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**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS**  
**(CDPC)**

**Bureau**  
**(CDPC-BU)**

**List of decisions taken at the meeting of the CDPC Bureau**  
**16-18 January 2008**

The CDPC Bureau decided to:

**1. Follow-up to the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of European Ministers of Justice**

Subject to the approval of the Lanzarote Resolutions by the Committee of Ministers:

- regarding Resolution No. 1 on access to justice for migrants and asylum seekers, entrust the examination of the relationship between asylum procedures and extradition procedures, as required by paragraph 16c of the Resolution, to the PC-OC;
- regarding Resolution No. 2 on child-friendly justice, instruct the Secretariat to appoint a consultant to prepare a report on criminal aspects to be submitted to the CDPC in June 2008;

**2. Draft European Rules for Juvenile Offenders**

- having provided detailed comments on the draft rules, instruct the Secretariat to send as soon as possible the draft rules in their current version, with these comments reflected in footnotes, to all CDPC delegations for written comments. The draft rules should be accompanied by an explanatory note prepared by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Chair of the PC-CP setting out the overall philosophy of the draft text as well as a table of sources of the provisions of the draft rules;

- request CDPC delegations to send their preliminary written comments to the Secretariat by 15 March 2008;
- instruct the PC-CP to:
  - clarify the relation between the draft text and the European Prison Rules;
  - clarify the scope of application of the draft text;
  - simplify the document, *inter alia*, by merging and combining provisions dealing with similar issues or by transferring certain details to the explanatory report;
  - complete the draft text in the light of the comments of the Bureau and the written comments made by CDPC delegations, in order for the Rules to be adopted by the CDPC plenary in June 2008;
- 3. Conclusions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of Directors of Prison Administration (CDAP)**
  - instruct the Secretariat to keep the CDPC informed of the organisation of future CDAP meetings;
  - instruct the Secretariat to prepare a document for the next CDPC Bureau meeting setting out the priorities of the PC-CP, its current and future activities, including the PC-CP's opinion on the follow up to be given to the conclusions of the Conference;
- 4. Committee of Experts on the operation of European conventions on co-operation in criminal matters (PC-OC): simplified extradition**
  - indicate to the PC-OC that it could include time limit provisions in the draft instrument on simplified extradition, if the PC-OC considers such provisions to be necessary and provided that it gives adequate justification for their inclusion;
  - instruct the PC-OC to present a progress report on the negotiations concerning the draft text on simplified extradition to the CDPC plenary in June 2008;
- 5. Pharmaceutical crime: Committee PC-S-CP**
  - instruct the PC-S-CP on the necessity of ensuring a coherent approach with other relevant instruments of the Council of Europe and on the need to reflect existing gaps in the national legislations of member States in the Group's Activity Report;
  - instruct the PC-S-CP to present its Activity Report to the CDPC plenary in June 2008;
  - propose that, if a convention against counterfeit pharmaceutical products were to be drafted, the Group should be authorised to prepare a preliminary draft convention, with a view to its subsequent negotiation by a multidisciplinary committee of experts with the full participation of all member States;
  - instruct the Secretariat to provide information to the CDPC plenary concerning budgetary implications of preparing a convention on the basis of the proposals above;
- 6. Article 23 of the Convention on the transfer of sentenced persons (CETS N° 112)**
  - ask the Chair of the CDPC to keep the CDPC regularly informed on any future development in this case.

**7. Opinion of the CCPE on “Ways of improving international co-operation in the criminal justice field”**

- send this opinion to the PC-OC for information;
- instruct the Secretariat to prepare a draft document containing the CDPC’s comments on this opinion, to be adopted at the next Bureau meeting, prior to the transmission of the two documents to the Committee of Ministers. This document should indicate that the contents of the CCPE recommendations are already being dealt with by the CDPC and its subordinate bodies;
- instruct the Secretariat to inform the CCPE of the above;

**8. Working methods of the CDPC and its Bureau**

- approve the revised document on the working methods of the CDPC and its Bureau and request the Secretariat to send it to all CDPC delegations for approval by written consultation;

**9. Appointment of a CDPC representative to the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) and to the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)**

- instruct the Secretariat to invite the heads of delegations to propose candidates for these positions;

**10. Recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) for information and possible comments by the CDPC**

- adopt draft opinions on Recommendations 1815 (2007) and 1817 (2007) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and instruct the Secretariat to transmit the text of these draft opinions to CDPC delegations for approval using the written consultation procedure by 25 January 2008;

**11. Violence against women, including domestic violence**

- instruct the Secretariat to prepare a letter from the Chair of the CDPC addressed to the Chairs of the Task Force (EG-TFV) and the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG), requesting that they provide the relevant documents to the CDPC in due time for it to prepare its work on this important issue at its next plenary meeting on 2-6 June 2008, bearing in mind that the CDPC has only one plenary meeting per year;
- ensure that, in the interest of co-ordinating this work, the CDPC Bureau is represented at the next meetings of the Task Force and the CDEG, if possible;
- propose that the CDPC plenary hold a specific discussion on the scope of the future convention, taking into account the need for co-ordination with other relevant bodies and the final report of the Task Force;

**12. Dates of the next Bureau meeting**

- hold its next meeting on 13-14 May 2008.