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**WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE
CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS
(CCPE-GT)**

**Report of the Working Group meeting
Saint Petersburg, 3 July 2008**

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I. INTRODUCTION AND DECISIONS TAKEN

1. The Working Group of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE-GU) held a meeting in Saint-Petersburg on 3 July 2008 in the afternoon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Harald RANGE (Germany), Chair of the CCPE.
2. The agenda and list of participants appear in the Appendix.
3. In view of the conclusions of the Conference of General Prosecutors of Europe held in Saint-Petersburg on 2 – 3 July 2008, the aim of the meeting of the working group was to identify the future steps to be taken within the CCPE for the preparation of the Opinion N°3 on the “role of prosecutors outside the criminal law field”.
4. Mr. Harald RANGE, thanked the expert, Mr. Andras VARGA, for the excellent document which he had prepared analysing the replies to the questionnaire on the role of prosecutors outside the criminal law field and which will serve as a starting point to draft Opinion N°3 on this subject.
5. The working group decided that a restricted group composed of Mr. Peter POLT (Hungary), Ms Katarina LAIFEROVA (Slovak Republic) and Mr. Alexander ZVYAGINTSEV (Russian Federation) will work on the draft paper on the role of prosecutors outside the criminal law field. The working group appointed the CCPE expert, Mr Andras VARGA to prepare a first version of the Opinion on the above mentioned subject, in English language, following the format used for other CCPE Opinions, namely: 1. introduction, 2. overview of the situation in this field in the Council of Europe member states and 3. recommendations. The preliminary draft of the Opinion is to be sent to the members of the group by end of July so that their comments can be received by the expert and integrated into a revise version to be submitted to the Secretariat not later than 20 August 2008.
6. This will enable the Secretariat to send the revised draft in both languages to the members of the Working Group early September in view of its meeting which will take place in Strasbourg on 10 – 12 September 2008.
7. The Secretariat was charged to prepare in the upcoming weeks an information document on the outcomes of the Conference of General Prosecutors of Europe, in view of the presentation of a communication by the Chair of the CCPE, Mr. Harald RANGE to the Committee of Ministers on 3 September 2008.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

8. Mr Roy JUNKIN told the working group that he will be retiring as of 1st September 2008. The Chair and all the members present as well as the Secretariat thanked him warmly for his valuable contribution to the work of the CCPE and wished him best wishes for the retirement.

Appendix

AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Examination of the conclusions of the Conference with a view to prepare the report/conclusions for the Committee of Minister's meeting on 3 September 2008**
- 4. Exchange of views on the Draft Opinion on the role of prosecutors outside the criminal justice system. Designation of a member from the WG to draft the Opinion n°3.**
- 5. Any other business**

List of participants / Liste des participants

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