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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TERRORISM (CODEXTER)

DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON TERRORISTS ACTING ALONE

REPORT

2nd Meeting

Rome (Italy), 6-7 March 2017

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

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Under the aegis of the Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER), a Drafting Committee was established to elaborate a draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to the member States on terrorists acting alone. The draft Recommendation shall deal, in particular, with the early detection and prevention of attacks carried out by terrorists acting alone; the prevention of radicalisation leading to terrorism, in particular on the Internet, including on Internet based social media; international cooperation concerning the criminal investigation and prosecution of terrorists acting alone and any other issue which it deems to be of consequence for the prevention or criminal investigation of terrorists acting alone.

The Drafting Committee is composed of 12 CODEXTER members further supported by the expertise of representatives from the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) and the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH). The full list of participants can be found in Appendix I.

The first meeting of the Drafting Committee took place on 3-4 November 2016 in Strasbourg. The Drafting Committee convened for the second time on 6-7 March on the premises of the Italian Ministry of Justice in Rome.

In co-operation with the Chair of the Drafting Committee, Mr Nicola PIACENTE, and in light of the pertinent comments received by its members, the CoE Secretariat elaborated a preliminary draft of the recommendation as basis for discussion by the participants to the second meeting. At the occasion of the meeting, the group examined the draft and discussed the proposed amendments paragraph by paragraph. In particular, the Drafting Committee drafted the Preamble to the Recommendation as well as chapters concerning the "Prevention of radicalisation and violent extremism", "Co-operation with civil society and the private sector", "Best practices on de-radicalisation" and "Co-ordination within States and Co-operation between States". The Drafting Committee also provided relevant inputs on key elements to be included in the Explanatory Memorandum.

The draft recommendation will be submitted to the Plenary of the CODEXTER for finalisation by that Steering Committee before submitting it for formal adoption to the Committee of Ministers. The Recommendation is expected to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for finalization and formal adoption in late 2017/early 2018. The main focus of the new Recommendation is expected to be on preventative measures and deradicalisation/disengagement.

Two more meetings are foreseen, the next on 27-28 June of this year. The third meeting will be focusing on the "Best practices on detection and interception". Meanwhile, the Drafting Committee has asked for comments and drafting suggestions by the CDMSI for 31 May 2017.

Appendix I

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