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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS

(CDPC)

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

ON THE OPERATION OF EUROPEAN CONVENTIONS

ON CO-OPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

(PC-OC)

EXTRACT of the

**List of decisions taken at the 24th meeting of the restricted Group of experts
on international co-operation (PC-OC Mod) enlarged to all PC-OC members
under the Chairmanship of Mr Erik Verbert (Belgium)
26-28 September 2017**

4. Implementation of the Action Plan on Transnational Organised Crime (TOC)

a. Examination of the outcome of the PC-OC working groups to limit reservations to CoE treaties within the remit of the PC-OC

The PC-OC Mod noted that the work undertaken by the three working groups A, B and C engaged in the identification of reservations and declarations that are possibly outdated and/or create obstacles to efficient co-operation, in particular as regards the fight against TOC, was progressing well, while recognising the complexity of the exercise.

The PC-OC Mod discussed in greater depth the questions raised as regards the working methods. It considered that, with the help of the co-ordinators of each group, the working groups should aim at producing, in respect of each State Party, an agreed list of reservations and/ or declarations identified as potentially outdated and/or creating obstacles for efficient co-operation in the treaty concerned. These lists would be appended to a letter, addressed to the PC-OC expert of each country, inviting the expert concerned to ask the appropriate authority of the Party concerned to reconsider the reservations and declarations made in respect to the treaties in question, in view of their possible update or withdrawal. The letter would explain the background of the review exercise and draw particular attention to the list identified by the working groups. The letters would be signed by the Chair of the PC-OC and, in respect of the country of origin of the Chair, by the vice-Chair.

The PC-OC Mod decided to:

- ask the Secretariat to prepare a draft letter for consideration by the plenary;
- ask the co-ordinators to report on the outcome of the exercise, or the progress made, to the plenary.
