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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TERRORISM (CODEXTER)

LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN

8th MEETING OF THE BUREAU

Paris (France), 29 – 30 September 2016

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The Bureau of the CODEXTER under the Chairmanship of Mr Alexandros STAVROPOULOS (Greece) held its 8th meeting in Paris (France) on 29 and 30 September 2016 and decided to:

Communication by the Chair, Bureau Members and Secretariat

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat about developments in the Council of Europe and other relevant, international fora of interest to the CODEXTER since the last meeting of the Bureau, in particular the ongoing drafting of a new convention by the Council of Europe on offences against cultural property which is being undertaken by the CDPC;
- make a proposal to the Plenary to further strengthen cooperation ties with key regions, as well as relevant intergovernmental organisations and fora, as a means to heighten the profile of the CODEXTER in the efforts of the international community to combat terrorism. As a first step, the Bureau will propose to pay particular attention to the Middle Eastern and North African region and intergovernmental organisations relevant in this regard;
- instruct the Secretariat to prepare a document containing proposals for promoting and increasing the visibility of the work done by the CODEXTER in view of the 31st Plenary Meeting;
- instruct the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for the Chair to present the work of the CODEXTER to the Committee of Ministers on a more regular basis.

Future work and activities of the CODEXTER

- Continue to follow closely the implementation of the Action Plan against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism;
- invite other relevant committees of the Council of Europe to attend Plenary Meetings of the CODEXTER with a view to informing the Committee about their roles in the prevention of terrorism and the actions undertaken by them to implement the aforesaid Action Plan.

Terrorists acting alone

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the preparations for the first meeting of the Drafting Committee set up by the CODEXTER to elaborate a new recommendation on “terrorists acting alone”;
- examine and amend, as appropriate, the document on the “Main elements of the draft recommendation on “terrorists acting alone” (CODEXTER BU (2016) 15), and
- instruct the Secretariat to disseminate this document to the Members of the Drafting Committee in advance of its first meeting (3 and 4 November 2016).

Amendments to the Recommendation on special investigation techniques

- Take note of the explanations provided by the Chair of the SIT Drafting Group, Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), concerning the draft recommendation prepared as the outcome of the final meeting of the Drafting Group;
- take note of the comments on the draft recommendation provided by delegations of the CODEXTER and the CDPC respectively;

- examine the draft recommendation in the light of the aforesaid comments and amend it, as appropriate;
- instruct the Secretariat to disseminate the draft recommendation, as amended by the Bureau, to all Delegations of the CODEXTER with a view to finalisation by the Committee at its 31st Plenary Meeting.

Terrorism and the Internet

- Welcome the initiative of the Committee of Ministers in establishing a platform for cooperation between member States and the private sector under the Council of Europe's Internet Governance Strategy for 2016 – 2019 (Doc. CM(2016)10-final);
- Welcome the idea of the Secretariat of establishing a specialised forum under the aforesaid general platform for exchanges and cooperation between public and private stakeholders on how to address the abuse of the Internet for terrorist purposes;
- express its wish to be involved in the process from the beginning, including, if possible, through participation in meetings between representatives of the Council of Europe and of private entities to discuss how to set up the general platform and, in particular, a specialised forum focusing on terrorism.

CoE 24/7 Foreign Terrorist Fighters Network of Contact Points

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the preparations for the forthcoming first meeting of the 24/7 network of contact points on 17 October 2016;
- follow the establishment of the network of contact points closely.

Links between terrorism and organised crime

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the preparation of the report on links between terrorism and organised crime, in particular that a preliminary version of the report will be presented to the CODEXTER at its 31st Plenary Meeting with a view to providing guidance to the experts tasked with its elaboration, Professor Peter NEUMANN, Kings College, London, and Dr Ana SALINAS DE FRIAS, University of Malaga. The final report by the experts will be ready in the spring of 2017;
- welcome the idea of presenting the final report at a conference to be organised in 2017 as follow-up to the 2014 Malaga Conference on the same topic.

Monitoring of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair of the Group of Parties, Mr Tobias KAPPELMANN (Germany) concerning the future work on the monitoring of the implementation by Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196), in particular that the Group of Parties, having accomplished its tasks, will hold its last meeting on 15 November 2016. From 2017 onwards, Parties will instead meet on a regular basis in the format foreseen by the Convention, namely the Consultation of the Parties;
- take note that the Convention will enter into force for Armenia on 1 December 2016, and has entered into force for Monaco on 1 August 2016. The Additional Protocol was ratified by Albania, as the first Party, on 6 June 2016.

Radicalisation in prisons

- Congratulate the CDPC and the PC-CP on the excellent Council of Europe Guidelines for the prison and probation services regarding radicalisation and violent extremism;
- take note that a draft Council of Europe handbook for prison and probation services regarding radicalisation and violent extremism is under preparation.

The roles of women in Daesh

- Examine the draft discussion paper on the roles of women in Daesh prepared by the Gender Equality Rapporteur, Ms Tanja KIKEREKOVA (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”) in cooperation with the Secretariat.
- Thank Ms KIKEREKOVA and the Secretariat for the work and instruct them to provide more information in the report about the situation of local women in areas under the control of Daesh, if possible.

Aspects of terrorism covered by the Convention on Cybercrime

- Welcome the Guidance Note prepared by the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) on aspects of terrorism covered by the Convention of Cybercrime.

Country profiles on counter-terrorism capacity and information on measures taken at national level against terrorism

- Take note that three member States (Hungary, Italy and Norway) have expressed their interest in updating their country profiles;
- underline the importance of all member States regularly updating their country profiles.

CODEXTER data base on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights relevant for counter-terrorism measures

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the state of play regarding the CODEXTER data base on ECtHR case-law relevant for counter-terrorism;
- underline the importance of the data-base becoming fully operational as quickly as possible.

Preparation of the next Plenary Meeting of the CODEXTER

- Examine and adopt, as amended, the draft agenda for the 31st Plenary Meeting;
- instruct the Secretariat to disseminate the draft agenda to all Delegations.

Date and place of the 9th Meeting of the Bureau

- Hold its next meeting in late February/early March 2017. Exact date and place to be confirmed.

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