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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TERRORISM (CODEXTER)

ANNOTATED AGENDA

33rd Plenary Meeting

Strasbourg (France), 22-24 November 2017

Council of Europe
Palais, Room 8

Opening at 9:30, Wednesday
Closing at 13:00, Friday

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1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will start on Wednesday, 22 November at 9:30 at the Council of Europe.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The CODEXTER shall adopt the agenda.

3. Communication by the Chair and members of the CODEXTER and by the Secretariat

The CODEXTER is invited to take note of the information provided by its Chair, Mr Alexandros Stravropoulos, and the Secretariat on the outcomes of the Bureau meeting that took place on 19-20 October and on the most recent activities of the Council of Europe relevant to the CODEXTER's work since the last Plenary meeting in May 2017.

The members of the CODEXTER are invited to provide information on the most recent counter-terrorism issues in their national frame and/or make suggestions for possible new initiatives by the CODEXTER in the prevention and fight against terrorism.

4. Future work and activities of the CDCT (new acronym of CODEXTER as of next year)

On the basis of a proposal for action by the Bureau (see its list of decisions on this item), the CODEXTER is requested to discuss how the future CDCT work is to be planned in order to fulfil the specific tasks the Committee was entrusted with by the Committee of Ministers, in particular on the basis of its Terms of Reference for 2018-2019. There are 6 "Specific Tasks" contained in the 2018-2019 CDCT Terms of Reference. The Bureau proposes how they should be treated and the schedule to implement the different activities.

5. Terrorists acting alone

The Council of Europe "Action Plan against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism" foresees the elaboration of a recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on "Terrorists Acting Alone" (TAA). At its 29th Plenary meeting, the CODEXTER decided to establish a drafting committee in accordance with Article 14.a of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res (2011) 24 "on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods".

The drafting committee began its work on a new recommendation from the Committee of Ministers to member States on "Terrorists Acting Alone" on 3-4 November 2016. Two other meetings took place in March and June 2017. The drafting committee completed its work on 17-20 October 2017.

The CODEXTER is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair of the TAA drafting committee, Mr Nicola Piacente, with regards to the draft Recommendation and its draft Explanatory Report.

The CODEXTER shall examine the draft Recommendation on "Terrorists Acting Alone" prepared by the drafting committee and approved it, before submitting it for formal adoption to the Committee of Ministers. It shall also examine and approve the draft Explanatory Report to the Recommendation and submit it to the Committee of Ministers for information.

6. Definition of Terrorism

The CODEXTER is requested to examine the document “Discussion Paper on a Definition of Terrorism for the 2005 Warsaw Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism” emailed to the CODEXTER members.

The Bureau examined this document that has been prepared by the Secretariat and whose main objective is only to provide a factual description of the current situation relating to the definition of terrorism in an international context. The Bureau decided that, following the outcomes of the debates held at this 33rd Plenary meeting, delegations of the CODEXTER should provide formal observations on this item at the 34th Plenary meeting (spring 2018) on whether a sub-group of the CODEXTER should be set-up to begin the work on the elaboration of a definition of terrorism.

7. Links between terrorism and organised crime

The CODEXTER is invited to take note that both the Bureau of the CODEXTER and the Bureau of the CDPC agreed on the setting-up of a joint working group of experts (CDPC-CODEXTER) aimed at discussing future common topics and actions for both committees to ensure a valuable follow-up to the Malaga Conference.

The CODEXTER should instruct the Secretariat to start planning the organisation of the first meeting of this working group as soon as possible in 2018.

8. Terrorism and the Internet

The CODEXTER is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the most recent developments on this issue and in particular that an exchange of letters between the Council of Europe and the leading technologies companies has taken place on 8 November.

9. The Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) and the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 217)

The CODEXTER is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the status of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe instruments related to Counter-Terrorism.

10. Council of Europe 24/7 Foreign Terrorist Fighters Network of Contact Points

The CODEXTER is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the most recent developments on this issue.

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

The Committee is invited to consider the updated country profile on counter-terrorism capacity as submitted by the Delegation of Armenia and authorise its publication on the website of CODEXTER. Delegations are strongly encouraged to present their country profiles during the forthcoming meetings, particularly those whose profiles are old.

12. Elections

The Committee is requested to elect a new Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, to elect one member of the Bureau and to renew the mandate of one Bureau member (Mrs Visoiu). See also document CODEXTER (2017) 7. Interested Members are invited to submit their candidacy not later than at 18:00 of the first day of the next Plenary meeting, on 22 November 2017.

13. Items for information

The Plenary is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on

- a) the Council of Europe Convention on Offences related to Cultural Property (CETS No. 221)
- b) CDPC

14. Any other business

Delegations are invited to present any other issues.

15. Date and place of the 1st Meeting of the CDCT

The Committee shall agree on the date and place of the 1st Plenary Meeting of the CDCT.

The Secretariat proposes to hold the meeting in Strasbourg on the week from 14 to 18 May 2018 or the week from 22 to 25 May 2018.

16. Adoption of the Abridged Report and of List of items discussed and decisions taken

The CODEXTER is requested to adopt the Abridged Report and List of Items Discussed and Decisions taken.