

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(CDDH)**

89th meeting

Tuesday 19 June (9:30) – Friday 22 June (end at 13:00) 2018,
including the *Exhibition and Workshop on the promotion of human rights
of older persons* (Thursday 21 June (12:00) 2018, Agora Building, room G03)

**ANNOTATIONS
ON THE DRAFT AGENDA**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*(subject to modifications that the Bureau
may make at its 99th meeting
(Andorra la Vella (Principality of Andorra), 17-18 May 2018)*

The draft agenda and the meeting documents are available on the website
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PREPARATION OF THE 89th CDDH PLENARY MEETING

1. The Bureau will hold a meeting on Tuesday 19 June 2018 from 9:00 to 9:30 in the Agora building, 6th floor, room C6 50 C.
2. The 89th plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) will take place from Tuesday 19 June (beginning at 9:30) to Friday 22 June (end at 13:00) in the Agora Building, room G03.
3. The draft agenda is contained in document CDDH(2018)OJ1.
4. The order of business is set out in Appendix I below.

SUMMARY

At its 89th meeting (19-22 June 2018) the CDDH will be called upon to carry out the following work on the various items on its agenda:

Item 2 - Recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly

Examine the following Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations and, if need be, adopt comments for the Ministers' Deputies :

2121(2018) - "The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer" ¹

2122(2018) - "Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and the rights of their staff"

2123(2018) - "Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty"²

2125(2018) - "State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights"

2126 (2018) - "Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe"

2129 (2018) - "Copenhagen Declaration, appreciation and follow-up"

2130 (2018) - "Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations"

Item 3 - Implementation of the Terms of Reference of the CDDH for 2018-2019

Exchange views on priorities in the light of the new budgetary context and available human resources

Item 4 - System of the European Convention on Human Rights

In light of the decisions of the 128th session of the Committee of Ministers (Elsinore, Denmark, 18 May 2018), exchange views on the follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration adopted at the Conference "*Continued Reform of the European Human Rights Convention System - Better Balance, Improved Protection*", organised by the Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (Copenhagen, 11-13 April 2018)

Examine the ongoing work on the place of the European Convention on Human Rights in the European and International legal order (Drafting Group DH-SYSC-II)

Examine the work to be carried out for the updating of Recommendation Rec(2004)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the European Convention on Human Rights in university education and professional training (Drafting Group DH-SYSC-III)

¹ In this context, hold an exchange of views with representatives of the *Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)*.

² In this context, hold an exchange of views with representatives of *Amnesty International*.

Examine the work to be carried out on the Guide to Good Practice accompanying Recommendation Rec(2010)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings

Exchange views on the preparation of the next meeting of its Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC, 18-19 October 2018)

Item 5 - Development and promotion of human rights

Drafting Group on social rights (CDDH-SOC)

Examine, with a view to its adoption, the draft Analysis of the legal framework of the Council of Europe for the protection of social rights in Europe

Examine the conclusions drawn from member States' replies to the questionnaire related to the good practices on the implementation of social rights at national level

In the light of the above, exchange preliminary views on the future "second report" of the CDDH which will present proposals to improve the implementation of social rights and to facilitate relations between the instruments of the Council of Europe and other instruments for the protection of social rights

Drafting Group on the freedom of expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP)

Examine the state of preparation of the draft Guide to good practices on reconciling freedom of expression with other rights and freedoms, in particular in culturally diverse societies

Exchange views on further work in this area

Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG)

Exchange views on the preliminary draft structure of the Handbook on effective alternatives to detention of migrants

Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST)

Examine, with a view to its adoption, the draft Declaration to accompany the Guide of good practices of implementation of existing national legislation regarding the protection and promotion of the civil-society space

Item 6 - Follow-up of activities carried out by the CDDH

Exchange views and provide guidance on the ongoing follow-up work on (i) human rights and business; (ii) female genital mutilation and forced marriage; (iii) victims of terrorist acts; (iv) access to official documents; (iv) discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity

Item 7 – Bioethics

Examine the ongoing work within the Bioethics Committee (DH-BIO), at its 13th meeting (22-25 May 2018) and, in particular, take note of the draft Additional Protocol on the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorder with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment accompanied by its draft explanatory report

Item 8 – Focal points

Receive information on the work carried out by its focal points with other bodies since the 88th meeting (5-7 December 2017)

Item 9 - Invitees

Note that an exchange of views is planned with, respectively, representatives of the *Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)* on PACE Recommendation 2121(2018) – “The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer” and with representatives of *Amnesty International* on PACE Recommendation 2123(2018) - “Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty”

Item 10 – Conventions

Exchange views on the conventions for which the CDDH is responsible, particularly in light of information provided by the DH-SYSC

Item 11 - Publications

Exchange views on the current state of publications of the CDDH's work

Item 12 – Calendar

Examine the calendar 2018-2019 in light of its discussions on item 3 above

Exhibition and Workshop on the promotion of human rights of older persons

See below

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. In May, the Bureau will examine the request of the Conference of European Churches (CEC) to participate in the work of the CDDH in June on items 2 (*Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations*), 5 (*Development and promotion of the human rights*) and 6 (*Bioethics*) of the draft agenda.

ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

4. Further to the decisions of the Ministers' Deputies adopted at their 1306th meeting (7 February 2018), the texts of the following Recommendations adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly at its plenary winter session (22-26 January 2018) were transmitted to the CDDH for information and possible comments:

- 2121 (2018) - "The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer";

- 2122 (2018) - "Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and the rights of their staff";
- 2123 (2018) - "Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty".

5. Furthermore, at their 1316th meeting (9 May 2018), the Ministers' Deputies decided to transmit to the CDDH, for information and possible comments by 29 June 2018, the texts of the following Recommendations adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly at its plenary spring session (23-27 April 2018):

- 2125 (2018) - " State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights ";
- 2126 (2018) - "Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe";
- 2129 (2018) - "Copenhagen Declaration, appreciation and follow-up";
- 2130 (2018) - "Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations".

6. Document CDDH (2018)04 contains the texts of these Recommendations as well as draft possible comments prepared by the Secretariat for a first examination by the Bureau in May and subsequently by the CDDH in June.³

ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CDDH FOR 2018-2019

7. The CDDH will be informed by the Secretariat of the current budgetary situation and the available human resources. Taking into account any suggestions that the Bureau may make at its May meeting, as well as information from the Secretariat, the CDDH will be invited to exchange views in June on the activities planned for the present biennium in order to make adjustments, as appropriate.

ITEM 4: SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

8. In the light of the Bureau's suggestions, the CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the preparation of the next meeting of its Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC, 18-19 October 2018). The main points on the agenda of the DH-SYSC are detailed below.⁴

4.1 Follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration (13 April 2018)

³ It is recalled that, in light of possible comments by the CDDH, the Rapporteur Group of the Ministers' Deputies on Human Rights (GR-H) will prepare, for adoption by the Deputies, the draft replies to the Parliamentary Assembly.

⁴ In addition, the DH-SYSC will be called upon to organize relevant work on the Guide to Good Practice that accompanies Recommendation Rec (2010) 3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings.

9. The delegation of Denmark to the CDDH will be invited to present the results of the Conference "Continuing the reform of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights - Better balance and improved protection" organised by the Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (Copenhagen, 11-13 April 2018). The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the Copenhagen Declaration adopted on that occasion and on the follow-up to be given, bearing in mind the decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers at its 128th Session (Elsinore, Denmark, 18 May 2018).

4.2 The place of the Convention in the European and international legal order (DH-SYSC-II)

10. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on the place of the European Convention on Human Rights in the European and international legal order (DH-SYSC-II), Florence MERLOZ (France), will report on the work of the 3rd meeting of the Group (3-5 April 2018). The CDDH will be invited to exchange views and provide possible guidance. It is recalled that, at this meeting, the Group discussed in particular issues concerning (i) State responsibility and extraterritorial application of the ECHR, (ii) interaction between the resolutions of the Security Council and the ECHR, (iii) methodology of interpretation by the ECtHR and its approach to international law; and (iv) interaction between international humanitarian law and the ECHR.⁵ The CDDH will be invited to give possible guidance for the continuation of the work, keeping in mind that the report on the place of the Convention in the European and international legal order will have to be adopted by the CDDH at the end of this biennium (92nd meeting, November 2019).

4.3 The ECHR in university education and professional training (DH-SYSC III)

11. The CDDH is invited to exchange views on the state of preparation of work with a view to updating Recommendation CM/Rec(2004)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the European Convention on Human Rights in university education and professional training. It is recalled that the Drafting Group DH-SYSC III, chaired by Ms Vasileia PELEKOU (Greece), is called at this stage to organise its work in the form of videoconferences.

ITEM 5: DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

12. The CDDH is called upon to examine the work in progress in its various bodies concerning the development and promotion of human rights.

5.1 Social rights (CDDH-SOC)

13. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Social Rights (CDDH-SOC), Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic), will report on the work of the 2nd meeting of the Group (2-4 May 2018).⁶ The CDDH will be invited to: (i) consider and adopt the draft Analysis of the legal framework of the Council of Europe for the protection of social rights in Europe; (ii) exchange views and providing possible guidance for the preparation of the future report which will contain proposals to improve the implementation of social rights (this report will be drawn up

⁵ Two ad-hoc experts, Mr Rick LAWSON (Professor at the University of Leiden) and Mr Sébastien TOUZÉ (Professor at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas) made presentations on, respectively: (i) State responsibility and extraterritorial application of the European Convention on Human Rights; (ii) the interaction between international humanitarian law and the European Convention on Human Rights.

⁶ The President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Mr Giuseppe PALMISANO (Professor at the University of Rome) presented the work of the ECSR and participated in the drafting work of the Group.

in the light, in particular, of the analysis of the above mentioned legal framework and replies to the questionnaire on good practices on the implementation of social rights at national level).

5.2 Freedom of expression and links with other human rights (CDDH-EXP)

14. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Freedom of Expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP), Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany), will report on the work of the 3rd meeting of the Group (April 25-27, 2018).⁷ The CDDH will be invited to (i) examine the state of preparation of the draft Guide to good practices on reconciling freedom of expression with other rights and freedoms, in particular in culturally diverse societies; (ii) exchange views on further work in this area.

5.3 Human rights and migration (CDDH-MIG)

15. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Migration (CDDH-MIG), Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), will report on the work of the 4th meeting of the Group (21-23 March 2018).⁸ At this meeting, the Group discussed in particular the preliminary structure of the handbook on alternatives to detention of migrants and asylum-seekers. The CDDH will be invited to (i) take note of the work in progress and provide possible guidance for the finalisation of the first draft of the manual in October 2018; (ii) take note of the state of dissemination of the *Analysis of the legal and practical aspects of effective alternatives to detention in the context of migration*.

5.4 Civil society and national human rights institutions (CDDH-INST)

16. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST), Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland), will report on the work of the 3rd meeting (21-23 March 2018).⁹ The CDDH will be invited to (i) consider the draft Declaration on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of the civil society space with a view to its adoption at the 90th meeting of the CDDH (27-30 November 2018); (ii) to exchange views on the Compilation of national contributions received in response to the questionnaire.

ITEM 6: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE CDDH

6.1 Human rights and business

17. The Secretariat will inform the CDDH of developments in the creation and the establishment of the Online Platform¹⁰ in synergy with the HELP Unit¹¹ of the Division of

⁷ The Group exchanged views with Ms Carlien SCHEELE, Principal Gender Equality Advisor, Directorate General of Democracy; with Ms Simona GRANATA-MENGHINI, Deputy Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and with Ms Sylvia GRUNDMANN, Secretary of the Steering Committee on Media and the Information Society (CDMSI). For their part, Mr Stefano VALENTI, External Relations Officer of the Secretariat of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and Mr Menno ETTEMA, from the Unit "No to Hate Speech and Cooperation" of the Anti-Discrimination Service (DGII), have sent written comments.

⁸ It is envisaged that at its 5th meeting (17-19 October 2018) the Group will meet external experts.

⁹ The Group exchanged views with Robert Jan UHL, representative of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), on the FRA report entitled "Challenges facing Civil Society Organisations working on Human Rights in the EU".

¹⁰ As is planned in Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)3](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on Human Rights and Business. The Platform should (i) facilitate the exchange of information and visibility concerning the good practices related to the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3 and National Action Plans on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Business, including best

National Implementation of Human Rights. The CDDH is invited to exchange views and provide possible guidance.

6.2 Female genital mutilation and forced marriage

18. The Secretariat will report on the state of preparation of the follow-up Conference to the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers and the Guide to Good and Promising Practices to Prevent and Combat Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage, texts adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 May 2017. This Conference, scheduled for September 2018, is organised by the UK authorities under the auspices of the Council of Europe.

6.3 Victims of terrorist acts

19. The Secretariat will report on the state of preparation of the Workshop, which will take place during the CDDH meeting scheduled for May/June 2019 and which will focus on the protection of victims of terrorist acts. The purpose of the Workshop will be to draw awareness in the member States to the revised Guidelines adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 May 2017.

6.4 Access to public documents

20. The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the issue of access to public documents and the possibility of an awareness-raising workshop on the Tromsø Convention that could take place in late 2019.

6.5 Combating discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity

21. The CDDH will be invited to (i) take note of the replies to the questionnaire on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)05 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity; (ii) exchange views on a possible Follow-up Conference to the Recommendation.

ITEM 7: BIOETHICS

Bioethics Committee (DH-BIO)

22. The Secretary of the Bioethics Committee (DH-BIO), Ms Laurence LWOFF, will report on the work during the 13th meeting of the Committee (22-25 May 2018). The CDDH will be invited to examine the work in progress and, in particular, to take note of (i) the changes made by the DH-BIO to the draft Additional Protocol on the protection of the human rights of persons with mental disorder with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment as well as the changes made to the draft explanatory report;¹² (ii) current and future activities.

practices for their development and regular review, and (ii) develop other potential resources and features to aid national implementation.

¹¹ The European Human Rights Training Program for Legal Professionals (HELP) supports member States of the Council of Europe in the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights at national level.

¹² It might be envisaged to transmit the draft Protocol for opinion, together with its draft explanatory report, after the 13th meeting of the DH-BIO.

ITEM 8: FOCAL POINTS

23. The CDDH will be invited to learn about the work carried out in other bodies since its 88th meeting (5-7 December 2017) by the experts (focal points) who act as CDDH representative in these bodies.

ITEM 9: GUESTS

24. The CDDH will meet in June 2018:

- representatives of the *Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)* in the framework of its work on Recommendation PACE 2121 (2018) - "The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer";
- representatives of *Amnesty International* in its work on Recommendation PACE 2123 (2018) - "Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty".

ITEM 10: CONVENTIONS

25. In light of the information provided by the DH-SYSC in particular, the CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the conventions for which it is responsible.

ITEM 11: PUBLICATIONS

26. The Secretariat will inform the current status of the publications of the work of the CDDH as well as the planned publications, subject to the resources available.

ITEM 12: CALENDAR

27. In the light of its discussion of item 3 above, the CDDH will be invited to exchange views on its timetable for 2018 and 2019.

PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS

Exhibition and Workshop

(21 June 2018, 12:00, Agora Building)

PRESENTATION OF THE EXHIBITION

organised at the 89th CDDH meeting at the initiative
of the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany
in cooperation with the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers
(21–28 June 2018, Agora building, main hall;
inauguration Thursday 21 June 2018, 12:00)

The touring exhibition "*What's old anyway*" is proposed by the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth¹³ to stimulate a debate on the image that society continues to have of the "senior citizen", while today many people are reaching an advanced age while maintaining good health and carrying out many activities every day.

The exhibition thus aims to trigger as broad a discussion as possible on the idea of "images of ageing" in all areas of life and to update the image that our societies have of the "elderly person".

PRESENTATION OF THE WORKSHOP

organised by the CDDH at its 89th meeting
under the aegis of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers
(Thursday 21 June 2018, 14:15 – 17:30, Agora Building, room G03)

In accordance with its terms of reference for the biennium 2018-2019, the CDDH agreed to organise at its 89th meeting (19-22 June 2018) a Workshop devoted to the review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the promotion of human rights of older persons of 19 February 2014, involving civil society, social actors, national human rights institutions, NGOs and other partners.

The CDDH instructed the Secretariat to prepare this event in close contact with European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) and various specialised NGOs (e.g. *Age Platform*), while taking into account the results of events such as the Ministerial Conference on Ageing¹⁴ (Lisbon, 21-22 September 2017).

The aim of the Workshop is to explore, five years after its adoption, the relevance of the principles contained in Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)2, in particular in light of the current challenges presented by the ageing population, as well as to identify good practices and means for the implementation of these principles in Europe.

¹³ www.programm-altersbilder.de

¹⁴ The Ministerial Conference on Ageing on the theme of "*A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the potential of living longer*" was organised in Lisbon, 21-22 September 2017, by the Portuguese Ministry of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security, under the aegis of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

PROGRAMME

14:15 Opening Session

Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe

Ambassador Miroslav PAPA, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Minister's Deputies

Ms Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

14:35 WORKING SESSION I
Presentation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)2

Ms Brigitte KONZ, former Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe

Ms Ayşegül ELVERİŞ, Secretary to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

Discussion: *Towards a binding legal instrument?*

15:20 Coffee break

15:50 WORKING SESSION II
Implementation of the principles of the Recommendation in view of the current challenges of population ageing

Professor Antonio CHERUBINI, Professor of geriatric medicine

Ms Claudia MAHLER, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor at the German Institute for Human Rights, representative of ENNHRI

Mr Maciej KUCHARCZYK, Policy Director of AGE Platform Europe

Mr Alain KOSKAS, President of FIAPA, representative of the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe

Ms Liina CARR, ETUC Confederal Secretary

Discussion: *Ways and means for achieving at the national level the principles set out in the CM Recommendation*

Conclusion

17:20 Concluding remarks by Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Chair of the CDDH
 Closing by the Croatian authorities

17:30 *Vin d'honneur* offered by the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

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Appendix I

Draft order of business*89th meeting of the CDDH, 19-22 June 2018, Agora building, room G03*Reminder: The **draft agenda** is online (see document CDDH(2018)OJ1).The Bureau will meet on Tuesday 19 June at 9:00 in Bureau meeting, 6th floor, room C6.50 C

TUESDAY 19 June	WEDNESDAY 20 June	THURSDAY 21 June	FRIDAY 22 June
9:30	10:00	10:00	9:30
<u>Item 1:</u> OPENING OF THE MEETING <u>Item 2:</u> PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS – <u>Invitee:</u> CCBE – <u>Invitee:</u> Amnesty International <u>Item 3:</u> TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CDDH 2018-2019 <u>Item 4:</u> SYSTEM OF THE ECHR 4.1 Follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration 4.2 Place of the ECHR (DH-SYSC-II)	5.2 Freedom of expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP) 5.3 Human rights and migration (CDDH-MIG) 5.4 Civil society and national human rights institutions (CDDH-INST) <u>Item 7:</u> BIOETHICS	<u>Item 6:</u> FOLLOW-UP OF ACTIVITIES OF CDDH 6.1 Human rights and business 6.2 Female genital mutilation and forced marriage 6.3 Victims of terrorist acts 6.4 Access to official documents 6.5 Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity 12:00 Inauguration of the Exhibition on older persons	<u>Exchange of views on the Exhibition and the Workshop</u> <u>Item 8:</u> FOCAL POINTS <u>Item 9:</u> INVITÉES <u>Item 10:</u> CONVENTIONS <u>Item 11:</u> PUBLICATIONS <u>Item 12:</u> CALENDAR Adoption of the draft abridged meeting report 13:00 End of meeting
13:00 Lunch	13:00 Lunch	13:00 Lunch	
14:30 Item 4.2 (continuation) 4.3 The ECHR in education and training (DH-SYSC-III) <u>Item 5:</u> DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS 5.1 Social rights (CDDH-SOC)	14:30 (if necessary) Item 2 (continuation) Item 5.1 (continuation) Item 5.2 (continuation) Item 5.4 (continuation)	14:15 Workshop on the promotion of human rights of older persons (see Programme)	
17:30 End of session	17:30 End of session	17:30 Vin d'honneur	

Appendix II

**Terms of reference of the CDDH, the DH-SYSC and the DH-BIO
for the biennium 2018-2019**

(as adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 1300th meeting, 21-23 November 2017)

Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with *Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*.

Type of committee: Steering Committee

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME
Pillar: Human Rights Sector: Protecting Human Rights / Promoting Human Rights and dignity Programme: Effectiveness of the ECHR System at national and European level / Bioethics
MAIN TASKS
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, and bearing in mind the Council of Europe legal standards as well as the relevant jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, the CDDH will conduct the intergovernmental work of the Council of Europe in the human rights field and will advise and give its legal expertise to the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its field of competence. In particular, the CDDH will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) work on the protection, development and promotion of human rights in Europe to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) contribute to enhancing the protection of human rights by improving the effectiveness of the control mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights and the implementation of the Convention at national and European levels, this work being a permanent priority for the CDDH; (b) provide effective responses at the normative and general policy levels to the challenges posed to human rights in European societies; (ii) follow the implementation of the non-binding instruments that it has prepared as well as conventions for which it has been given supervision by the Committee of Ministers; (iii) advise other bodies of the Organisation to ensure that their activities concerning human rights duly reflect the requirements of the Convention and the case-law of the Court; (iv) contribute to co-operation and support activities to national initiatives in the field of the protection, development and promotion of human rights; (v) without prejudice to the missions of intergovernmental committees of the Council of Europe that already follow the work of monitoring mechanisms, follow the activities of the relevant monitoring and other bodies protecting human rights; (vi) where necessary, co-ordinate transversal intergovernmental activities in the field of human rights including bioethics; (vii) take due account of a gender perspective and to building cohesive societies in the performance of its tasks; (viii) in accordance with decisions <u>CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2</u> of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which it has been given responsibility,¹⁵ in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, and report back to the Committee of Ministers.
SPECIFIC TASKS
<p>1. Protection of human rights Oversee the work of the Committee of experts on the reform of the Court (DH-SYSC) (see DH-SYSC terms of reference).</p> <p>2. Development and promotion of human rights</p>

¹⁵ Cf. Relevant decision of the Committee of Ministers (CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2) and list of Conventions in CM(2017)132.

If necessary, and to avoid any duplication, appropriate co-ordination and co-operation with relevant conventional and monitoring bodies and other Council of Europe bodies involved is to be ensured.

Social rights

On the basis of the analysis of the legal framework of the Council of Europe for the protection of social rights in Europe, identify good practices and make, as appropriate, proposals with a view to improving the implementation of social rights and to facilitate in particular the relationship between the Council of Europe instruments with other instruments for the protection of social rights (deadline: 31 December 2019).

Links between freedom of expression and other human rights and freedoms

On the basis of work conducted in 2016-2017 and the evolving case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, and in close co-operation in particular with CDMSI and ECRI, prepare if appropriate a draft non-binding instrument (e.g. guidelines, guide to good practices, recommendation) on the way of reconciling freedom of expression and other human rights and freedoms, in particular in culturally diverse societies (deadline: 31 December 2019).

Migration

On the basis of work conducted in 2016-2017, prepare one or more draft non-binding instruments of the Committee of Ministers (for example a recommendation, guidelines, good practice handbooks) concerning human rights issues in the context of migration, in particular effective alternatives to detention of migrants and asylum seekers (deadline: 31 December 2019).

Civil Society, Human Rights Defenders and National Human Rights Institutions

- (i) On the basis of work conducted in 2016-2017, prepare a draft non-binding instrument of the Committee of Ministers and a guide of good practice with the aim that member States, through their legislation, policies and practices, effectively protect and promote the civil society space (activities of organisations of the civil society, human rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights) (deadline: 31 December 2018).
- (ii) In particular, proceed to the revision of Recommendation No R(97)14 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the establishment of independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (deadline: 31 December 2019).

Dissemination and awareness-raising

Organise, if needed, thematic debates on the following items (deadline: 31 December 2019):

- (i) follow-up given by states to Recommendation CM(2014)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the promotion of human rights of older persons;
- (ii) follow-up given by states to Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity;¹⁶
- (iii) situation in member States in respect of the right of access to official documents, in particular concerning signatures and ratifications of the 2009 Tromsø Convention (CETS No. 205);
- (iv) contribution to work which may be conducted by other bodies of the Council of Europe (e.g. GEC, GREVIO, GRETA, CAHENF and CDPC) to combat female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

Bioethics

Oversee from the human rights perspective the intergovernmental work in the field of bioethics (see terms of reference of the DH-BIO).

COMPOSITION

Members

Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank in the field of human rights.

¹⁶ Several delegations made declarations upon adoption of this Recommendation at the Deputies' 1081st meeting (31 March 2010).

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair).

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

In accordance with decisions [CM/Del/Dec\(2013\)1168/10.2](#) of the Committee of Ministers, in cases where there is no convention-based body including all the Parties, non-member States are invited to take part, with a right to vote, in the committee meetings pertaining to the conventions to which they are Parties.

Participants

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA);
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- Representatives of other international organisations (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights).

Observers

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Belarus;
- Non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities;
- European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI);
- Non-governmental organisations (Amnesty International, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), European Roma¹⁷ and Travellers Forum).

WORKING METHODS

Plenary meetings

48 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 4 days

48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 4 days

Bureau

8 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 2 days

8 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 2 days

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Subject to the agenda, the Chairs of the subordinate structures to the CDDH may be invited to attend

¹⁷ The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

CDDH Bureau and/or plenary meetings.
SUBORDINATE STRUCTURE(S) TO THE CDDH
The CDDH has a coordinating, supervising and monitoring role in the functioning of its subordinate bodies:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on human rights (DH-SYSC) (see separate terms of reference) and Drafting Groups; - Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) (see separate terms of reference).

APPENDIX 1 - RELEVANT DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND LIST OF CONVENTIONS
CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 (Review of Council of Europe conventions)

9. [The Deputies] instructed the steering and ad hoc committees to carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind the priorities of each committee, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, in order to:

- propose ways of improving the visibility, impact and efficiency of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility;
- draw the attention of member States to the relevant conventions;
- where necessary, identify any operational problems or obstacles to ratification of the relevant conventions, and draw the attention of member States to reservations which impact substantively on the effectiveness of their implementation;
- encourage States to regularly examine the possibility and/or desirability of becoming a Party to new Council of Europe conventions;
- assess the necessity or advisability of drafting amendments or additional protocols to the conventions for which they have been given responsibility or drafting supplementary conventions;
- and to report back to the Committee of Ministers.

CDDH	
5	Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
9	Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
12	European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes Relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors
13	European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors
14	European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance
20	Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples between Member Countries of the Council of Europe with a view to Medical Treatment
35	European Social Charter
40	Agreement between the Member States of the Council of Europe on the issue to Military and Civilian War-Disabled of an International Book of Vouchers for the repair of Prosthetic and Orthopaedic Appliances
46	Protocol No. 4 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, securing certain rights and freedoms other than those already included in the Convention and in the first Protocol thereto
48	European Code of Social Security

CDDH	
67	European Agreement relating to Persons participating in Proceedings of the European Commission and Court of Human Rights
68	European Agreement on Au Pair Placement
78	European Convention on Social Security
078A	Supplementary Agreement for the Application of the European Convention on Social Security
83	European Convention on the Social Protection of Farmers
93	European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers
114	Protocol No. 6 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the Abolition of the Death Penalty
117	Protocol No. 7 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
126	European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
139	European Code of Social Security (Revised)
142	Protocol amending the European Social Charter
148	European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
154	Protocol to the European Convention on Social Security
157	Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
158	Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter Providing for a System of Collective Complaints
161	European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights
163	European Social Charter (revised)
164	Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine
168	Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine, on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings
177	Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
186	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin
187	Protocol No. 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances
195	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research
197	Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
203	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes
205	Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents
210	Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence
213	Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
214	Protocol No. 16 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on human rights (DH-SYSC)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

Type of committee: Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME
<p>Pillar: Human Rights Sector: Protecting Human Rights Programme: Effectiveness of the ECHR System at national and European level</p>
MAIN TASKS
<p>Under the supervision of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), the DH-SYSC will conduct the intergovernmental work intended to enhance the protection of human rights by improving the effectiveness of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights and the implementation of the Convention at national level, as assigned by the Committee of Ministers to the Steering Committee.</p>
SPECIFIC TASKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Concerning the place of the European Convention on Human Rights in the European and international legal order, as well as the related challenges, prepare a draft report for the Committee of Ministers containing conclusions and possible proposals for action (deadline: 31 December 2019). (ii) Concerning the authority of the Court and its case-law: follow-up to the decisions that may be taken by the Committee of Ministers further to the submission, in December 2017, of the CDDH report on the process of selection and election of the judges at the European Court of Human Rights with a view to improving the current system (deadline: 31 December 2019). (iii) In light of the results achieved in the framework of the above-mentioned activities, contribute to the evaluation set out by the Interlaken Declaration, before the end of 2019, with a view to formulating proposals to the Committee of Ministers as to whether the measures adopted so far have proven to be sufficient to ensure sustainable functioning of the system of the Convention or whether more profound changes are necessary (deadline: 31 December 2019). (iv) Concerning the implementation of the Convention and execution of the Court's judgments: ensure that information is exchanged regularly - in order to assist member States in developing their domestic capacities and facilitate their access to relevant information (see paragraph 29 (a) i) of the Brighton Declaration and paragraph C. 1. g) of the Brussels Declaration); to this end, consider the different means to promote quicker exchange of information and experiences, to reinforce the status of the government agents, of the co-ordinators (c.f. para. 1 CM/Rec(2008)2), and to provide sufficient means to the state authorities involved in the functioning of the Convention and in the process of the execution of judgments. (v) Concerning university education and professional training in human rights, update Recommendation Rec(2004)4 in light of important developments taken place over more than 10 years in the field in the 47 member States of the Council of Europe, notably as a result of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) of the Council of Europe (deadline: 31 December 2019). (vi) Concerning effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings, update the accompanying Guide to Good Practice to Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)3 (deadline: 31 December 2019).
COMPOSITION
<p>Members: Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank in the field of human rights.</p>
<p>The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair). Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.</p>
<p>Participants: The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe; - European Court of Human Rights; - Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; - Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe; - HELP Network Consultative Board; - Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA));
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- representatives of other international organisations (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees).

Observers:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Belarus;
- Non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities;
- Non-governmental organisations (Amnesty International, European Trade Unions Confederation (ETUC), International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), European Roma¹⁸ and Travellers Forum, Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI)), as well as the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI).

WORKING METHODS

Plenary meetings:

48 members, 1 meeting in 2018, 3 days

48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 3 days

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

Type of committee: Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME

Pillar: Human Rights

Sector: Promoting Human Rights and Dignity

Programme: Bioethics

¹⁸ The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

MAIN TASKS

Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the DH-BIO shall carry out the tasks assigned to the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) by the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine.

Under the supervision of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), the DH-BIO will conduct intergovernmental work on the protection of human rights in the field of biomedicine assigned to it by the Committee of Ministers. The DH-BIO will in particular:

- (i) conduct regular re-examinations foreseen in the Convention and its Additional Protocols;
- (ii) develop further the principles laid down in the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, as appropriate, also in the light of the relevant case-law of the ECHR;
- (iii) contribute to raising awareness and facilitating the implementation of these principles;
- (iv) assess ethical and legal challenges raised by developments in the biomedical field;
- (v) co-operate with the European Union and relevant intergovernmental bodies, in particular with a view to promoting consistency between the normative texts;
- (vi) in accordance with decisions CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions¹⁹ for which it has been given responsibility and report back to the Committee of Ministers.

SPECIFIC TASKS

- (i) A draft Additional Protocol on the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment is finalised.
- (ii) On the basis of the results of the international conference organised on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Oviedo Convention, a draft Strategic Action Plan on human rights and technologies is finalised.
- (iii) A training course on essential principles for the protection of human rights in the biomedical field intended for legal and health professionals is launched in the framework of the HELP programme.
- (iv) A round table is organised, in co-operation with the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data (T-PD), on the challenges for human rights raised by developments in the field of genetics, including for children's rights.
- (v) Subject to the results of the international conference organised on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Oviedo Convention, draft guidelines for the promotion of public debate on human rights challenges raised by developments in science and technologies are developed.

COMPOSITION**Members:**

Governments of the member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank, with appropriate expertise in the various aspects of bioethics, including in relation to emerging technologies, and able to consider these from a human rights perspective.

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair).

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

In accordance with decisions CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 of the Committee of Ministers, in cases where there is no convention-based body including all the Parties, non-member States are invited to take part, with a right to vote, in the committee meetings pertaining to the conventions to which they are Parties.

¹⁹ Cf. Relevant decision of the Committee of Ministers (CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2) and list of Conventions in CM(2017)132.

Participants:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD), Committee (Partial Agreement) on Transplantation of Organs and Tissues (CD-P-TO) and Committee (Partial Agreement) on Blood Transfusion (CD-P-TS);²⁰
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union;
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- Other international organisations: European Science Foundation (ESF), OECD, UNESCO and WHO.

Observers:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Australia, Israel;
- the Conference of European Churches (KEK);
- other non-governmental organisations, including professional organisations, which could be invited by the DH-BIO to attend specific meetings of the DH-BIO in accordance with CM/Res(2011)24.

WORKING METHODS**Meetings:**

48 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 4 days

48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 4 days

Bureau

7 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 2 days

7 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 2 days

The Chair or Vice-Chair of DH-BIO may be invited to attend the meetings of the CDDH and its Bureau in order to inform on progress with its work.

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

APPENDIX 1 - RELEVANT DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND LIST OF CONVENTIONS**CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 (Review of Council of Europe conventions)**

9. [The Deputies] instructed the steering and ad hoc committees to carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind the priorities of each committee, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, in order to:

- propose ways of improving the visibility, impact and efficiency of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility;
- draw the attention of member States to the relevant conventions;
- where necessary, identify any operational problems or obstacles to ratification of the relevant conventions, and draw the attention of member States to reservations which impact substantively on the effectiveness of their implementation;
- encourage States to regularly examine the possibility and/or desirability of becoming a Party to new Council of Europe conventions;

²⁰ European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare.

- assess the necessity or advisability of drafting amendments or additional protocols to the conventions for which they have been given responsibility or drafting supplementary conventions;
- and to report back to the Committee of Ministers.

DH-BIO	
164	Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine
168	Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine, on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings
186	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin
195	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research
203	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes

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Appendix III

Focal points in 2018-2019*(list adopted by the CDDH at its 88th meeting, 5-7 December 2017)*

1. Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
2. Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria)
3. European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ): Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic)
4. Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI): Ms Florence MERLOZ (France)
5. European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ): Ms Maria de Fátima GRAÇA CARVALHO (Portugal)
6. Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI): Ms Kristine LICIS (Latvia)
7. Ad hoc Committee of experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM): Ms Svetlana GELEVA ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia")
8. Consultative Committee of the Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data (T-PD): Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria)
9. Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER): Mr Chanaka WICKREMasinghe (United Kingdom)
10. Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse ("the Lanzarote Committee"): Mr Joan FORNER ROVIRA (Andorra)
11. Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF): Mr Frank SCHÜRMANN (Switzerland)
12. European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG): Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland)
13. Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM): Mr Morten RUUD (Norway) / Mr Frank SCHÜRMANN (Switzerland).

CDDH Rapporteurs in 2018-2019*(list adopted by the CDDH at its 88th meeting, 5-7 December 2017)*

1. Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller Issues: Ms Svetlana GELEVA ("The former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia")
2. Gender Equality Rapporteur: Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium)

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Appendix IV
Composition of the Bureau, chairs and rapporteurs

BUREAU OF THE CDDH	END OF THE MANDATE	REFERENCES
Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany), Chair	31 December 2018 (elected for 1 year renewable once)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), Vice-Chair	31 December 2018 (elected for 1 year renewable once)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
Mr Joan FORNER ROVIRA (Andorra), Member	31 December 2018 (elected for 2 years not renewable)	86 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2016)
Ms Kristine LIČIS (Latvia), Member	31 December 2019 (elected for 2 years not renewable)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
Ms Zinovia STAVRIDIS (Greece), Member	31 December 2019 (elected for 2 years not renewable)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
Ms Florence MERLOZ (France), Member	31 December 2018 (elected for 1 year renewable once for two years)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland), Member	31 December 2019 (elected for 2 years renewable once)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
Ms Maris KUURBERG (Estonia), Member	31 December 2018 (elected for 1 year renewable once for two years)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
CHAIRS		
DH-BIO Ms Beatrice IOAN (Romania), Chair	31 December 2018 (elected for 1 year not renewable)	12 th meeting of the DH-BIO (October 2017) 88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
DH-SYSC Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria), Chair	31 December 2018 (elected for 1 year renewable once)	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
DH-SYSC-II Ms Florence MERLOZ (France), Chair	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
DH-SYSC-III Ms Vasileia PELEKOU (Greece), Chair	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
CDDH-SOC Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic), Chair	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
CDDH-EXP Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany), Chair	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
CDDH-MIG Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), Chair	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)

CDDH-INST Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland), Chair	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)	
RAPPORTEURS²¹			
DH-SYSC-II Mr Alexei ISPOLINOV (Russian Federation) – Theme 1 Mr Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE (United Kingdom) – Theme 1 Ms Sofia KASTRANTA (Greece) – Theme 2 Ms Kristine LĪCIS (Latvia) – Theme 3	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)	
CDDH-EXP Ms Kristine LIČIS (Latvia)	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)	
CDDH-MIG Mr Frank SCHÜRMANN (Switzerland)	31 December 2019	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)	
DRAFTING GROUPS			
DH-SYSC-II²²		DH-SYSC-III²³	
Bulgaria		Armenia	
Croatia		Belgium	
Czech Republic		Greece	
France		Italy	
Italy		Latvia	
Latvia		Montenegro	
The Netherlands		Portugal	
Norway		Slovak Republic	
CDDH-SOC	CDDH-EXP²⁴	CDDH-MIG	CDDH-INST
Austria	Azerbaijan	Armenia	Armenia
Belgium	Estonia	Bulgaria	Azerbaijan
Czech Republic	France	Czech Republic	Finland
Greece	Hungary	Greece	Ireland
Italy	Republic of Moldova	Iceland	Montenegro
Republic of Moldova	Montenegro	Italy	Poland
Poland	Russian Federation	Latvia	Russian Federation
Portugal	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	Norway	Slovenia
Russian Federation	Turkey	Spain	Spain
Slovenia	United Kingdom	Turkey	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

²¹ The Rapporteur of the CDDH-SOC is now part of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe (Department for the execution of judgments) and has ended her work as a Rapporteur. The CDDH-MD finalised its work. The Rapporteur and Chair of the CDDH-INST has terminated her work as a Rapporteur.

²² Following a decision taken by the CDDH at its 88th meeting (5-7 December 2017), and subject to the availability of budgetary resources, it is envisaged that the following member States would also be covered by the budget of the Council of Europe to participate in the following meetings:

- 3rd meeting (3-5 April 2018) and 5th meeting (March 2019): Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Russian Federation, United Kingdom
- 4th meeting (25-28 September 2018) and 6th meeting (May 2019): Greece, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom
- 7th meeting (September 2019): it is envisaged that the Council of Europe will cover the costs of all the participants.

²³ Initially, the work of the Group will take place by electronic means.

²⁴ Chair: Germany. The expenses of the Chair are covered by the budget of the Council of Europe.

Appendix V

**Calendar of meetings of the CDDH
and subordinate bodies for 2018 and 2019**
(as adopted by the CDDH at its 88th meeting, 5-7 December 2017)

2018	
3 rd meeting of the drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST)	14-16 March
4 th meeting of the drafting Group on Human Rights and Migration (CDDH-MIG)	21-23 March
3 rd meeting of the drafting Group on the place of the ECHR in the European and international legal order (DH-SYSC-II)	3-5 April
<i>High-level Conference under the Danish chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers concerning the future of the ECHR system</i>	Copenhagen, 11-13 April
3 rd meeting of the drafting Group on Freedom of Expression and links to other Human Rights (CDDH-EXP)	25-27 April
2 nd meeting of the drafting Group on Social Rights (CDDH-SOC)	2-4 May
99 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)	Andorra la Vella 17-18 May
13 th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)	Cyprus 22-25 May
89 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and Workshop [under the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers] on the promotion of human rights of older persons	19-22 June 21 June (afternoon)
3 rd meeting of the drafting Group on Social Rights (CDDH-SOC)	5-7 September
4 th meeting of the drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST)	19-21 September
4 th meeting of the drafting on the place of the ECHR in the European and international legal order (DH-SYSC-II)	25-28 September
4 th meeting of the CDDH Drafting Group on Freedom of Expression and links to other Human Rights (CDDH-EXP)	3-5 October
5 th meeting of the drafting Group on Human Rights and Migration (CDDH-MIG)	17-19 October
5 th meeting of the Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)	18-19 October
100 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)	8-9 November
14 th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)	20-23 November
90 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) [and Workshop on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions]	27-30 November [29 November (afternoon)]

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The number of meetings in 2019 will be similar to that in 2018. The dates will be decided by the CDDH at its meeting in December 2017.

6 th meeting of the drafting Group on Human Rights and Migration (CDDH-MIG)	February
5 th meeting of the drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST)	February
5 th meeting of the drafting Group on the place of the ECHR in the European and international legal order (DH-SYSC-II)	March
4 th meeting of the drafting Group on Social Rights (CDDH-SOC)	April
5 th meeting of the drafting Group on Freedom of Expression and links to other Human Rights (CDDH-EXP)	April
101 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)	May
6 th meeting of the drafting Group on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention (DH-SYSC-II)	May
[Workshop on Access to Official Documents]	[May-June]
91 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) [and Workshop on the protection of victims of terrorist acts]	June
7 th meeting of the drafting Group II on the place of the ECHR in the European and international legal order (DH-SYSC-II)	September
5 th meeting of the drafting Group on Social Rights (CDDH-SOC)	September
6 th meeting of the drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST)	September
7 th meeting of the drafting Group on Human Rights and Migration (CDDH-MIG)	October
6 th meeting of the drafting Group on Freedom of Expression and links to other Human Rights (CDDH-EXP)	October
6 th meeting of the Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)	October
102 nd meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)	November
92 nd meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)	November