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Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (hereinafter referred to as “CAHENF” or “the Committee” held its third meeting in Strasbourg, from 22 to 24 November 2017. The meeting was chaired by Ms Ina Verzivoli (Albania). The agenda and order of business (as adopted) and the list of participants appear in Appendices I and II.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting by the Director General of Democracy

2. The meeting was opened by Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy.

3. Ms Samardžić-Marković highlighted the most recent developments in the Council of Europe (CoE), the achievements of the CAHENF to date, as well as the importance of finalising the draft Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil children’s rights in the digital environment and the standards under preparation on guardianship and age assessment. She stressed the challenges ahead, including with respect to the budgetary situation of the Council of Europe. Furthermore, she underlined the central and active role of the CAHENF in overseeing the implementation of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) (hereinafter referred to as “the Strategy”), which was greatly appreciated by the Committee of Ministers. The Director General referred to the CAHENF’s work plan for 2018-2019, which included the mid-term evaluation of the Strategy and a high-level conference to be held in 2019. She invited the Committee to devote further efforts to address child budgeting, child impact assessments, and to pay specific attention to the situation of children with mental health issues, mental health disabilities and learning difficulties. Ms Samardžić-Marković concluded that the CAHENF had, to date, not only met but exceeded expectations regarding its role of respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of the child.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and order of business

4. The Committee **adopted** the agenda and order of business as it appears in Appendix I.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the report of the 2nd meeting (29-31 March 2017)

5. The Committee **adopted** the report of the second meeting.

Agenda item 4: Information by the Chair and Secretariat

6. The Committee was informed about the recent changes that had taken place within the Children’s Rights Division, including the appointment of a new staff member and a seconded official from Greece.

7. The Committee **took note of the update** by Ms Regína Jensdóttir, Children’s Rights Coordinator, with respect to the presentation of the First Implementation Report and Action plan of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child to the Committee of Ministers’ Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC), which has now been published¹. Ms Jensdóttir highlighted the importance of actions carried out under the Strategy which anchor the Council of Europe’s efforts on a global level, in particular with regard to the UN 2030 Agenda.

8. The CAHENF **entrusted the Secretariat** with the task of regularly updating the Action Plan, recording the activities carried out by the various divisions and departments.

9. The Committee was informed that the terms of reference of the CAHENF for the new biennium would be made available to the Committee members upon publication by the Committee of Ministers. Those included references to the work on guidelines on age assessment and guardianship, and a review of the implementation of the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on life projects for unaccompanied migrant minors (CM/Rec(2007)9). A high-level conference

¹ See [1st report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2016-2021\)](#), dated October 2017.

was planned in 2019 to take stock of progress but also challenges in the implementation of the Strategy.

Agenda item 5: Priority area 5: Children’s rights in the digital environment

5.1 CAHENF

10. The Committee **heard an update** by the Secretariat on the progress made by the Drafting Group of Specialists on Children and the Digital Environment (CAHENF-IT) for the finalisation of the current draft Recommendation CM/REC(2018)x of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil children’s rights in the digital environment. It took note of the report of the third and final meeting of the CAHENF-IT. The group had examined and revised the text to take into consideration the comments received, as a result of the consultation process, from member and observer States, parliamentarians (through the Sub-Committee on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE)), other committees of the Council of Europe, international organisations, international non-governmental organisations, academia, the private sector, and in particular children.

11. The CAHENF examined and approved the draft recommendation on Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment, after discussing at length a number of issues and clarifications raised by member states during the final consultation phase.

12. Important issues discussed and decided upon included:

- agreeing on the **final title** of the instrument which would be presented to the Committee of Ministers, namely as “Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment”;
- agreeing that it would be appropriate to recommend to the Committee of Ministers to examine the implementation of the recommendation no later than five years, and if appropriate at further regular intervals;
- the majority of delegations **agreed** that the text referring to the right to non-discrimination should mirror the grounds set out in the Strategy, as adopted by the Committee of Ministers, although also including the proposal stemming from the consultations with children with respect to “age”;
- agreeing on the need for the text to reflect that states should require business enterprises to meet their responsibility to respect the rights of the child in the digital environment;
- **taking note** of the **Russian Federation’s dissenting opinion** with respect to references in the text to sexual orientation and gender identity in the paragraph related to the non-discrimination principle as well as in the paragraph referring to high quality online content and services;
- including several substantive modifications on the **section related to privacy and data protection**, as proposed by members and the T-PD members, to ensure that the text addresses situations where parental consent is required, that the guidelines are in line with the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data as well as the Modernised Convention, and that where possible, they provide further guidance.
- retaining the **provision prohibiting profiling of children**, modelled on the definition set out in Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)13 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data in the context of profiling.
- reflecting in the text the need for measures to **bridge the gender digital divide** by a specific provision to enhance the use of information and communication technologies by girls and promote the quality of opportunities and outcomes for all children.

- ensuring that the text as drafted remains up to date in the context of future developments of **new technologies**;
- ensuring that there is consistency between the current CoE standard-setting process covering internet intermediaries and the current Guidelines, while taking into account the need to reflect business enterprises' role and obligations to ensure that their networks and services are not misused for criminal and other unlawful purposes and that they take appropriate action in this respect, as well as to reflect on the role of States in engaging with business enterprises with respect to illegal content;
- introducing changes to certain provisions to enable the text's applicability in all member States, including those with a federal system;
- agreeing that a **resource tool** to assist relevant stakeholders, especially policy-makers, in the implementation of the Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment would be useful. This document should also include a clarification that any references to international treaties should not be considered as a commitment of member states which supported this recommendation to implement the mentioned treaties unless they are Signatories or Parties to such treaties, in accordance with international law.

13. The Committee **warmly thanked Professor Sonia Livingstone, Professor Eva Lievens and Mr John Carr** in their capacity as independent experts of the Committee for their substantive contribution and expertise which has greatly facilitated the work of the Committee during the preparation of the text. It also **commended** the excellent work carried out by the members of the CAHENF-IT, with the support of the consultants and secretariat and **its Chair** for the efficient manner in which she had fulfilled her role, both as Chair of the Committee and of the CAHENF-IT, enabling the Committee to complete its task under the Terms of Reference.

14. The CAHENF **instructed the Secretariat** to verify the terminology applied for consistency purposes, to undertake a thorough check of the French translation against the English text, and implement the changes agreed to the text, following which the text should be communicated to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

15. The CAHENF **welcomed a proposal by Armenia** to organise a follow-up event in 2018, following the adoption of the text by the Committee of Ministers.

5.2 Other relevant initiatives

Update by the Secretariat on other CoE relevant activities

16. The Committee **took note** of the ongoing 2nd monitoring round of the Lanzarote Committee concerning the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs), which would also include a child participation pilot project. A call was made to the Committee members of nine member States which had not yet submitted their replies to the questionnaire to do so. It was noted that civil society organisations had the opportunity to comment on these replies until 18 January 2018.

Tools

17. The Committee **took note** of newly issued tools and projects implemented by the Children's Rights Division related to children's rights in the digital environment, among which:

- thematic tutorials² developed for the 2017 edition of the European Day on "The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)" (18 November 2017) and numerous activities organised in 16 countries;

² See Thematic tutorials section at <https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/2017-edition>

- a section on child sexual abuse online available on the Council of Europe Human Rights Channel website³;
- the revised edition of the Internet Literacy Handbook, which is expected to be launched during a flash session of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF, Geneva, December 2017).
- the participatory project “*Rights of children with disabilities and the digital environment*”, co-ordinated by Laura Lundy (Queens University, Belfast), which is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

18. The CAHENF **invited its members** to raise awareness of these tools and disseminate them in their respective countries, including by making them available in their national languages.

Agenda item 6: CAHENF priorities in 2018-2019 and work plan

19. The CAHENF **agreed upon** the process for the **Mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the Strategy**, as proposed in the concept note presented by the Secretariat. It noted that this evaluation would consist of an assessment process, evaluating the implementation of the Strategy by the Council of Europe and by the Member States while making use as far as possible of the actual reporting process, and a high-level conference to be organised in early summer 2019. It took note that child participation would also be a part of the review, while the details regarding the format of the assessment remained to be discussed.

20. The CAHENF **adopted its Workplan for the next biennium**, based on the new Terms of Reference 2018-2019, including with respect to the possibility of holding thematic exchanges as proposed. Priority areas of focus included:

- the preparation of a resource tool to assist relevant stakeholders, especially policy-makers, in the implementation of the Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment;
- the finalisation of the work on standards on guardianship and age assessment, with the support of the Drafting Group of Experts on Children’s Rights and Safeguards in the context of migration (CAHENF-Safeguards) and undertaking a review of the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on life projects for unaccompanied migrant minors (CM/Rec(2007)9);
- work to develop proposals for actions by the CAHENF to promote and operationalize the implementation of the CoE standards on violence against children, in particular the Council of Europe Policy Guidelines on Integrated National Strategies for the Protection of Children from Violence, which would be carried out with the support of a new Group of experts on Responses to Violence against children (CAHENF-VAC). Work in this area would be undertaken in close co-operation and co-ordination with other relevant monitoring bodies having issued specific findings, namely the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), and the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee);
- organising thematic debates: on the topic of child budgeting and child impact assessment (at its 4th meeting) and on the protection of children with mental health problems (at its 5th meeting). This was particularly welcomed by CAHENF members, and Austria, Belgium and Eurochild offered to share their expertise on these issues.

21. The CAHENF **instructed** the Secretariat to reach out to member states for **nominations of experts** to fill the three vacant seats of the Drafting Group of Experts on Children’s Rights and Safeguards in the Context of Migration (CAHENF-Safeguards)⁴ and to issue a call for expression of

³ See <https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-channel/end-online-child-sex-abuse>

⁴ See <https://rm.coe.int/cahenf-safeguards-description-en/1680725334>

interest for the nomination of experts to the newly formed Group of Experts on Responses to Violence against Children (CAHENF-VAC)⁵.

22. The CAHENF also **instructed the Bureau** to take any necessary decisions between meetings to carry out the implementation of the work plan.

Agenda item 7: Exchange with member states on recent developments and challenges with respect to children's rights at national level

23. The CAHENF **noted with interest** the information provided orally by Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland and Ukraine on recent developments and challenges with respect to the implementation of children's rights.

24. The CAHENF **invited member states** that had not yet done so to send their completed form to the Secretariat so that the Tour de Table information document would be up-to-date.

Agenda item 8: Priority area 1: Children's rights and safeguards in the context of migration

8.1 CAHENF

25. The CAHENF took note of the **update** by the Secretariat on the progress made by the CAHENF-Safeguards with respect to the elaboration of the draft guidelines on guardianship since their last meeting. The Committee **invited member states** which had not yet done so to send comments on the second revised version of the text by 15 December 2017, so that a revised text could be prepared for the upcoming meeting of the working group on 1-2 February 2018. The CAHENF **noted** the work with respect to the preparation of an explanatory memorandum complementing the Guidelines, which would also include references to relevant international standards, case law and illustrative practices in member States.

26. The CAHENF **held an exchange** of views on the draft Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on guardianship for children in migration who are deprived of parental care. Members stressed the difficulty of agreeing on operational definitions of the terms "guardian" and "guardianship authority", which take into account the existing different systems and delegations

27. The CAHENF **took note** of the publication of the final report on "*Age assessment policies, procedures and practices respectful of children's rights*"⁶ and **invited experts to disseminate it**, as appropriate, to relevant practitioners and professionals. This report is a useful instrument for the elaboration of the standards on age assessment, as it illustrates well the diversity of existing practices in member States.

28. The CAHENF **held an exchange of views** on the proposed preliminary outline on the scope and nature of the Council of Europe proposed standards on age assessment and **extended the deadline for further comments** to 15 December 2017. The preliminary outline sketches the main elements of a possible future instrument, such as principles, legal and technical frameworks, procedural safeguards and remedies. A first draft text would be elaborated in advance of the next CAHENF-Safeguards meeting in February 2018, taking into account the need to respect the human rights of the persons subject to such assessments as well as the need to address the concerns and limitations of age assessments methods and processes. It was indicated that several cases were currently pending before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) concerning the lack of procedural guarantees regarding age assessment. These cases would be taken into account in the work of the Committee. Furthermore, Defence for Children International noted that the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) had also received a number of individual complaints in this respect, which should be taken into account by the CAHENF.

⁵ See <https://rm.coe.int/group-of-experts-on-responses-to-violence-against-children-cahenf-vac-/168076c8f8>

⁶ See <https://rm.coe.int/age-assessment-council-of-europe-member-states-policies-procedures-and/168074b723>

29. The CAHENF **endorsed** the modalities and processes as set out in the updated roadmap for the work of the CAHENF-Safeguards.

8.2 Other relevant initiatives

CoE Action plan on protecting migrant and refugee children

30. The Committee **welcomed** the information provided by Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, on his recent activities, such as the fact-finding missions to Serbia, Hungary (June 2017) and Bulgaria (November 2017), as well as on other Council of Europe actions to protect migrant and refugee children. Mr Boček emphasised the importance of embedding the work of the Council of Europe within the UN Global Compact on Refugees and Global Compact for Migration and expressed his appreciation of the co-operation with the CAHENF in the context of the Action Plan as well as other areas. The CAHENF **expressed** its interest in continuing this dialogue at regular intervals.

31. The CAHENF **heard an update** by the Secretariat of the Project on Child Friendly Migration Related Information and Life Projects for unaccompanied children (2017-2019), implemented in the framework of the priority actions of the Action Plan on protecting migrant and refugee children. A call for collection of examples of child-friendly information⁷ in the context of migration **by 20 December 2017** was issued by the Children's Rights Division. A handbook on child-friendly information, including examples of good practices, would be developed in 2018.

32. The Committee **took note** of the call to States for expressions of interest to pilot and contribute to the implementation of the Project on Child-Friendly Migration Related Information and Life Projects for Unaccompanied Children (2017-2019).

Standard-setting and policy work

33. The Committee **took note** of the participation of its representatives and of the Children's Rights Division in standard-setting work in the Organisation.

34. Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou (Greece) informed the Committee about her participation in the work of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM), set up under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), which was preparing a Codifying Instrument of European Rules on the Administrative Detention of Migrants. She indicated that the text included specific provisions on children and invited delegates to consider the working documents available as well as the independent expert opinion on the current draft text, which would be presented at the next meeting of the CJ-DAM. The members were encouraged to liaise with their respective CJ-DAM and CDCJ representatives. Defence for Children International (DCI) emphasised the challenging discussions held within the CJ-DAM and the need for a new stage of consultations with NGOs. The representative of the UNHCR referred to the existence of conflicting standards, and the need to give prominence to the highest protection standards.

35. The representative of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates informed the Committee members of the recent meeting held in The Hague addressing the issue of minors deprived of liberty.

Parliamentarian dimension

36. The CAHENF **took note** of the campaign activities of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to end immigration detention of children, and of the activities implemented jointly with the Children's Rights Division with regards to migrant children. Ms Olga Kostenko, Secretary of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the PACE, informed the Committee about the "Study of immigration detention practices and the use of alternatives to immigration detention of children" and the "Guide for parliamentarians on visiting places where

⁷See <https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/-/council-of-europe-call-for-contributions-child-friendly-information?inheritRedirect=true&redirect=%2Fen%2Fweb%2Fchildren>

children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures”, both published in October 2017. The guide was being used during trainings for ombudspersons and parliamentarians. She also indicated that on 24 November 2017, the PACE adopted [Recommendation 2117 \(2017\)](#) and Resolution 2195 (2017) on Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children.

Agenda item 9: Election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau

37. The Committee held elections for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members. The CAHENF **elected** Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou (Greece) as Chair, Ms Satu Sistonen (Finland) as Vice-Chair and Mr Eduard Israyelyan (Armenia), Ms Christel de Craim (Belgium) and Ms Leda Koursoumba (Cyprus) as Bureau members.

38. The CAHENF **warmly thanked** the Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members for their work during 2016-2017.

Agenda item 10: Information on other relevant activities and reports of the Council of Europe and possible follow-up, as necessary

39. The CAHENF **took note with interest** of the activities carried out by the PACE Sub-Committee on Children (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development). Mr Jean-Pierre Grin, member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and of the Sub-Committee on Children, emphasised how important the guidelines developed by the CAHENF were for the members of the PACE, who are going to promote them in their respective parliaments and governments. He also referred to a seminar on mental health and child-friendly justice, organised by the UK Parliament in co-operation with the PACE (London, 6-7 November 2017) in London, whose final report would be published in January 2018.

40. The CAHENF **took note** of the latest developments as regards the implementation of the Council of Europe Child Participation Assessment Tool (CPAT) and of the call for expressions of interest to participate in future related activities. The Secretariat provided an up-date on the latest developments concerning child participation and informed the members that a conference was tentatively planned for 2018, in order to assess the results achieved so far and the effectiveness of the CPAT.

Agenda item 11: Communication on other relevant activities of international organisations and NGOs

41. The CAHENF **welcomed with interest** the information provided by other international organisations and NGOs on ongoing relevant initiatives and co-operation.

42. The representative of the **European Social Cohesion Platform** informed the Committee about a report of the study “*Make social cohesion work: Challenges and Practices*”, which would be available in December 2017. Future co-operation with the CAHENF would focus on best practices and innovative approaches on the rights and well-being of children.

43. The representative of **SOS Children’s Villages** informed the Committee about the launch of the Tracking Progress Tool, which measured the progress in the implementation of the UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children. A training guide for professionals concerning the transitioning of children from alternative care had also been developed, which also mainstreamed specific issues with respect to migrant children. The support of the CAHENF would be very welcome in this context. SOS Children’s Villages also emphasised the importance of training for professionals who work with children and the necessity of further guidance to member States to ensure that such training was in place.

44. The representative of **Eurochild** presented the preliminary output of the *Childonomics project*, which aims to measure the long-term social and economic value of investing in children. Eurochild had also set up its first Children’s Council in 2017 that consisted of 12 children from different European countries. They would contribute to Eurochild’s advocacy work and strategic planning. At the same time National Eurochild Forums were being piloted in three countries in Europe, to ensure that children from different backgrounds, including disadvantaged children, would be able to participate in discussions on European subjects.

45. The representative of **Defence of Children International (DCI)** reminded the CAHENF of the UN global study on children deprived of liberty. The Committee members were encouraged to ensure that their governments make the necessary effort with regard to the questionnaire that would be sent to all UN member States in this context. DCI also invited the Committee members to consider having the Practical Guide on monitoring places where children are deprived of liberty translated into their national languages. Furthermore, the CAHENF was informed of the “My Lawyer, My Rights” project, in the context of which two manuals have been developed concerning the situation/role? of lawyers for children.

46. The representative of the **International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates** referred to the forthcoming World Congress on Justice for Children: Strengthening Justice Systems for Children: Challenges, including disengagement from violent extremism that would take place at the UNESCO headquarters (Paris, May 2018). This congress would include a workshop on deprivation of liberty of minors.

Agenda item 12: Information on relevant work of other sectors and future participation

47. The CAHENF **took note** of the calendar of events for 2018 and necessary contributions by CAHENF representatives in this context. It was confirmed which CAHENF members would represent the Committee at these events and report back on outcomes achieved and issues of relevance for the work of the CAHENF.

48. The CAHENF **took note** of the CAHENF representatives’ oral reports following their participation, including the need to ensure a continued contribution and follow-up in several areas.

49. The CAHENF was informed about Ms Ina Verzivoli’s participation in the conference of the 10th anniversary of the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (Oviedo Convention) in October 2017, which included a separate panel on the rights of children and the impact of technology on them. Developments in biomedicine posed numerous challenges to the rights of the child that needed further discussion. Ms Verzivoli recommended dedicating at least one session in a future CAHENF meeting to this theme.

50. A HELP online course on child-friendly justice and children’s rights was launched in November 2017⁸ and should be promoted as training for professionals. CAHENF members were encouraged to disseminate and implement this tool at the national level. The Committee was informed about a new HELP online course on family law and the child’s best interest that would be available from January 2018.

51. Further updates included information on the adoption by the Committee of Ministers in September 2017 of a Declaration on female genital mutilation and forced marriage, and a Guide on good practices, as a result of the work of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) as well as the ongoing work for the elaboration of a draft recommendation concerning children of imprisoned parents by the Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP).

Agenda item 13: Date and place of the CAHENF meetings in 2018

52. The CAHENF decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- **4th meeting:** 21 to 23 March 2018
- **5th meeting:** 16 to 18 October 2018.

Agenda item 14: Other business

53. The CAHENF **took note with appreciation** of the recent voluntary contributions received from Andorra, Luxembourg and Slovenia to the Programme “Building a Europe for and with children” and the support provided by Greece and Hungary by seconding two officials to the Children’s Rights Division Secretariat.

⁸The course is available on the [HELP e-learning platform](#), upon the creation of an account. The course brief can be downloaded [here](#).

54. It also **noted the interest expressed** by the current two Gender Equality Rapporteurs to continue their function.

Agenda item 15: Adoption of decisions

55. The CAHENF adopted the [list of decisions](#).

Agenda item 16: Closing of the meeting

56. Ms Regína Jensdóttir thanked Ms Ina Verzivoli, outgoing Chair of the CAHENF, for her commitment, knowledge and competence in children's rights and expressed her wish for future co-operation. She further thanked the members of the Secretariat and the interpreters for their work.

Appendix I – Final Agenda (CAHENF(2017)OJ2rev2)

Wednesday, 22 November 2017 (9.00-18.30)	
<p>1. Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy 	
<p>2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Agenda and Order of Business - Draft Annotated Agenda and Order of Business 	<p>CAHENF(2017)OJ2 CAHENF(2017)OJA2</p>
<p>3. Adoption of the report of the 2nd meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft report of the 2nd meeting – <i>for approval</i> 	<p>CAHENF(2017)PV1</p>
<p>4. Information by the Chair and Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Implementation Report and Action plan of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child - Terms of reference of the CAHENF (2018-2019) - Information on election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau 	<p>CM(2017)114final Action Plan CM Restricted ⁹ CAHENF(2017)09</p>
5. Priority area 5 : Children’s rights in the digital environment	
<p>5.1. CAHENF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the work carried out by the CAHENF – IT - Draft Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation on Guidelines for member States to respect, protect and fulfil children’s rights in the digital environment – <i>for approval</i> ➤ Report “It’s our world: Children’s views on how to protect their rights in the digital environment” ➤ Outcome of final consultations on the draft Recommendation: Secretariat paper on outstanding issues 	<p>CAHENF-IT(2017)PV3 CAHENF-IT(2017)9rev1 CAHENF(2017)10</p>
Thursday, 23 November 2017 (9.00-18.00)	
5. Priority area 5: Children’s rights in the digital environment (continued)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation on Guidelines for member States to respect, protect and fulfil children’s rights in the digital environment – <i>for approval</i> <p>5.2. Other relevant initiatives</p> <p><i>Update by the Secretariat on other CoE relevant activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lanzarote Committee’s 2nd monitoring round: The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs) - Co-operation between the Council of Europe and Internet 	<p>TC-INF(2017)3-final</p>

⁹ The terms of reference of intergovernmental committees of the Council of Europe are discussed and adopted by the Committee of Ministers. The documents are restricted until examined by the Committee of Ministers and are declassified after the CM has examined the item in question. The terms of reference of the CAHENF are expected to be examined in November 2017 and will be circulated to the CAHENF upon adoption.

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<p><i>Tools</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 November European Day on “The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)” – Thematic tutorials - Internet literacy handbook revised edition (Internet Governance Forum, December 2017) - Project “Rights of children with disabilities and the digital environment” 	<p>2017 Edition</p> <p>CAHENF(2017)INF1</p>
<p>6. CAHENF priorities in 2018-2019 and work plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering the strategy: Process for the mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategy – <i>for approval</i> - Proposed work plan for 2018-2019 – <i>for approval</i> 	<p>CAHENF(2017)11</p> <p>CAHENF(2017)12</p>
<p>7. Exchange with member states on recent developments and challenges with respect to children’s rights at national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compilation of replies 	<p>CAHENF(2017)08</p>
<p>8. Priority area 1: Children’s rights and safeguards in the context of migration</p>	
<p>8.1. CAHENF</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the work carried out by the CAHENF – Safeguards - Exchange of views on the draft Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation on guardianship for children in migration who are deprived of parental care 	<p>CAHENF-Safeguards(2017)PV2</p> <p>CAHENF-Safeguards(2017)7rev</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report “Age Assessment: Council of Europe member States’ policies, procedures and practices respectful of children’s rights” - Proposed preliminary outline on the scope and nature of the Council of Europe proposed standards in the area of age assessment on age 	<p>CAHENF-Safeguards(2017)10rev1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated roadmap for the finalisation of proposals for standards on age assessment and guardianship – <i>for approval</i> 	<p>CAHENF-Safeguards(2017)3rev3</p>

18:30 Concert by the *Virtuosos* followed by a reception-buffet hosted by the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the Council of Europe (Committee of Ministers Lobby, Palais de l’Europe)

Friday, 24 November 2017 (9.00-13.00)

<p>9. Election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau</p>	<p>CAHENF(2017)09</p>
<p>8 Priority area: Children’s rights and safeguards in the context of migration (continued if necessary)</p>	
<p>8.2. Other relevant initiatives</p> <p><i>CoE Action plan on protecting migrant and refugee children</i></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update by the Office of the Special Representative on Migration and Refugees - Update by the Children's Rights Division: Project on Child Friendly Migration Related Information and Life Projects for unaccompanied children (2017-2019) 	
<p><i>Standard-setting and policy work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in the work of the CJ-DAM and preparation of the 1st draft Codifying instrument of European rules on the administrative detention of migrants - Elaboration of Policy Guidelines for Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood by the Joint Council on Youth - Participation in the work of the CDDH 	Expert opinion
<p><i>Monitoring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the work undertaken by the Lanzarote Committee: visit to Hungary and follow up to the special report on protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse - Update on the work undertaken by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) <p><i>Parliamentarian dimension</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End immigration detention of children campaign - Guide for Parliamentarians on "Visiting places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of immigration procedures" 	<p>T - ES(2016)17</p> <p>Factsheet on immigration detention</p>
10. Information on other relevant activities and reports of the Council of Europe and possible follow up, as necessary	
<p><i>Parliamentary Assembly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities of the Sub-Committee on Children, Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development - "The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities : <p>Recommendation 2101 (2017) Resolution 2163(2017) Opinion prepared by the CAHENF on Recommendation 2101 (2017) Reply to Recommendation 2101(2017) by the Committee of Ministers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people 	<p>Recommendation 2101 (2017) Resolution 2163 (2017) CAHENF(2017)06</p> <p>CM/AS(2017)Rec2101-final</p> <p>Recommendation 2116(2017) Resolution 2191(2017)</p>
<p><i>Information on on-going child rights related co-operation projects</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HELP Training Module on child friendly justice - Update on the implementation of the Council of Europe Child Participation Assessment Tool (Bulgaria, Italy and Latvia) - Preventing and combating violence against children: Ukraine, 	

Georgia	
- Presentation of the Campaign "Heart for sport" (provisional title) by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)	
11. Communication on other relevant activities of international organisations and NGOs	
12. Information on relevant work of other sectors and future participation	CAHENF(2017)5rev1
- Calendar of events	CAHENF(2017)7
- Participation of CAHENF representatives in other events	
13. Date and place of the meetings of the CAHENF in 2018	
14. Other business	
15. Adoption of decisions	CAHENF(2017)LD2
16. Close of the meeting at 13.00	

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