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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE SYSTEM
OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
(DH-SYSC)

DRAFTING GROUP II ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE CDDH
REPORT ON THE LONGER-TERM FUTURE
OF THE SYSTEM OF THE CONVENTION
(DH-SYSC-II)

MEETING REPORT

2nd meeting

20 – 22 September 2017

Item 1: **Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and the order of business, and nomination of Rapporteurs and Contributors**

1. The Drafting Group II on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-II) held its 2nd meeting in Strasbourg from 20 to 22 September 2017, with Ms Florence MERLOZ (France) in the Chair. The list of participants appears in Appendix I. The agenda, as it was adopted, appears in Appendix II.

2. The Chair opened the meeting and underlined the necessity to adopt a pragmatic approach throughout the work. The objective is that, based on observations, an analysis of the challenges is presented as well as possible responses.

3. Mr Mikhail LOBOV, Head of the Human Rights Policy and Cooperation Department, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Secretariat and emphasised the inclusive nature of the work of the Group.

4. The guidance given by the DH-SYSC and the CDDH was recalled. The Group is invited to work consecutively, and in the following order, on each one of the three themes to be examined in the context of its work, as they emerge from the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (“the CDDH report”):

- (i) the challenge of the interaction between the Convention and other branches of international law, including international customary law;
- (ii) the challenge of the interaction between the Convention and other international human rights instruments to which the Council of Europe member States are parties;
- (iii) the challenge of the interaction between the Convention and the legal order of the EU and other regional organisations.

5. The Group proceeded to the nomination of Rapporteurs and Contributors for the continuation of its work.

(1) As regards **Theme 1** (the challenge of the interaction between the Convention and other branches of international law, including international customary law), the Group nominated:

- Mr Alexei ISPOLINOV (Russian Federation) and Mr Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE (United Kingdom) as Co-rapporteurs;
- Mr Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE (United Kingdom) as Contributor for subtheme i) Methodology of interpretation by the European Court of Human Rights and its approach to international law;
- Mr Marten ZWANENBURG (Netherlands) as Contributor for subtheme ii) State responsibility and extraterritorial application of the Convention;

- Mr Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE (United Kingdom) as Contributor for subtheme iii) Interaction between the resolutions of the Security Council and the European Convention on Human Rights;
- Mr Anatoly KOVLER (Russian Federation) as Contributor for subtheme iv) Interaction between international humanitarian law and the European Convention on Human Rights.

(2) As regards **Theme 2** (the challenge of the interaction between the Convention and other international human rights instruments to which the Council of Europe member States are parties), the Group nominated:

- Ms Sofia KASTRANTA (Greece) as Rapporteur.

(3) As regards **Theme 3** (the challenge of the interaction between the Convention and the legal order of the EU and other regional organisations), the Group nominated:

- Ms Kristine LĪCIS (Latvia) as Rapporteur.

Item 2: Context and working methods of the Drafting Group

6. The Group took note of the document on the context of the work, and endorsed the outline of the future report of the CDDH on the place of the Convention in the European and international legal order, prepared by the Secretariat as instructed by the Group at its 1st meeting to facilitate the analyses that will be carried out. The outline of the future report appears in Appendix III.

7. The Group agreed to remain flexible throughout the work regarding the possibility of bringing changes to the outline endorsed at this stage, in the light of advancement of reflection on the different themes. The Group maintains “The place of the Convention in the European and international legal order” as the title of the future report.

8. The Group agreed that the work of the Rapporteurs and Contributors should maintain a neutral character in order to reflect the content of the discussions and contributions of the Group and, in case of Theme 1, the contributions by the Contributors. The Group instructed the Co-rapporteurs of Theme 1 to work in cooperation on the drafting of the chapter on Theme 1.

9. Bearing in mind the deadline to finalise the report at its forthcoming 6th meeting (September 2019), the Group adopted a provisional planning for its work, as it appears in Appendix IV.

10. The Group noted (i) the necessity of strictly following this planning, (ii) the efficacy of written contributions, (iii) the importance of consulting various Council of Europe bodies relevant to its work, namely the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), the Registry of the Court, and the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the Court, for their opinions and contributions on specific subjects, and (iv) the interest of inviting *ad hoc* experts on specific subjects. The Group held a discussion on which *ad hoc*

experts could be invited in this framework. No decision has been made on this matter at this stage. It was agreed that the experts should make a short presentation of the topic, within the framework of the mandate of the Group, and then contribute to the general discussion during the whole meeting.

11. In particular, the Group welcomed the intention of the CAHDI to appoint a representative from the CAHDI to participate in its work, and instructed the Secretariat to keep the Secretariat of the CAHDI informed of the evolution of the draft report. The Secretariat is also instructed to inform the Registry of the Court.

Item 3: Work on the place of the European Convention of Human Rights in the European and international legal order

12. With the aim of providing some guidance to the Co-rapporteurs and Contributors, the Group held a brainstorming discussion on Theme 1, subtheme ii) on state responsibility and extraterritorial application of the Convention, as well as on subtheme iii) on the interaction between the resolutions of the Security Council and the European Convention on Human Rights.

13. The Group reiterated the aim of the work in its entirety, namely the preservation of the efficiency of the Convention system against risks of fragmentation of the European and international legal space in the field of human rights protection, stemming from diverging interpretations.

14. During the general brainstorming discussion on the working methods, it was agreed that:

- (i) the report should aim to identify discrepancies between the interpretation and the methodology of the Court and other international bodies that may undermine the authority of the Court and to formulate proposals to minimize fragmentation in the international legal order and enhance the authority of the Convention system;
- (ii) the work should be kept updated with any new relevant case-law until the report is finalised by the Group at the end of its mandate;
- (iii) with a view to the forthcoming 3rd meeting of the Group, it would be useful that the Contributors for Theme 1, subtheme i) on the methodology of interpretation by the European Court of Human Rights and its approach to international law, and subtheme iv) on the interaction between international humanitarian law and the European Convention on Human Rights prepare some bullet points in order to facilitate the discussions on subthemes i) and iv);
- (iv) it is important that the Rapporteurs and Contributors prepare lists of questions to ask the Court or its Registry in a spirit of dialogue. Mr John DARCY, the representative from the Registry of the Court, was present during the brainstorming discussions and further highlighted the added value that the participation of the Court or the Registry might bring to the work. The experts agreed that the best moment to present such questions might be decided at a later

stage of the work. Similarly, it is important that the Rapporteurs and Contributors prepare a list of questions in view of its transmission to the CAHDI.

15. Regarding in particular the balance between focusing on Council of Europe and taking into account other relevant international institutions:

- (i) although the importance was expressed of placing sufficient emphasis in the work on the approaches of other pertinent international and regional institutions, within the context and depending on the subject-matter of each Theme and sub-theme, it was argued by a number of experts that a focus on the European Convention on Human Rights and the Court is necessary and inevitable considering the perspective of the report, but agreed that the taking into account of other essential international bodies such as the International Court of Justice be mentioned;
- (ii) Certain experts highlighted that the Court's judgments and those of the ICJ have a binding effect whereas the decisions of United Nations bodies such as general comments of the UN committees are non-binding, even though it is noted that the Court references them in its judgments. Moreover, certain experts highlighted the importance of also taking into account comments made by States on these general comments;
- (iii) it was agreed that the most challenging parts in the report will probably be the subchapters concerning "possible responses", and it was therefore noted that it is premature for the Group to identify any responses at this stage of the work. A number of experts highlighted that the role of the Group is not to instruct the Court how to act, but the Group may indicate some direction in which the methodology of the Court might be developed or specified with the aim to diminish the risk of fragmentation in the international legal order. Several experts agreed that judicial dialogue between international courts is necessary to be continued and developed further.

16. Regarding Theme 1, subtheme ii) on state responsibility and extraterritorial application of the Convention:

- (i) it was agreed that the notion of attribution is one of the most complex topics to discuss in this subtheme. Some experts underlined the importance to adopt a comparative approach on the question of the interpretation of the notion of jurisdiction and state responsibility in the light of the interpretations of the Court and those of other international bodies.
- (ii) Certain experts underlined that the comparative approach adopted in Theme 1 will necessarily have consequences on the other chapters (especially Themes 2 and 3).

17. Regarding Theme 1, subtheme iii) on the interaction between the resolutions of the Security Council and the European Convention on Human Rights:

- (i) the "systemic harmonisation" approach taken by the Court in some cases involving the interpretation of UN Security Council resolutions and, in particular, its

interaction with Article 103 of the UN Charter was noted, but it was felt that this required further study.

- (ii) some experts emphasised the importance of taking into consideration the role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, and the way in which it works in order to reach an appropriate interpretation of its resolutions.

Item 4: **Organisation of future work**

18. With a view to its next meeting (3-5 April 2018):

- (i) the Group envisaged to invite two *ad hoc* experts at its 3rd meeting (3-5 April 2018) to participate in discussions covering respectively (i) state responsibility and extraterritorial application of the Convention, and (ii) the interaction between international humanitarian law and the European Convention on Human Rights. If necessary, a third *ad hoc* expert could be invited. The participants are invited to send suggestions of names of experts to this end to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) by the 20 December 2017.
- (ii) the Group instructed:
 - the Contributors for Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) to send their contributions to the Co-rapporteurs by Thursday 30 November 2017;
 - the Co-rapporteurs to send the draft chapter of Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) by Monday 8 January 2018;
 - the Secretariat to circulate the draft chapter of Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) to the experts for written comments by Wednesday 31 January 2018;
 - the participants to send possible written comments on the draft chapter of Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) to the Secretariat (DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int) by Wednesday 28 February 2018;
 - the Secretariat to translate and compile the written comments and to send them to the Co-rapporteurs for them to prepare a revised draft chapter of Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) by Thursday 15 March 2018;
 - After reception of the revised draft chapter of Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) from the Co-rapporteurs, the Secretariat will circulate the compilation of written comments from the experts and the revised draft chapter of Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii) to the experts by end of March 2018.

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Appendix II**Agenda (as adopted)****Item 1: **Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and nomination of Rapporteurs and Contributors****

- Draft annotated agenda [DH-SYSC-II\(2017\)OJ002](#)
- Projet l'ordre des travaux [DH-SYSC-II\(2017\)OT002](#)
- Report of the 87th CDDH meeting (6-9 June 2017) [CDDH\(2017\)R87](#)
- Report of the 3rd DH-SYSC meeting (10-12 May 2017) [DH-SYSC\(2017\)R3](#)
- Report of the 1st DH-SYSC-II meeting (30-31 March 2017) [DH-SYSC-II\(2017\)R1](#)
- Report of the 86th CDDH meeting (6-8 December 2016) [CDDH\(2016\)R86](#)
- Report of the 2nd DH-SYSC meeting (8-10 November 2016) [DH-SYSC\(2016\)R2](#)
- Report of the 85th CDDH meeting (7-11 December 2015) [CDDH\(2016\)R85](#)
- Report of the 9th DH-GDR meeting (17-20 November 2015) [DH-GDR\(2015\)R9](#)
- CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights [CDDH\(2015\)R84](#)
[Addendum I](#)
- Brussels Declaration [CDDH\(2015\)004](#)
- Brighton Declaration [CDDH\(2012\)007](#)
- Izmir Declaration [CDDH\(2011\)010](#)
- Interlaken Declaration [CDDH\(2010\)001](#)
- Rome Declaration
- Decisions adopted at the 1252nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies on the CDDH Report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (30 March 2016) [DH-SYSC\(2016\)009](#)
- Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) for 2016-2017 [DH-SYSC\(2016\)003](#)
- Resolution of the Committee of Ministers CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods [CDDH\(2011\)012](#)

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- Context of the work of the DH-SYSC-II on the future Report of the CDDH [DH-SYSC-II\(2017\)002](#)
- Draft outline of the future report of the CDDH on the place of the Convention in the European and international legal order [DH-SYSC-II\(2017\)001](#)

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- Context of the work of the DH-SYSC-II on the future Report of the CDDH [DH-SYSC-II\(2017\)002](#)
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- Proceedings of the Seminar organised for the launching of the work of the DH-SYSC-II, co-organized by PluriCourts and the Council of Europe Proceedings of the Seminar
- Program of the Seminar organised for the launching of the work of the DH-SYSC-II, co-organized by PluriCourts and the Council of Europe [Program of the Seminar](#)
- CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights [CDDH\(2015\)R84 Addendum I](#)
- Comment from the Court on the report of the CDDH on the longer-term future of the Convention system [#5281071](#)

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Appendix IV**Provisional planning of the work of the DH-SYSC-II****1st meeting: 30-31 March 2017**

- Brainstorming Seminar on the place of the Convention in the European and international legal order, co-organised by the *PluriCourts* academic network
- Beginning of the work of the Drafting Group

2nd meeting: 20-22 September 2017

- Nomination of Rapporteurs and Contributors
- Discussion on Theme 1, subthemes ii) and iii)

The Contributors for **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)** send their contributions to the Co-rapporteurs: 30 November 2017

The Co-rapporteurs send the draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)** to the Secretariat: 8 January 2018

The Secretariat circulates the draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)** to the experts for written comments: 31 January 2018

Deadline for written comments on the draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)** from the experts to the Secretariat: 28 February 2018

The Secretariat translates and compiles the written comments and sends them to the Co-rapporteurs for them to prepare a revised draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)**: 15 March 2018

After receiving the revised draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)** from the Co-Rapporteurs, the Secretariat circulates the compilation of written comments from the experts and the revised draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes ii) and iii)** to the experts: end of March 2018

3rd meeting: 3-5 April 2018

- Discussion on draft chapter on Theme 1, subthemes ii) and iii)
- Discussion on Theme 1, subthemes i) and iv)

The Contributors for **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)** send their contributions to the Co-rapporteurs: 1 June 2018

The Co-rapporteurs send the draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)** to the Secretariat: 29 June 2018

The Secretariat circulates the draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)** to the experts for written comments: 20 July 2018

Deadline for written comments on the draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)** from the experts to the Secretariat: 17 August 2018

The Secretariat translates and compiles the written comments and sends them to the Co-rapporteurs for them to prepare a revised draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)**: 31 August 2018

After receiving the revised draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)** from the Co-Rapporteurs, the Secretariat circulates the compilation of written comments from the experts and the revised draft chapter of **Theme 1 covering subthemes i) and iv)** to the experts: 14 September 2018

4th meeting: 25-28 September 2018

- Adoption of draft chapter on Theme 1
- Discussion on Theme 2
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The Secretariat compiles the adopted draft chapter of **Theme 1** into an interim report to be presented to the DH-SYSC and the CDDH at the end of the biennium: October 2018

The Rapporteurs send the draft chapters of **Theme 2** and **Theme 3** to the Secretariat: end of November 2018

The Secretariat circulates the draft chapters of **Theme 2** and **Theme 3** to the experts for written comments: mid-December 2018

Deadline for written comments on the draft chapters of **Theme 2** and **Theme 3** from the experts to the Secretariat: mid-January 2019

The Secretariat translates and compiles the written comments from the experts and sends them to the Rapporteurs for them to prepare revised draft chapters of **Theme 2** and **Theme 3**: end of January 2019

After receiving the revised draft chapters of **Theme 2** and **Theme 3** from the Rapporteurs, the Secretariat circulates the compilation of written comments from the experts and the revised draft chapters of **Theme 2** and **Theme 3** to the experts: end of February 2019

5th meeting: March 2019

- Adoption of draft chapters on Theme 2 and Theme 3

The Chair, in coordination with the Rapporteurs and the Secretariat, compiles the chapters into one coherent draft Report with an introduction and a conclusion.

The Secretariat circulates the draft Report to the experts: end of May 2019

Deadline for written comments on the draft Report from the experts to the Secretariat: end of June 2019

The Secretariat translates and compiles the written comments from the experts, and circulates it to the experts together with the revised draft Report: end of July 2019

6th meeting: September 2019

- Discussion on the revised draft Report
- Adoption of the revised draft Report

Transmission of the Report to DH-SYSC: Autumn 2019