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Comments of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2092 (2016) – “Fighting the over- sexualisation of children”.

The CDMSI has taken note of the Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2092 (2016) – “Fighting the over-sexualisation of children”. The CDMSI notes that a number of Committee of Ministers recommendations and declarations address issues of protection of children’s rights:

- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2014\)6](#) on a Guide to human rights for Internet users
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)1](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on gender equality and media
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2012\)2](#) of the Committee of Ministers on participation of children and young people under the age of 18
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2012\)3](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of human rights with regard to search engines
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2012\)4](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of human rights with regard to social networking services
- Recommendation [CM/Rec \(2009\)5](#) on measures to protect children against harmful content and behaviour and to promote their active participation in the new information and communications environment
- Recommendation [CM/Rec \(2008\)6](#) on measures to promote the respect for freedom of expression and information with regard to Internet filters
- Recommendation [Rec\(2006\)12](#) on empowering children in the new information and communications environment
- [Declaration](#), 20 February 2008, on protecting the dignity, security and privacy of children on the Internet

The CDMSI notes in particular the Council of Europe’s Guide to Human Rights for Internet Users, which is an enabling tool for children to understand and exercise their rights in the online environment. In addition, the Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)1](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on gender equality and media which provides guidance on promoting media literacy and active citizenship with the younger generation.

The CDMSI will continue to pay due attention to children’s protection and empowerment in all its activities within its remit.