

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Drafting Committee to prepare a draft recommendation to combat sexism

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Thursday 2 March : Agenda item: Working methods of the drafting committee (presentation by the Secretariat)

1. Members: 15 MS in the Committee, plus external experts and invited colleagues from other CoE sectors

- The informal brainstorming also included reps. from: Conf. of INGOs (gender expert Anne Nègre); European Social Charter, Pompidou Group, VaW Division, Children's Rights Division, SOGI Unit, Sports Division, Youth sector (NHSM), PACE and Congress
- To be formalised in the ToRs of the GEC for 2018-2019

2. Working methods:

- Presentations by both external experts and MS with relevant legislation to combat sexism
- At this meeting: Christine Chinkin - adviser to the drafting committee. Christine is a barrister, Emerita Professor of International Law and Director of the Centre on Women, Peace and Security of the London School of Economics
- Contributions from the Secretariat: compilation of relevant CoE standards, discussion note on the definition of sexism and preliminary draft outline of the Rec.
- The Drafting Committee can put forward proposals for hearings/presentations by experts at future meetings of the Drafting Committee, on the basis of identified needs
- Possibility of creating working groups with a few members of the Drafting Committee to work on specific parts of the draft Rec.

3. The Drafting Committee is a subordinate body to the full GEC. The work of this Committee needs to be presented, discussed and "validated" by the GEC, after each meeting, before moving forward. Once the draft of the Recommendation is finalised by the Drafting Committee, it will be presented and discussed by the GEC for adoption before transmission to the Committee of Ministers (via the CM Group of Rapporteurs on Human Rights, GR-H).

- The Chairperson of the Drafting Committee will report to the GEC after each meeting of the Committee.
- Brief meeting reports of the Drafting Committee will be prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson.

4. Any questions/clarifications?