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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TERRORISM (CODEXTER)

DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON TERRORISTS ACTING ALONE

REPORT

1st Meeting

Strasbourg (France), 3 – 4 November 2016

Secretariat of the Counter-Terrorism Division
Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, DG I

The Drafting Committee on Terrorists Acting Alone, appointed by the Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER) and tasked with the elaboration of a draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to the member States on terrorists acting alone, held its first meeting in Strasbourg (France) on 3-4 November 2016.

The meeting was attended by 10 members of the Drafting Committee appointed by the CODEXTER, 1 representative of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) and 3 representatives from States having observer status with the Council of Europe, along with members of the Secretariat.¹

Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy) was unanimously elected as Chair of the Drafting Committee.

In his opening address, the Chair of the Drafting Committee stressed that drafting this Recommendation is a demanding challenge, since in addressing the threat of terrorists acting alone in the form of a formal legal instrument of the Council of Europe, the CODEXTER is breaking new ground, and there are few if any other legal texts to be used as reference at the international level.

During this first meeting of the Drafting Committee, the participants negotiated the following provisions of the future Recommendation: *Definition, Safeguards, Coordination within States, Cooperation between States and Cooperation with civil society and the private sector.*

The Drafting Committee, bearing in mind that it should complete its tasks in a maximum of three meetings, agreed to hold the second meeting after 15 March 2017 in Strasbourg. The Chair further added that the third and last meeting is likely to be held at the premises of the Ministry of Justice of Italy in Rome, although it is yet to be confirmed.

The Secretariat informed that a first preliminary draft of the Recommendation containing those provisions which have preliminarily agreed during the first meeting, as well as proposals by the Secretariat for other provisions, and the corresponding parts of the draft Explanatory Report to the Recommendation will be sent to the members of the Drafting Group by mid-December 2016.

Lastly, the Drafting Committee agreed that the next (second) meeting in March 2017 will be focused on prevention of radicalisation. In this regard, the members of the Drafting Committee were asked to send their inputs on prevention of radicalisation as well as de-radicalisation and social reintegration and, additionally, to contribute any further comments on the provisions agreed during in the first meeting to the Secretariat, by no later than mid-February 2017. A precise deadline for sending in comments will be transmitted to the members separately.

¹ Please refer to the list of participants attached to this document for a detailed summary of the attendees.

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