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GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

**Report of the 4th meeting of the Drafting Committee to prepare a draft
Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism**

Strasbourg, 20-21 September 2018

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Chairperson (Charles Ramsden, United Kingdom) opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

➤ *The Drafting Committee adopted the draft agenda as set out in Appendix I to the present report.*

2. Presentation of the [revised working document](#) and discussion on the revised appendix to the draft recommendation, including written proposals received from delegations

The Chairperson informed the members that they would review those parts of the document that were not reviewed at their 3rd meeting (Paris, 1-2 March 2018) because of a shortage of time, before moving to the written comments received by the Secretariat from several delegations since then. The members also discussed the preparation of an explanatory memorandum to the draft recommendation and decided that the draft text was already very detailed and long and an explanatory memorandum was not required. The members discussed the entire document and agreed on a number of amendments.

The Drafting Committee:

- *agreed not to produce an explanatory memorandum;*
- *instructed the Secretariat to prepare a final text in line with the agreed changes and to liaise with the expert to the Drafting Committee if they had any questions.*

3. Next steps

The Chairperson explained that the next stage of the procedure would be to send the revised text for information to the members of the Drafting Committee and the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) for information. The text would then be sent for consultation to external partners (notably those partners consulted about the draft Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023), as well as to other sectors of the Council of Europe. The Secretariat was instructed to prepare a revised document for presentation to the members of the GEC for discussion and possible adoption at its next meeting (5-7 December 2018).

The Drafting Committee:

- *agreed that the Secretariat disseminate the revised text for information to the GEC and members of the Drafting Committee;*
- *instructed the Secretariat to send the revised text for consultation to external partners and internal sectors of the Council of Europe;*
- *instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft document for discussion at the 14th meeting of the GEC (Strasbourg, 5-7 December 2018).*

Appendix I**Agenda****Thursday 20 September 2018**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation of the revised working documents
3. Discussion on the revised appendix to the draft recommendation, including written proposals made by members of the Drafting Committee

Friday 21 September 2018

3. Discussion on the revised appendix to the draft recommendation (contd.)
4. Final discussion on the preamble and operative paragraphs
5. Next steps

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