed to an audience as large as possible - both governmental and non-governmental - so as to raise awareness of the topic in society as a whole. The Committee considered that this initiative could support action at global level in this field, and that this work would be useful in view of the ageing population and the widespread isolation of elderly persons in Europe. Certain delegations expressed hesitation with regard to undertaking a new exercise of categorisation, focusing specifically on human rights regarding the elderly (as opposed to any other group), and that it would be

necessary to assess whether there is a particular justification for such an approach. The majority felt however that the Council of Europe has adopted several instruments on other vulnerable socio-professional categories, and that the elderly should not be set aside.

25. With regard to corporate responsibilities in the area of human rights, the DH-DEV considered that work could also be carried out in this field, namely with regard to the issue of working conditions, with a view to specifying in more detail the existing obligations on companies, and protecting personal data collected by businesses. Several innovative avenues were envisaged, such as putting in place obligatory reporting systems on corporate social responsibilities, obligation to report on the social responsibilities of businesses, the creation of a “human rights” label or the establishment of an award for companies working in favour of human rights under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The Committee considered that the Council of Europe would be the appropriate body to carry out this kind of work, due to its leading role on the promotion and protection of human rights. It was also kept in mind that for a regional organisation like the Council of Europe it could be easier to seek consensus and thereby promote the improvement of standards at a global level. It was proposed, as a first stage, to prepare a study on the subject which would reveal any gaps at the international level and identify what kind of work could be undertaken. It could also be useful to collect further statistical and factual elements and to carry out a study on the case-law of the Court and on the decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights. Any work to be undertaken should entail cooperation with other international organisations active in this field, including the OECD and ILO.

26. In addition to these two themes considered as priorities by the DH-DEV, other themes were discussed such as the issue of human rights and the Internet and possible follow-up to be given to the Hague Conference on human rights in culturally diverse societies. It was, however, considered not to be useful to study these themes in further detail at this stage.

27. The DH-DEV invited the CCDH to consider the above-mentioned proposals during its discussion on future activities.

Item 5: Other business

Recently adopted replies of the Committee of Ministers to relevant PACE recommendations

28. The Secretariat informed the DH-DEV that on 21 April 2010 the Committee of Ministers adopted replies to two Parliamentary Assembly recommendations, namely Recommendation 1858 (2009) on “Private military and security firms and the erosion of the state monopoly on the use of force” and Recommendation 1876 (2009) on “The state of human rights in Europe: the need to eradicate impunity”. The DH-DEV took note of the fact that in its reply to the first recommendation the Committee of Ministers gave ad hoc terms of reference to the CDPC, the CAHDI and the CDDH to study the suggestions made in the Venice Commission’s report on private military and security firms and erosion of the state monopoly on the use of force (document CDL-AD(2009)038), and to report back by 31 December 2010.

Elections

29. Taking into account the fact that the DH-DEV had only one meeting in 2010, the DH-DEV proposed to the CDDH to exceptionally renew the term of office of its Chairperson, Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium), for one additional year as of 1 January 2011, this term being not

renewable, and decided to do likewise for the term of the Vice-chairperson, Ms Jana VNUKOVA (Slovak Republic).

Item 6: Dates of next meeting

30. Since no other meetings are scheduled in 2010, the DH-DEV did not fix any date for its 41st meeting.

Appendix I

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Appendix II

Agenda

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

- Draft agenda DH-DEV(2010)OJ01
- Terms of reference of the CDDH and the bodies answerable to it adopted by the Ministers' Deputies at their 1077th meeting (24 February 2010) CDDH(2010)019
Addendum V
- Report of 69th meeting of the Steering Committee of Human Rights (CDDH) (24-27 November 2009) CDDH(2009)019
- Report of the 39th meeting of the DH-DEV (12-14 October 2009) DH-DEV(2009)04

Item 2: Impunity

- Report of the 2nd meeting of the Committee of Experts on Impunity (DH-I) (3-5 March 2010) DH-I(2010)04
- Draft Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe against impunity for human rights violations as revised following the 2nd DH-I meeting DH-I(2010)05
- Joint paper from Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists on the impunity guidelines AI and ICJ joint paper

Item 3: Human rights and the environment

- a) Updating the manual on human rights and the environment* Manual on human rights and the environment
- PACE Recommendation 1885 (2009) on "Drafting an additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights concerning the right to a healthy environment" Recommendation 1885 (2009)
 - Relevant excerpt from the report of the CDDH's 69th meeting on human rights and the environment, including the opinion on Recommendation 1883 (2009) and Recommendation 1885 (2009) DH-DEV(2010)03
 - Document prepared by the secretariat on updating the manual on human rights and the environment DH-DEV(2010)01
 - Overview of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights with regard to environment DH-DEV(2010)02
DH-DEV(2010)02Add
- b) Relationship between climate change and human rights*
- PACE Recommendation 1883 (2009) relating to the challenges posed by climate change Recommendation 1883 (2009)

- Relevant excerpt from the Report of the CDDH's 69th meeting on human rights and the environment, including the Opinion to Recommendation 1883 (2009) and Recommendation 1885 (2009) DH-DEV(2010)03
 - Discussion paper prepared by the Secretariat on exploring the relationship between human rights and climate change in Europe DH-DEV(2010)04
- Information documents***
- Viewpoint of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights "Climate change is also a Human Rights concern"
 - Climate Change and Human Rights. A Rough Guide published by the International Council on Human Rights Policy, 2009 Summary : Climate Change and Human Rights
 - Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly: Environmentally induced migration and displacement: a 21st century challenge Resolution 1655 (2009)
 - Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the relationship between climate change and human rights A/HRC/10/61
 - Contribution of Prof. Dr. Jaume Saura (Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) of the Council of Europe in November 2009) Emerging human rights the right to drinking water and sanitation

Examples of national legislations and good practices

- Contribution of Estonia Estonian Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act
- Contribution of Cyprus DH-DEVInf(2010)01
- Contribution of Belgium DH-DEVInf(2010)02
- Contribution of Norway DH-DEVInf(2010)04
Norwegian Environmental Information Act
Norwegian Nature Diversity Act
- Contribution of Poland DH-DEVInf(2010)05

Item 4: Proposals to the CDDH on future activities

- Document prepared by the secretariat on a list of themes for future activities DH-DEV(2010)05

Item 5: Other business

Recently adopted replies of the Committee of Ministers to relevant PACE recommendations

- “Private military and security firms and the erosion of the state monopoly on the use of force” CM/AS(2010)Rec1858
final
- “The state of human rights in Europe: the need to eradicate impunity” CM/AS(2010)Rec1876
final

Item 6: Dates of next meeting