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STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(CDDH)

**DRAFTING GROUP ON CIVIL SOCIETY
AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS
(CDDH-INST)**

Report

1st meeting
12-14 October 2016

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

1. The CDDH Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST) held its first meeting in Strasbourg from 12 to 14 October 2016 with Ms. Krista OINONEN (Finland) in the Chair. The list of participants is contained in Appendix I. The agenda as adopted appears in Appendix II.
2. The Group was welcomed by Mr Mikhail LOBOV, Head of Human Rights Policy and cooperation Department, and Mr. Alfonso DE SALAS, Head of the Human Rights Inter-governmental Co-operation Division.

Item 2: Election of a Vice-Chair

3. The Group elected Mr. Grigory E. LUKIYANTSEV (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chair of the CDDH-INST.

Item 3: Discussion on the terms of reference

4. The Group exchanged views on its terms of reference, in particular the tasks it was assigned to accomplish. It was recalled that three meetings overall were foreseen for the completion of its work.

Item 4: Discussion on the preliminary draft Study on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

5. The Group welcomed the quality of the Preliminary draft Study prepared by the Rapporteur Ms. Krista OINONEN with the assistance of the CDDH Secretariat and proceeded with a general discussion thereof.
6. The Group then examined, paragraph by paragraph, the preliminary draft Study.
7. The Group proposed a number of changes and asked the Rapporteur and the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft Study on this basis and in the light of comments provided during the meeting.

Item 5: Exchange of views with Ms Jutta GÜTZKOW, Head of the Good Governance Division, Democratic Institutions and Governance Department, DGII

8. The Chairwoman invited Ms Jutta GÜTZKOW to inform the Group on the preparation of Guidelines on civil participation in the political decision-making process. Ms Jutta GÜTZKOW informed the group that the Guidelines were in the process of being finalized, after which she would share them with the Group.

Item 6: Exchange of views on proposals for future work

9. The Group discussed the idea of producing some form of user-friendly guide or compilation of good practices, based on a cooperative consultation process with civil society members and National Human Rights Institutions; the Group discussed the various formats in which such a guide could be presented (Committee of Ministers declaration, recommendation, etc.) and decided to seek the advice of the CDDH in this matter.

Item 7: Adoption of the meeting report

10. The Group adopted the present meeting report in English. The Secretariat will circulate the French version to the Group as soon as possible.

Item 8: Other business

Organisation of the work for the next meeting in Strasbourg, 8-10 March 2017

11. During its next meeting, [8-10] March 2017, the Group will examine the revised draft Report and further reflect on the modalities and concrete outcomes of future work in the field.

APPENDIX I

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APPENDIX II

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<u>Reference Document</u>	
Relevant extracts of the 85 th CDDH meeting report, including the terms of reference for CDDH-INST	CDDH-INST(2016)01
<u>Working Document</u>	
Preliminary draft study on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	CDDH-INST(2016)02
<u>Information Documents</u>	
<u>Documents prepared by the secretariat of the CDDH</u>	
Selective Bibliography of standards pertaining to civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	CDDH-INST(2016)03
Preliminary list of relevant case law for the work of CDDH-INST	CDDH-INST(2016)04
<u>Item 5:</u>	Exchange of views with Exchange of views with Ms Jutta GÜTZKOW, Head of the Good Governance Division, Democratic Institutions and Governance Department, DGII
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