



Ministers' Agenda

Notes on the Agenda

(Restricted) 15 September 2008

COMPILATION OF NOTES ON THE AGENDA

**1036 meeting
(16 September 2008)**

Notes on the Agenda

CM/Notes/1036/2.4 10 September 2008¹



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2 Democracy and political questions

2.4 European Committee on local and regional democracy (CDLR)

Abridged meeting report of the 41st meeting (Strasbourg, 2-4 June 2008)

Reference documents

CM(2008)117rev, GR-DEM(2008)CB9

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the following decisions.

At its meeting on 1 September 2008 (cf. document GR-DEM(2008)CB9), the GR-DEM reviewed the work carried out by the CDLR at its 41st meeting. At the end of the discussion and on the basis of a tacit acceptance procedure, the Group decided to submit the following draft decisions to the Ministers' Deputies for adoption.

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DRAFT DECISIONS

1036th meeting – 18 September 2008**Item 2.4**

European Committee on local and regional democracy (CDLR)
Abridged meeting report of the 41st meeting (Strasbourg, 2-4 June 2008)
(CM(2008)117rev, GR-DEM(2008)CB9)

Decisions

The Deputies:

1. took note of the synopsis of the GR-DEM meeting held on 1 September 2008 (document GR-DEM(2008)CB9);
2. took note of the conclusions of the CDLR's in-depth discussion on regionalisation in Europe, on the basis of the conclusions adopted during the 15th session of the Conference of European ministers responsible for local and regional government (Appendix 2 to CM(2008)117rev), and agreed to forward them to the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, for information;
3. took note of the report on the feasibility and desirability of an amending protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-government enabling accession by the European Community and non member states (Appendix 3 to CM(2008)117rev) – further to Congress Recommendation 218 (2007) – and instructed the Secretariat to draw up on this basis a draft reply to this Recommendation for consideration at one of their forthcoming meetings ;
4. took note of the opinion on Congress Recommendation 228 (2007) on a draft additional protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-government (Appendix 4 to CM(2008)117rev);
5. adopted Decision No. CM/..... giving ad hoc terms of reference to the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR), as they appear at Appendix.... to the present volume of Decisions (see also Appendix to the present Notes), and agreed to inform the Congress accordingly;
6. noted the work in progress concerning the drafting of an additional protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-government on democratic participation at local level;
7. having regard to decisions 2 to 6 above, took note of the abridged report of the 41st meeting of the CDLR, as it appears in document CM(2008)117rev, as a whole.

Appendix

Ad hoc terms of reference for the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR) with a view to examining whether there are topics and issues that would be appropriate for inclusion in a possible additional protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-government

1. Name of Committee: European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR)
2. Source: Committee of Ministers
3. Terms of reference:

To examine whether there are topics and issues that would be appropriate for inclusion in a possible additional protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-government, taking into account the elements prepared by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on this matter, and if so, to identify them, providing justification for their inclusion in an additional protocol.

4. Other bodies to be associated with the work of the CDLR:

The CDLR may request the assistance of one or more of its subordinate committees in order to implement these terms of reference.

5. Duration:

These terms of reference shall expire on 31 December 2009.

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2 Democracy and political questions

2.6 Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF)

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To authorise the Secretary General to sign the letter of intent which appears in Appendix.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT) was seized of a draft letter of intent aimed at laying down the basis of enhanced co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF).

Following discussion, the Group endorsed this initiative and decided to transmit the draft letter of intent to the Ministers' Deputies so as to authorise the Secretary General to sign the letter.

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DRAFT DECISION

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Item 2.6

Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF)

Decision

The Deputies authorised the Secretary General to sign the letter of intent as it appears at Appendix....to the present volume of Decisions (see also Appendix to the present Notes).

Appendix

Draft Letter of Intent

1. The Chair of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF) and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe concurred in their mutual interest of strengthening the co-operation between ITF and the Council of Europe in the field of Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research.
2. This Letter of Intent confirms the intention of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Chair of ITF to prepare a bilateral "Memorandum of Understanding" which will specify the subject areas and the working mechanisms of future co-operation between the ITF and the Council of Europe. This draft Memorandum of Understanding will take into account the tasks, responsibilities and decision-making structures of both sides.
3. The draft Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared as soon as possible in order to allow the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Chair of ITF to submit the text to their appropriate decision-making bodies for approval at the earliest convenience.

Signed in Nuremberg, Germany, thisof November 2008:

For the ITF

For the Council of Europe

Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff
Chair of the ITF

Terry Davis
Secretary General
of the Council of Europe

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3 Parliamentary Assembly

3.2 Preparation of the Joint Committee

(Strasbourg, 2 October 2008)

Reference documents

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Action

To consider the proposal for the draft agenda of the next meeting of the Joint Committee, contained in the letter of the President of the Assembly, dated 8 September 2008 and to adopt the draft decision below.

1. The letter containing the proposal of the Bureau of the Assembly is appended to these Notes.
2. The Deputies will note that, following contacts made by the Chair with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly informing the latter of the Deputies' wish to have a limited agenda for the forthcoming Joint Committee meeting, the Assembly's proposal is indeed focused on one point concerning the conflict in Georgia.
3. Moreover, the Deputies might wish to propose adding to the draft agenda of the Joint Committee, the following item : "Date of election of the Secretary General". On the basis of the information that the Assembly would provide under this item, the Deputies would then be able to establish their own timetable.

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 3.2

3.2 Preparation of the Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 2 October 2008)

Decision

The Deputies accepted the proposal of the Parliamentary Assembly to have the item "Consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia" on the agenda of the next Joint Committee meeting, and invited the Chair to propose to the Assembly to add the item "Date of election of the Secretary General".

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Appendix



Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The President

Strasbourg, 8 September 2008

Dear Chairman,

I have the pleasure in informing you that the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly, at its meeting on Friday 5 September 2008 in Paris, decided to propose the following item for the agenda of the Joint Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 2 October 2008 at 6.30 pm:

"Consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia"

Yours sincerely,

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3 Parliamentary Assembly

3.3 Written Questions by members of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Committee of Ministers

b. Written Question No. 553 by Mr Lindblad: "Access to uncensored news in China"

Reference document
CM/AS(2008)Quest553

Action

To hold a first exchange of views on Written Question No. 553 by Mr Lindblad to the Committee of Ministers with a view to preparing a draft reply.

1. Written Question No. 553 by Mr Lindblad: "Access to uncensored news in China" is reproduced in document CM/AS(2008)Quest553.
2. After a first exchange of views on this Written Question, the Deputies might wish to instruct the Secretariat to prepare a draft reply.

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISIONS

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Item 3.3b

Written Questions by members of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Committee of Ministers

b. **Written Question No. 553 by Mr Lindblad: "Access to uncensored news in China"**
(CM/AS(2008)Quest553)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft reply to Written Question No. 553 in light of the views expressed at the present meeting;
2. agreed to resume consideration of this question at one of their forthcoming meetings.

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4 Human rights

4.2 Equality between Women and Men

a. Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG) –

Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)... of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building and its Explanatory Memorandum

Item prepared by the GR-H on 9 September 2008

Reference documents

CM/Del/Dec(2008)1022/4.4, CM(2008)36, CM(2008)36 add and GR-H(2008)CB10

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)... of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building and take note of its Explanatory Memorandum.

1. This draft recommendation was examined by the Deputies at their 1022nd meeting (26 March 2008). On that occasion, the Deputies invited their Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H), in co-operation with their Thematic Co-ordinator on Equality between Women and Men (TC-EG), to consider the draft recommendation. They also invited delegations wishing to do so to submit their proposals for amendments in this respect in writing by 15 April 2008 and agreed to resume consideration of this item at one of their forthcoming meetings, in the light of the conclusions of the GR-H and of the TC-EG.

2. At its meeting on 9 September 2008, the GR-H examined the proposals made, in the presence of the TC-EG, and agreed to forward the text as amended to the Deputies for adoption without further debate at their 1036th meeting (18 September 2008).

Financing assured: YES

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DRAFT DECISION

1036th meeting – 18 September 2008*Item 4.2***Equality between Women and Men**

**a. Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG) –
Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)... of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the role
of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building and its Explanatory
Memorandum**

(CM/Del/Dec(2008)1022/4.4, CM(2008)36, CM(2008)36 add and GR-H(2008)CB10)

Decision

The Deputies adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)... of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building, as it appears at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions << see Appendix to these Notes >> and took note of its Explanatory Memorandum, as it appears in document CM(2008)36 add.

Appendix
(Item 4.2)

**Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)...
on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution,
and in peace building**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2008
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Noting that women, together with children, comprise a large proportion of civilian victims of conflicts, and that women, compared with men, have less access to resources, power and decision making before, during and after conflicts, and that their experiences of situations of tension and war and post-conflict reconstruction are significantly different from those of men;

Recognising consequently that women are often powerless to prevent conflict, that they are excluded from the negotiation tables during the resolution process and marginalised in post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation initiatives;

Considering that democracies can no longer afford to ignore the competencies, skills and creativity of women and must include women with different backgrounds and of different age groups in conflict prevention, resolution and peace building;

Recalling the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (CETS No. 5, adopted in 1950) and its Protocols;

Recalling the European Social Charter (CETS No. 35), adopted in 1961 and revised in 1996;

Recalling the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197), adopted in 2005);

Taking into account Recommendation Rec(2002)5 of the Committee of Ministers to the member states on the protection of women against violence, and Recommendation Rec(2003)3 of the Committee of Ministers to the member states on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making;

Bearing in mind the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly's Resolution 1212 (2000) on "Rape in armed conflicts", and Recommendation 1665 (2004) on "Conflict prevention and resolution: the role of women";

Recalling the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 on the protection of war victims, and their two Additional Protocols of 1977, in particular the provisions guaranteeing gender-sensitive treatment;

Having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979) and its Optional Protocol of 10 December 1999;

Having regard to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court which entered into force in 2002;

Taking into account the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on women, peace and security and 1612 (2005) on children and armed conflict;

Bearing in mind the OSCE Decision on women in conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, adopted in December 2005;

Bearing in mind European Parliament Resolutions 2000/2025(INI) on participation of women in peaceful conflict resolution and 2005/2215(INI) on the situation of women in armed conflicts and their role in the reconstruction and the democratic process in countries after a conflict;

Recalling the Action Plan adopted at the Third Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (Warsaw, 16-17 May 2005) where the heads of state and government of the member states underlined that equal participation of both women and men is a crucial element of democracy and confirmed their commitment to achieving real equality between women and men and to combating violence against women;

Recalling the Declaration on gender equality: a core issue in changing societies and the Programme of Action and the Resolution on the roles of women and men in conflict prevention, peace building and post-conflict democratic processes – a gender perspective, adopted by the 5th European Ministerial Conference on Equality between Women and Men (Skopje, 22-23 January 2003), which encourages the integration of a gender perspective in all activities aimed at conflict prevention and resolution;

Recalling Reaffirming the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (4th United Nations World Conference on Women, 1995) which recognise that women are increasingly establishing themselves as central actors in a variety of capacities in the movement for peace, and that their full participation in decision-making, conflict prevention and resolution and all other peace initiatives is essential to the realisation of lasting peace;

Aware that, despite the international instruments and the action of non-governmental organisations, violations of women's human rights continue to occur in conflict areas and that without appropriate measures being taken to ensure their empowerment and security, balanced participation of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building will not be achieved;

Considering that the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security cannot be realised without fully understanding the impact of conflicts on women and men;

Recognising that balanced participation of women and men in all phases of conflict prevention and resolution and in the peace process is a prerequisite for establishing lasting peace, sustainable democracy and economic development;

Recognising that women can bring alternative perspectives to conflict prevention at local and community level;

Recommends that the governments of member states:

- I. acknowledge that equality between women and men, strengthening the role of women in society and making full use of their knowledge and expertise promote peace and are a prerequisite for conflict prevention and resolution and peace building;
- II. integrate a gender perspective into conflict prevention and resolution and peace building activities, including the allocation of necessary budgetary resources;
- III. ensure a balanced participation of women and men at all levels of decision making in local, regional, national and international institutions, and mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution, including peace negotiations and the democratisation of societies after conflicts;
- IV. ensure that women and men representing all spheres of society take part in conflict prevention and resolution and peace building using multitrack diplomacy;
- V. effectively prosecute and punish gender-related crimes committed during and after conflicts, and provide mechanisms to prevent such crimes;
- VI. draw this recommendation to the attention of all national political institutions and international organisations;
- VII. adopt and implement the measures described in the appendix to this recommendation;

VIII. monitor and evaluate progress arising from the adoption of this recommendation and inform the competent steering committees, in particular the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG), of the measures undertaken and the progress achieved in this field.

Appendix to Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)...

General measures

Legal framework and policy

1. Guarantee the protection of and respect for human rights of women before, during and after conflicts;
2. Guarantee that girls and boys are protected in accordance with their specific needs and taking account of their interests, and ensure that they are not exploited in any way. Girls and boys must be protected from falling victim to trafficking in human beings and must not be recruited as child soldiers **in contravention of international law** and/or used as sex slaves;
3. Include provisions in national legislation that allow the prosecution of perpetrators of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, as contained in Recommendation Rec(2002)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the protection of women against violence;
4. **Devise Intensify efforts to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on women, peace and security, inter alia by devising** measures such as national action plans to implement **the resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations on women, peace and security**, allocate resources and determine responsibility for its implementation;
5. Promote exchange of good practice between member states on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building;

Gender mainstreaming strategy

6. Set up mechanisms for enhancing gender mainstreaming in all processes of conflict prevention and resolution and peace building, and adopt measures to involve both women and men in all processes;
7. Undertake gender budgeting of all conflict prevention and resolution and peace building activities to ensure a more efficient use of resources;
8. Integrate a gender perspective in the recruitment processes of international staff and in the training given to staff taking part in conflict prevention and resolution, and peace building missions;
9. Publish, on a regular basis, gender-disaggregated data and statistics on the participation of women and men in conflict prevention, resolution and peace building and monitor progress in this area;

Education

10. Introduce and develop education on human rights, including gender equality, in school curricula, and remove gender-based stereotypes from curricula, text books and educational materials at all education levels;
11. **Ensure that adequate systems are in place to guarantee education of children in conflict, post conflict and fragile situations;**
12. Support and/or establish gender-sensitive peace studies within higher education programmes;

NGOs and civil society

13. Acknowledge the crucial role of civil society and support its conflict prevention and resolution and peace building activities so as to establish long-lasting peace, and allocate resources for developing non-violent models for conflict prevention and resolution;

14. Promote the establishment of international networks of women who have experienced conflicts and/or have been involved in peace building initiatives with a view to pooling examples of good practice;

15. Involve young people, girls and boys, in conflict prevention and resolution, peace building, reconstruction of society after conflicts, and in the setting up and development of effective communication processes;

Media

16. Encourage the media to:

- present all the different roles both women and men play in conflict;
- avoid stereotypical representation systematically presenting women as victims and men as aggressors;
- promote research on the media coverage of women and women's initiatives in the field of conflict prevention and resolution, and peace building;
- take part in public debate on this issue, in both towns and rural areas;
- promote educational programmes on television, radio and on the Internet on the different roles both women and men play in conflict prevention and resolution, and peace building;

Specific measures concerning conflict prevention

17. Adopt national conflict-prevention policies and strategies integrating a gender perspective;

18. Develop and promote early warning mechanisms integrating gender-specific indicators to prevent conflict;

19. Promote the role of women in intercultural and interreligious dialogue to open new opportunities for dialogue and pave the way for new models of conflict prevention;

20. Organise training seminars in intercultural learning and conflict prevention with a special focus on gender-specific issues for policy makers and civil servants, especially those sitting on decision-making bodies at the highest level;

21. Grant resources and give support to NGOs, in particular to women's NGOs working at grassroots level, to prevent conflict and build peace;

22. Publish and disseminate studies on the impact of conflict on women and men, and their roles and relations;

23. Fund research on root causes of masculine violence, which can often lead to severe problems in post-conflict societies, and devise global responses to this violence, based on an integrated and multidisciplinary approach;

Specific measures concerning conflict resolution

24. Nominate as many women as men to high-level decision-making posts in international organisations and international missions, including diplomatic posts;

25. Appoint more women as mediators in international mediation committees in charge of peace negotiations, and facilitate and promote the participation of women in field missions, including reconstruction, peace building and observation missions, in order to achieve a gender balanced participation;

26. Engage in multitrack diplomacy so as to involve the largest possible number of actors in resolving conflicts within and between states, and ensure the equal participation and input of women's organisations in informal and formal peace initiatives at all levels through systematic consultation with them, ensuring that their expertise and women's priorities are reflected in formal and informal peace processes;
27. Ensure that third parties involved in peace negotiations, including mediators, are trained to take a gender sensitive approach;
28. Ensure that women benefit from humanitarian aid by providing better control over access to and distribution of such aid, and that they play an active part in all stages of humanitarian assistance operations;
29. Integrate a gender perspective in the arrangements and procedures for granting asylum and receiving refugees and other displaced persons;
30. Give women refugees and other displaced women the opportunity to play a key role in camp planning, management and decision making so that women's interests are taken into account in all aspects of running a refugee camp, especially resource distribution, security and protection;

Specific measures concerning human security

31. Ensure the protection of human rights defenders, both women and men, in conflict and post-conflict situations;
32. Take account of the important role and the particular needs of women when implementing protection policies and sustainable solutions, including voluntary return, repatriation, resettlement and reintegration of refugees and displaced persons in safety and dignity;
33. Ensure that security measures do not restrict freedom of movement for women and girls in post-conflict situations;
34. Ensure the protection of women and girls inside refugee camps against violence and sexual abuse by providing better security measures;
35. Ensure that, in the context of humanitarian assistance, sufficient attention is given to assistance concerning sexual and reproductive health, **including obstetric care, family planning, and HIV prevention and treatment services**;
36. Acknowledge the importance of continuous education during and after conflicts as a survival strategy and, to this end, provide a safe environment for educational activities;
37. Pay the utmost attention to cases of men, women and children reported missing in connection with armed conflicts, and take appropriate measures to search for, locate and identify them;
38. Support trans-border co-operation between women's NGOs in combating gender based violence and disappearances;
39. Encourage women's access to the media and to information and communication technologies so that their expertise can influence public debate and decision-making with regard to peace and security;

Specific measures concerning peace building

International criminal law

40. Ensure that national legislation is compatible with the substantive and procedural provisions regarding gender related crimes as laid down in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

41. Take all the necessary steps to ensure in particular that rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilisation, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity are recognised as war crimes by the national legal order, when these acts are committed in the course of armed hostilities;

42. Take all the necessary steps to ensure in particular that rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilisation, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity are recognised as crimes against humanity by the national legal order when these acts are committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack and are recognised as genocide by the national legal order if committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, racial, ethnic or religious group;

43. Punish gender related crimes, committed by combatants and all other actors, including peacekeepers, international and humanitarian staff, and take measures to prevent trafficking in human beings, especially in women and girls;

44. Ensure appropriate protection to all persons called to testify before the national courts and international tribunals in cases of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed during and after conflicts;

45. Ensure special legal protection and provide legal assistance free of charge and social support to victims in order to facilitate their reporting of perpetrators of war crimes and human rights violations committed during and after conflicts, and in order to prevent them from becoming repeat victims;

46. Establish mechanisms to guarantee compensation for victims, in accordance with the conditions under national law;

Transitional justice and reconciliation

47. Set up, as far as possible, mechanisms such as truth and reconciliation committees to deal with past human rights violations;

48. Put an end to the culture of silence, support the victims of gender-based violence so that they are accepted by their community and society as a whole, and, in the event that truth and reconciliation committees are set up, establish places where women and men feel safe to talk;

49. Draw up programmes designed to introduce new strategies for working with those who are both the victims and the perpetrators of gender-based violence;

50. Provide relevant information, documents and results of research concerning all the institutions/bodies which are responsible for transitional justice;

Combating violence

51. Include in peace building programmes action plans to combat violence against women;

52. Ensure that a gender perspective is fully integrated in demilitarisation, demobilisation and reintegration programmes;

53. Pay particular attention to the integration of female combatants recruited by armed groups or armed forces in demilitarisation and demobilisation programmes, provide adequate reintegration programmes, and support vulnerable male groups, such as conscientious objectors, forced conscripts and war prisoners;

54. Provide gender-specific psycho-social support as a peace building tool in order to reduce hatred, fear and traumatism, and create opportunities for confidence-building activities between women and men;

55. Ensure that all parties included in peace building missions have, and implement, a code of conduct;
56. Ensure that a gender perspective is fully integrated in the security sector reform;
57. Provide training in gender equality and in dealing with gender violence for all actors involved in peace building, including police officers and armed forces;

Empowerment of women

58. Take all the necessary steps to ensure that women are informed of their political and civil rights and involved in drafting and/or reviewing national laws;
59. Take all the necessary steps to ensure that women are registered on the electoral rolls and abolish family voting; substantially increase the number of women on electoral committees and the number of female electoral observers with a view to achieving the balanced participation of women and men;
60. Take all the necessary steps to guarantee women's socio-economic rights, including employment, as well as their property ownership and inheritance rights, and support in particular female-headed households and female orphans in so far as they may suffer particular, gender-based, discrimination;
61. Take all the necessary steps to guarantee women's right of access to reproductive and sexual health services, and in particular women's access to post-exposure prophylaxis and emergency contraception for rape victims;
62. Ensure that the women affected by conflicts, including refugee women and other displaced women, are actively involved in peace building activities and in the planning and implementation of reconstruction initiatives;
63. Ensure that equal consideration is given to women's and men's specific needs and interests when formulating reconstruction programmes and devising development co-operation programmes, and conduct a gender budget analysis of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict reconstruction in order that both women and men benefit equally from the resources provided by international and national donors;
64. Ensure the availability of translations of international documents on gender equality and peace building, and their dissemination, targeting in particular decision-makers, civil servants, and the wider public at local, regional and national levels;
65. Translate into national languages important decisions, including peace treaties, and disseminate them to the wider public, in particular to women in both towns and rural areas, and ensure that women and men have the opportunity to provide and receive information to and from national and international actors without discrimination based on the grounds of sex;
66. Encourage the media to use the information provided by civil society, including women's NGOs, to ensure regular and informed media coverage of issues concerning women and of civil society's contribution to national reconstruction and rehabilitation;
67. Encourage research on the consequences of women's exclusion from and/or men's over-representation in peace negotiations, and on women's contribution to conflict resolution and peace building activities, and the impact they have on peace processes; disseminate the results widely and use them in framing national and regional policies that respect and make creative use of women's potential.

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1036 Meeting, 24 September 2008

4 Human rights

4.3 European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) – Election of a member of the CPT in respect of the Slovak Republic

Item to be prepared by the GR-H at its meeting on 9 September 2008

Reference documents
CM(2008)122, AS/Bur(2008)45

Action

To elect a member of the CPT in respect of the Slovak Republic, in the light of the preliminary exchange of views to be held on the list of candidates in the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) on 9 September 2008.

1. Article 5, paragraph 1, of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment provides that:

"The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe by an absolute majority of votes, from a list of names drawn up by the Bureau of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe; each national delegation of the Parties in the Consultative Assembly shall put forward three candidates, of whom two at least shall be its nationals."

2. Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Convention provides that the same procedure shall be followed in filling casual vacancies.

3. Article 4 of the Convention provides that:

"1. "The Committee shall consist of a number of members equal to that of the Parties.

2. The members of the Committee shall be chosen from among persons of high moral character, known for their competence in the field of human rights or having professional experience in the areas covered by this Convention.

3. ...

4. The members shall serve in their individual capacity, shall be independent and impartial, and shall be available to serve the Committee effectively."

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4. The seat in the CPT in respect of the Slovak Republic is vacant since 20 December 2007. Consequently, it is necessary to elect a member of the CPT in respect of that country.
5. The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly has drawn up a list of names for the seat in respect of the Slovak Republic. That list is reproduced in document CM(2008)122. The curricula vitae of the candidates appear in document AS/Bur (2008) 45.
6. In accordance with the decision taken by the Deputies at their 532nd meeting (March 1995, item 4.1), the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) will hold a preliminary exchange of views on this question on 9 September 2008. The conclusions of the exchange of views will be reflected in the synopsis of the meeting (document GR-H(2008)CB10 – to be issued).
7. According to Article 5, paragraph 3, of the Convention, members of the CPT shall be elected for a period of four years. However, in pursuance of paragraph 4 of Article 5 of the Convention, in order to ensure that, as far as possible, one half of the membership of the Committee shall be renewed every two years, the Committee of Ministers may decide that the term or terms of office of one or more members to be elected shall be for a period other than four years but not more than six and not less than two years. At their 784th meeting (21 February 2002), the Deputies agreed, in the light of the objective set out in this provision of the Convention, to divide, for election purposes, members of the CPT elected in respect of the – then – 41 Parties to the Convention into two Groups "A" and "B" (cf. document CM(2008)35, Appendix 2: Updated composition of Groups "A" and "B" following the Deputies decision dated 21 February 2002 and subsequent decisions taken at the 874th (3 March 2004), 888th (16 June 2004), 930th (15 June 2005), 969th (21 June 2006) and 998th (13 June 2007) meetings).
8. In accordance with these decisions, the term of office of the member to be elected in respect of the Slovak Republic (Group "B") will run until 19 December 2011.
9. It will be recalled that, to be elected, it is necessary to obtain an absolute majority of the votes of the Deputies having the right to vote. All members of the Committee of Ministers are entitled to take part in the vote, which will be by secret ballot. Should none of the candidates on the list obtain the required majority, it would be necessary to hold a second round of voting. If a second round is held, the candidate placed in third position may be omitted, if the Committee so decides.

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

1036th meeting – 24 September 2008*Item 4.3*

**European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) –
Election of a member of the CPT in respect of the Slovak Republic**
(CM(2008)122, AS/Bur(2008)45)

Decision

The Deputies, having voted in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and having also regard to the decisions taken at their 784th, 874th, 888th, 930th, 969th and 998th meetings concerning the application of the procedure provided for in Article 5, paragraph 4, of the Convention, declared the following candidate elected/re-elected as member of the CPT, with effect from [date of decision] for a term of office which will expire on 19 December 2011:

- (in respect of the Slovak Republic).

Appendix

Draft Resolution CM/ResCPT(2008)... Election of a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) in respect of the Slovak Republic

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 24 September 2008
at the 1036th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 5 of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (hereafter referred to as "the Convention"),

Having regard to Articles 1 and 4 of the Convention;

Considering that the seat of the member of the CPT elected in respect of the Slovak Republic is vacant since 20 December 2007;

Considering that, in the light of the foregoing, it is necessary to elect a member of the Committee in respect of this country;

Having regard to the list of names drawn up by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Convention, on the basis of proposals from the Representatives of the Slovak Republic to the Parliamentary Assembly and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

Having regard to the provisions of Article 5, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention;

Having voted by secret ballot,

Declares the following candidate elected/re-elected as member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, with effect from [date of decision] for a term of office which will expire on 19 December 2011:

- (in respect of the Slovak Republic).

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4 Human Rights

4.4 Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities –

Election of an expert to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee –
Candidates in respect of Albania

Item to be prepared by the GR-H on 9 September 2008

Reference document
CM(2008)123

Action

To elect an expert in respect of Albania to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee.

1. It is recalled that, pursuant to Article 26, paragraph 1 of the Framework Convention, the Committee of Ministers shall be assisted by an advisory committee, "the members of which shall have recognised expertise in the field of the protection of national minorities". Furthermore, it is recalled that Rules 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 15 of Resolution (97) 10 provide the following:

"Rule 2:

The number of ordinary members of the Advisory Committee shall be a minimum of twelve and a maximum of eighteen. (...)

Rule 5:

The members of the Advisory Committee shall have recognised expertise in the field of the protection of national minorities.

Rule 6:

The members of the Advisory Committee shall serve in their individual capacity, shall be independent and impartial, and shall be available to serve the Committee effectively.

Rule 8:

Each Party may submit to the Secretary General the names and the curricula vitae, in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe, of at least two experts who have the required qualifications and capacity to serve on the Advisory Committee. The Secretary General shall transmit these documents to the Committee of Ministers.

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Rule 9:

The Committee of Ministers shall elect one of these experts to be entered on the List in respect of that Party.

Rule 10:

Elections shall be held in the chronological order in which the names and curricula vitae submitted by Parties have been received.

Rule 15:

Once the number of entries on the List exceeds eighteen, the Committee of Ministers shall in filling vacant seats in the Advisory Committee, give priority to appointing, in the following order, experts on the List from the Parties in respect of which no ordinary member has been appointed:

- a. at two or more consecutive rounds of appointments immediately preceding the current one;**
- b. at the round of appointments immediately preceding the current one;**

followed by experts on the List from other Parties in respect of which there is currently no ordinary member.

For each of these categories, the rule shall apply that if the number of experts entitled to appointment exceeds the number of vacant seats, ordinary members shall be selected by the Committee of Ministers through the drawing of lots."

2. The Deputies are invited to elect an expert in respect of Albania to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee. Reference is made to Rules 2, 9 and 15 of Resolution (97) 10, quoted above. It is recalled that the Advisory Committee having its full complement of 18 members, the appointment, as an ordinary member of the Advisory Committee, of the expert elected will be considered at a later stage, in accordance with the rotation system provided in Rule 15 quoted above. It is also recalled that, in accordance with Rule 19 of Resolution (97) 10, during consideration of a state report from a Party in respect of which there is no ordinary member of the Advisory Committee, the expert who is on the list in respect of that Party shall be invited to sit as an additional member.

3. Albania presented its nominations by letter dated 10 July 2008. The names and curricula vitae of the candidates in respect of Albania appear in document CM(2008)123.

4. The Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) will hold a preliminary exchange of views on this question on 9 September 2008. The outcome of this exchange of views will be contained in the meeting's synopsis (document GR-H(2008)CB10).

5. To be elected, it is necessary to obtain an absolute majority of the votes of the Deputies having the right to vote. All members of the Committee of Ministers are entitled to take part in the vote, which will be by secret ballot. Should none of the candidates on the list obtain the required majority, it would be necessary to hold a second round of voting.

Financing assured: YES

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**Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities –
Election of an expert to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee –
Candidates in respect of Albania
(CM(2008)123)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. having proceeded to election in conformity with Rules 8-9 of Resolution (97) 10, declared elected to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee:

... in respect of Albania;

2. consequently adopted Resolution CM/ResCMN(2008)..., as it appears at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions. << see Appendix to the present Notes >>

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Appendix

Draft Resolution CM/ResCMN(2008)...
Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities –
Election of an expert to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee
in respect of Albania

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2008
at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

By virtue of Article 26, paragraph 2 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and of Rule 9 of Resolution (97) 10 (Rules adopted by the Committee of Ministers on the monitoring arrangements under Articles 24 to 26 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities),

Considering that the Government of Albania ratified the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities on 28 September 1998, and that the Convention entered into force in respect of Albania on 1 January 2000;

Having regard to the nominations of candidates, in accordance with Rule 8 of Resolution (97) 10, by Albania by letter dated 10 July 2008;

Having proceeded to election by secret ballot;

Declare elected to the list of experts eligible to serve on the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities on [date election]:

... in respect of Albania.

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4 Human rights

4.5 European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

- a. Renewal of the member of ECRI in respect of Switzerland
- b. Nomination of a member of ECRI in respect of Moldova

Item to be prepared by the GR-H at its meeting on 9 September 2008

Reference documents

Resolution Res(2002)8, DG-HL(2008)7, DG-HL(2008)8

Action

To take note of the names and curricula vitae of the persons nominated by Switzerland and Moldova to serve as members of ECRI for a term of office of five years, starting on 1 January 2009 and the date of adoption of the decision, respectively.

1. On 13 June 2002, the Ministers' Deputies adopted Resolution Res(2002)8 on the Statute of ECRI. In accordance with Article 2 of ECRI's Statute, the members of ECRI should have high moral authority and recognised expertise in dealing with racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance. They should serve in their individual capacity and should be independent and impartial in fulfilling their mandate. They should not receive any instructions from their government.
2. In accordance with Article 3.3 of ECRI's Statute, if the Committee of Ministers were to consider that the appointment of one or more members of ECRI would not be in conformity with the provisions of Article 2 of ECRI's Statute, it may ask the member state(s) concerned to make another appointment.
3. In accordance with Article 3.5 of the Statute, the members of ECRI shall be appointed for a term of office of five years, which may be renewed. During their term of office, they may only be replaced if they have tendered their resignation, or are no longer able to exercise their functions.
4. In accordance with Article 4 of the Statute, if the government so wishes, a deputy to the ECRI member may be appointed. The provisions of articles 2 and 3 of the Statute shall also apply to the appointment of deputy members except that their mandate shall in all cases expire at the same time as that of the ECRI member.
5. Document DG-HL(2008)7 reproduces the curriculum vitae communicated with the notification received concerning the renewal of the ECRI member in respect of Switzerland whose term of office is expiring on 1 January 2009. Document DG-HL(2008)8 reproduces the curriculum vitae communicated with the notification received concerning the person designated by the authorities of Moldova as member of ECRI. The GR-H will examine these curricula vitae at its meeting on 9 September 2008 with a view to formulating a recommendation to the Deputies.

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Financing assured: YES

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1036th meeting – 24 September 2008**Item 4.5a****European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)****a. Renewal of the member of ECRI in respect of Switzerland**
(Resolution Res(2002)8, DG-HL(2008)7)*Decision*

The Deputies took note of the name and curriculum vitae of the person designated by Switzerland as member of ECRI for a term of office of five years, starting on 1 January 2009, as contained in document DG-HL(2008)7.

Item 4.5b**European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)****b. Nomination of a member of ECRI in respect of Moldova**
(Resolution Res(2002)8, DG-HL(2008)8)*Decision*

The Deputies took note of the name and curriculum vitae of the person designated by Moldova as member of ECRI for a term of office of five years, starting on [date of adoption of decision], as contained in document DG-HL(2008)8.



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5 Media

5.1 Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC)

- a. Abridged report of the 7th meeting (Vienna, 27-30 May 2008)
- b. Guidelines to assist Internet Service Providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, key human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- c. Guidelines to assist online games providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights

Item prepared by the GR-H on 9 September 2008

Reference documents
CM(2008)110

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To take note of the abridged report of the 7th meeting of the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) (document CM(2008)110) and to adopt the relevant decisions.

On 9 September 2008, the GR-H examined the abridged report of the 7th meeting of the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) contained in document CM(2008)110, and agreed to transmit it to the Deputies for adoption of the relevant decisions at their 1036th meeting on 24 September 2008.

Financing assured: YES

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1036th meeting – 16 September 2008*Item 5.1a,b,c***Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC)**

- a. **Abridged report of the 7th meeting (Vienna, 27-30 May 2008)**
- b. **Guidelines to assist Internet Service Providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, key human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights**
- c. **Guidelines to assist online games providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights**
(CM(2008)110)

*Decisions***The Deputies**

1. took note of the Guidelines to assist Internet Service Providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, key human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, as they appear in Appendix II to document CM(2008)110;
2. took note of the Guidelines to assist online games providers in their practical understanding of, and compliance with, human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Information Society, in particular with regard to Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, as they appear in Appendix III to document CM(2008)110;
3. took note that the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) will revert to the issue of a possible future mechanism for promoting respect of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (CM(2008)110, paragraph 4) in the light of forthcoming future information to be provided by the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC), and that the GR6H will report to the Deputies at one of their forthcoming meetings;
4. in the light of decisions 1 and 2 above, took note of the abridged report of the 7th meeting of the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services (CDMC) as a whole, as it appears in document CM(2008)110.

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7 Education and culture

7.1 "Reconciling heritage and modernity" – Recommendation 195 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents

Congress Rec_195 (2006) and CM/Cong(2008)Rec195 prov2

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the draft reply to Congress Recommendation 195 (2006) on "Reconciling heritage and modernity". It recommended transmission to the Steering Committee for Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) of the above-mentioned recommendation as well as of the draft reply, as amended during the meeting (cf document CM/Cong(2008)Rec195 prov2), for information and possible comments by 31 December 2008. It agreed to submit the draft decision below to the Deputies for adoption without further debate at their 1036th meeting (18 September 2008).

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 7.1

"Reconciling heritage and modernity" –

Recommendation 195 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

(Congress Rec_195 (2006) and CM/Cong(2008)Rec195 prov2)

Decision

The Deputies decided to communicate Congress Recommendation 195 (2006) on "Reconciling heritage and modernity" as well as the relevant draft reply, as it appears in document CM/Cong(2008)Rec195 prov2, to the Steering Committee for Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) for information and possible comments by 31 December 2008.

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7 Education and culture

7.2 "State, religion, secularity and human rights" – Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1804 (2007) and "Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion" – Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1805 (2007)

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents

Rec_1804 (2007), Rec_1805 (2007) and CM/AS(2008)Rec1804-1805 prov2

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the joint draft reply to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations 1804 (2007) on "State, religion, secularity and human rights" and 1805 (2007) on "Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion". It recommended its adoption as amended during the meeting (cf document CM/AS(2008)Rec1804-18050 prov2), without further debate, at the 1036th meeting (18 September 2008) of the Deputies.

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 7.2

**"State, religion, secularity and human rights" –
Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1804 (2007) and
"Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion" –
Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1805 (2007)**
(Rec_1804 (2007), Rec_1805 (2007) and CM/AS(2008)Rec1804-1805 prov2)

Decision

The Deputies adopted the joint reply to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations 1804 (2007) on "State, religion, secularity and human rights" and 1805 (2007) on "Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion", as it appears at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions.²
< see document CM/AS(2008) Rec1804-1805 prov2 >

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² See also document CM/AS(2008)Rec1804-1805 final.
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7 Education and culture

7.3 Steering Committee for Culture (CDCULT) – Abridged report of the 7th meeting (Strasbourg, 5-6 May 2008)

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents
CM(2008)120

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the abridged report of the 7th meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture (CDCULT), as it appears in document CM(2008)120 and agreed to submit the draft decision below to the Deputies for adoption without debate at their 1036th meeting (18 September 2008).

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 7.3

**Steering Committee for Culture (CDCULT) –
Abridged report of the 7th meeting (Strasbourg, 5-6 May 2008)**
(CM(2008)120)

Decision

The Deputies took note of the abridged report of the 7th meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture (CDCULT), as it appears in document CM(2008)120.

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7 Education and culture

7.4 Steering Committee for Education and Research (CDES) – Draft terms of reference for the Joint Council of Europe/UNESCO European Network of National information Centres on Academic Mobility and Recognition (ENIC)

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents
CM(2008)121

Action

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the draft terms of reference for the Joint Council of Europe/UNESCO European Network of National information Centres on Academic Mobility and Recognition (ENIC), as they appear in document CM(2008)121 and agreed to submit the draft decision below to the Deputies for adoption at their 1036th meeting (18 September 2008).

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 7.4

**Steering Committee for Education and Research (CDES) –
Draft terms of reference for the Joint Council of Europe/UNESCO European Network of National
information Centres on Academic Mobility and Recognition (ENIC)**
(CM(2008)121)

Decision

The Deputies adopted the terms of reference for the Joint Council of Europe/UNESCO European Network of National information Centres on Academic Mobility and Recognition (ENIC), as they appear at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions. < see document CM(2008)121 >

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8 Youth and sport

8.1 "Promoting an entrepreneurial spirit among young people in Europe's regions" –

Recommendation 198 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents

Congress Rec_198 (2006) and CM/Cong(2008)Rec198 prov2

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the draft reply to Congress Recommendation 198 (2006) on "Promoting an entrepreneurial spirit among young people in Europe's regions". It recommended its adoption as amended during the meeting (cf document CM/Cong(2008)Rec198 prov2), without further debate, at the 1036th meeting (18 September 2008) of the Deputies.

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 8.1

"Promoting an entrepreneurial spirit among young people in Europe's regions" –

Recommendation 198 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
(Congress Rec_198 (2006) and CM/Cong(2008)Rec198 prov2)

Decision

The Deputies adopted the reply to Recommendation 198 (2006) on "Promoting an entrepreneurial spirit among young people in Europe's regions" of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, as it appears at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions.² < see document CM/Cong(2008)Rec198 prov >

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² See also document CM/Cong(2008)Rec198 final.
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8 Youth and sport

8.2 European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ) –

Abridged report of the 40th meeting

Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) –

Abridged report of the 18th meeting (Budapest, 10-12 March 2008)

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents
CM(2008)106

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the abridged reports of the 40th meeting of the European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ) and the 18th meeting of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) (Budapest, 10-12 March 2008), as they appear in document CM(2008)106 and agreed to submit the draft decision below to the Deputies for adoption without debate at their 1036th meeting (18 September 2008).

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 8.2

**European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ) – Abridged report of the 40th meeting –
Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) – Abridged report of the 18th meeting (Budapest, 10-12 March 2008)**
(CM(2008)106)

Decision

The Deputies took note of the abridged reports of the 40th meeting of the European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ) and the 18th meeting of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) (Budapest, 10-12 March 2008), as they appear in document CM(2008)106.

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9 Sustainable development

9.1 Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) –

- a. Abridged report of the 1st meeting (Strasbourg, 28-29 April 2008)
- b. Draft revised terms of reference of CDPATEP

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents
CM(2008)118

Action

To adopt the draft decisions below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the abridged report of the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) (Strasbourg, 28-29 April 2008) and, in particular, the draft revised terms of reference of CDPATEP, as they appear at Appendix 2 of document CM(2008)118. It agreed to submit the draft decisions below to the Deputies for adoption at their 1036th meeting (18 September 2008).

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

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Item 9.1

Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP)

- a. Abridged report of the 1st meeting (Strasbourg, 28-29 April 2008)
- b. Draft revised terms of reference of CDPATEP
(CM(2008)106)

Decision

The Deputies

1. adopted the revised terms of reference of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP), as they appear at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions; <see document CM(2008)118 Appendix 2>
2. took note of the abridged report of the 1st meeting of the CDPATEP as a whole, as it appears in document CM(2008)118.

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9 Sustainable development

9.2 "Environmental accounting for responsible local action" – Recommendation 220 (2007) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Item prepared by the GR-C

Reference documents

Congress Rec_220 (2006) and CM/Cong(2008)Rec220 prov2

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decision below.

At its meeting on 10 September 2008, the GR-C examined the draft reply to Congress Recommendation 220 (2007) on "Environmental accounting for responsible local action". It recommended its adoption as amended during the meeting (cf document CM/Cong(2008)Rec220 prov2), without further debate, at the 1036th meeting (18 September 2008) of the Deputies.

Financing assured: YES

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Item 9.2

**"Environmental accounting for responsible local action" –
Recommendation 220 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**
(Congress Rec_220 (2007) and CM/Cong(2008)Rec220 prov2)

Decision

The Deputies adopted the reply to Recommendation 220 (2007) on "Environmental accounting for responsible local action" of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, as it appears at Appendix ... to the present volume of Decisions.² < see document CM/Cong(2008)Rec220 prov2 >

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² See also document CM/Cong(2008)Rec220 final.
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Committee of Ministers
Comité des Ministres

1036 Meeting, 18 September 2008

11 Administration and Logistics

11.1 Appointment of the External Auditor

Reference documents

CM(2008)67 and CM/Del/Dec(2008)1030/11.1

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To take note of the reminder that member states are invited to submit, before 15 October 2008, candidates for External Auditor for a five year period beginning with the audit of the financial year ending 31 December 2009.

1. The term of office of the External Auditor, the Head of the National Audit Office (United Kingdom) will terminate with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2008.
2. According to the procedure for the appointment of the External Auditor:
 - "- in principle, a new External Auditor should be appointed at a December meeting of the Deputies which precedes the first year of the new External Auditor's term of office;*
 - the Secretariat shall notify governments of the upcoming appointment of an External Auditor before 30 June of the last financial year on which the outgoing External Auditor is to report and candidatures should be deposited with the Secretariat before 15 October of that year;*
 - at the last meeting of the Deputies in September, the Secretariat will remind them of this time limit and inform them of candidatures already received;*
 - a document listing the candidatures received by 15 October shall be issued immediately after that date; it will set out the candidates, together with their curricula vitae, and the Secretariat's appraisal of the criteria detailed in paragraph 3 below;*
 - if an External Auditor does not complete his or her full term of office of five years, the procedure for the appointment of a new External Auditor for another five-year period should be initiated without delay."*
3. The appointment will be made by the Committee of Ministers in December 2008 for a period of five years, not renewable, starting with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2009.
4. Member states are invited to nominate candidates, who shall be the head of the supreme audit institution of their state and whom they wish the Committee of Ministers to consider for appointment as the External Auditor of the Council of Europe.
5. No candidatures have been received at the date of distribution of these Notes.

Financing assured: YES

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DRAFT DECISION

1036th meeting – 18 September 2008**Item 11.1****Appointment of the External Auditor**

(CM(2008)67 and CM/Del/Dec(2008)1030/11.1)

Decision

The Deputies took note of the Secretariat's reminder that member states are invited to submit candidatures for External Auditor before 15 October 2008 in conformity with the "procedure for the appointment of the External Auditor"² for a five-year period beginning with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2009.

² Adopted by the Committee of Ministers at their 838th meeting (30 April 2003) and reproduced in Appendix 2 of document CM(2008)67.

Notes on the Agenda

CM/Notes/1036/11.2 8 September 2008¹



COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Committee of Ministers
Comité des Ministres

1036 Meeting, 18 September 2008

11 Administration and Logistics

11.2 Budget Committee

Replacement of the titular and alternate members in respect of Poland for a term ending 31 December 2010

Reference documents
CM/Del/Dec(2007)1014/11.1

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To appoint, in respect of Poland, Mr Andrzej Ciopiński (in place of Ms Katarzyna Działama-Rzucidło) as the titular member of the Budget Committee and Mr Bartosz Buraczyński as alternate member (in place of Ms Magdalena Kąkol).

1. It is recalled that, in accordance with the procedure for the appointment of the members of the Budget Committee (Article 29 of the Financial Regulations), "if a member does not complete his full term of office of three years, the proposal for a replacement for the remainder of the period should be submitted without delay to the Committee of Ministers by the same State which proposed the member whose term of office has been interrupted".
2. The Permanent Representation of Poland has informed the Secretariat that the current titular and alternate members on the Budget Committee in respect of Poland, originally appointed for a term expiring on 31 December 2010, will no longer be able to continue their functions in this capacity. Consequently Poland has submitted the candidature of Mr Andrzej Ciopiński as titular member of the Committee and Mr Bartosz Buraczyński as alternate member. Their Curricula Vitae are reproduced at the Appendix to these Notes.

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISION

1036th meeting – 18 September 2008

Point 11.2

Budget Committee –

Replacement of the titular and alternate members in respect of Poland for a term ending 31 December 2010

(CM/Del/Dec(2007)1014/11.1)

Decision

The Deputies appointed Mr Andrzej Ciopiński as the member, and Mr Bartosz Buraczyński as alternate member, of the Budget Committee in respect of Poland for a term expiring on 31 December 2010.

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Appendix**Curricula Vitae**

Titular member

CV

Name: **Andrzej Ciopiński**

Address: Berensona 11A, 03-287 Warsaw, Poland, ph. +48 601 595 425

Date of birth: November 30th, 1964

Place of birth: Kielce, Poland

Marital status: Married

Education:

1991	MSc, Mechanical Engineering, Cracow University of Technology, Poland
1995	National School of Public Administration, Warsaw, Poland
2002	PhD, Economics, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Trainings, conferences, other:

1996	"Economic Development", International Development Center of Japan, Tokyo, Japan
1996 - 2006	Numerous international conferences related to capital market, financial instruments, etc.
1998 - 2005	Study trips to debt management agencies (Hungary, Sweden, Finland, Germany)
2001	"F/X risk management", Warszawski Instytut Bankowości, Warsaw, Poland
2003	"Strategic planning" and "Planning, Programming & Program Implementation Financing" - International Defence Acquisition Resource Program, US Naval Postgraduate School
2003	"Financial Markets and New Financial Instruments", IMF, Washington, DC

Employment:

1991 - 1992	Seasonal jobs in Germany
1993	Market Specialist, FLT "Iskra" SA, Kielce, Poland
1995 - 1998	Chief Specialist, Foreign Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland
1998 - 2002	Chief of the Foreign Debt Division, Public Debt Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland
2002 - 2003	Chief of the Foreign Debt Division, Foreign Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland
2004 - 2005	Deputy Director, Foreign Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland
2005	Deputy Director, Financial Assets and Liabilities Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland
2006	Adviser, Foreign Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland
2006	Adviser, European Union and Foreign Cooperation Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland

2007 Adviser, International Financial Institutions and Foreign Cooperation
Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland

2007 - 2008 Deputy Director, International Financial Institutions and Foreign
Cooperation Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland

2008 - present Deputy Director, International Department, Ministry of Finance, Poland

2000 - present Member of Civil Service

1998 Lecturer on "Economics", Warsaw School of Social Psychology (SWPS),
Poland

2004 - 2008 Lecturer on "Public Debt" and on "Fiscal Policy", National School of Public
Administration, Warsaw, Poland

2002 - 2003 Member of the government team procuring multi-purpose fighters for the
Polish air forces

Military Service:

1991 Military training, Weapons and Electronics Service Training Center, Poland

Languages:

Polish (native), English, Russian (fair), German (basic)

IT

Standard office tools

Alternate member

Bartosz Buraczynski
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality:	Polish
Date of birth:	7 April 1979
Place of birth:	Warsaw

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2005 - 2006	Postgraduate School of European Administration, European Union Funds and Economic Policy - Warsaw School of Economics
1998 - 2004	International Relations – Faculty of Journalism and Political Science – Warsaw University – full-time MA studies
1994 - 1998	XVIII Jan Zamoyski High School in Warsaw

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2007	<p>- Ministry of Finance, International Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Unit <i>Scope of responsibilities:</i> Coordination and implementation of tasks connected with policy management and management of cooperation with OECD, WTO, the Council of Europe and organizations of the UN System, CEI; monitoring and coordination of contributions to positions of Poland concerning policy in relation to international organizations and financial institutions within the framework of works conducted on the EU forum. Among others, cooperation with other governmental institutions (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economy)
2004 – 2007	<p>- Towarowa Gielda Energii S.A. (Polish Power Exchange), position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Certificates Register Specialist <i>Scope of responsibilities:</i> managing and formal and content-related control of the Green Certificates Register system; developing internal and external procedures; promoting knowledge in the area of renewable energy market; cooperating with participants of the Register and affiliated institutions; • Quotations and Settlements Specialist <i>Scope of responsibilities:</i> administering and settling accounts of exchange markets; developing content-related assumptions regarding quotations, introducing new products to market trading; cooperation with external institutions.
2003	<p>- Ministry of Transport and Construction – Press Office <i>Scope of responsibilities:</i> creating the media image of the resort; close cooperation with media; preparing documentation, presentations and report for the management, organizing press</p>

conferences, administering the web site of the Ministry – developing a database on the Internet site and placing current information of the www sites.

COURSES & TRAINEESHIPS

2006	ABC Data. Application of MS Excel in the area of finance and management
2004 - 2005	Deutsche Schule – German language course
2004	The European Education Institute – training programme in the area of “Practical use of European funds – efficient filling of grant application forms; European Social Fund; European Regional Development Fund”
2003-2004	General Board of National Roads and Highways – PR traineeship in the Press Office
2002 (December)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland – Diplomatic Protocol internship
2002 (August – September)	Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in London - internship
2002 (July – September)	Stanton School of English in London – English language course
2000-2001	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland – English language course

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- Polish – mother tongue
- English – advanced
- German – intermediate
- Russian – basic command

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Very good practical knowledge of the Windows environment, MS Office suite, Photoshop
- member of the Association “Managers Without Borders – Poland”

INTERESTS

- culinary and tourism, culture of other nations
- history of diplomacy; international law