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MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA Monday 10 October 2016 (9.30 am – 1 pm and 2.30 – 6 pm) Strasbourg, Agora, room G01

1. Opening of the meeting by Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs
2. Draft agenda: for adoption
3. Synopsis of meetings of 21 and 23 June 2016: for adoption
4. Appointment of meeting rapporteur
5. 10.00 - Presentation by the Children's Rights Division of the 2nd International Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (20 min) – Mikaël Poutiers, Children's rights' Division.
6. 10.30 – Exchange of views with invited INGOs concerning priorities regarding the abolition of the death penalty and the prevention of torture and action by the Conference of INGOs to promote the abolition of the death penalty and torture (1 hour) – Aurélie Placais et Jessica Corridor, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty - Michael Remmert, Deputy to the Director, Directorate of Policy planning
7. Information on past and future activities (30 min)
 - President's activities:
 - Visit to Bucharest (11-13 September) and planned visits to Berlin (24-26 October) and Budapest (20 to 22 November);
 - Opening of the thematic session on freedom of association at the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2016, OSCE (Warsaw, 20-21 September);
 - Address at the 33rd session of the UN Human Rights Council on participation by civil society organisations in regional and international organisations (Geneva, 26 September);
 - Address at the close of the EUR-OPA group meeting (Lisbon, 14 October);
 - Address at the Autumn University of the European Movement (Strasbourg, 15 October)

- Seminar on the rights of persons with disabilities and the European Social Charter (Minsk, 20 September, Jean Michel Caudron)
 - Council of Europe High-Level Conference on the Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 (Tallinn, 30 June – 1 July 2016, Anne Nègre)
 - Meeting of the Expert Council on NGO Law – information on agenda (Strasbourg, 11-12 October, Cyril Ritchie)
 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (Strasbourg, 17 October, Maritchu Rall)
 - World Forum for Democracy (7-8 November, Roseline Moreau, Anne Kraus)
 - Lisbon Forum (24-25 November) (Jean Michel Caudron)
- 8. (2.30-3.30 pm): Exchange of views on the draft guidelines on civil participation in political decision-making (Anne-Marie Chavanon and Paul Henri Philips, Co-Chairs of the (joint) working group of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG))
- 9. Conclusion of the discussion concerning the International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers (CITI) radio project (15 min)
- 10. Surrogacy – results of consultation and approach to be taken for the next stages in the Conference of INGOs' work (20 min)
- 11. Roadmap on migration 2017-2018 – for validation (10 min)
- 12. Continuation of work on the Conference of INGOs' internal and external communication (15 min)
- 13. Preparation of the evaluation of the Conference of INGOs' action plan – tools and calendar (15 min)
- 14. Preparation of the Conference's activity report: co-ordination and timetable (15 min)
- 15. Discussion of the conditions for receiving new representatives and boosting the representativeness of the INGOs within the Conference – lines of action (20 min)
- 16. Situation of organised civil society in Turkey – lines of action (20 min)
- 17. Programming of sessions – key principles regarding the following (1 hour):
 - Requirement for elected members to attend and contribute to Standing Committee meetings
 - Overall organisation and density of sessions
 - Organisation of side-events – framework document for INGOs
 - Ensuring cross-cutting linkage between the thematic committees' priorities and their consistency with the plenary meeting's thematic debate (January 2017 session)
 - Preparation of the January 2017 session
 - Setting up of a separate working group on 'women and religions or different beliefs' to analyse the outcomes of the event held on 21 June 2016 and produce ideas and proposals for respect for women's rights versus human rights within religions or different beliefs (Anne Nègre)
- 18. Reinforcement of the No Hate Speech Campaign by the Conference of INGOs (15 min)
- 19. Priority events to be marked and taken up (COP 22, etc.)
- 20. Timetable: dates of the next Standing Committee meetings

21. Any other business