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PROPOSALS TO PROMOTE THE WORK OF CODEXTER

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At the 8th Meeting of the Bureau of the CODEXTER held on 29 and 30 September 2016, the Secretariat was instructed to prepare a document containing proposals for promoting and increasing the visibility of the work done by the CODEXTER in view of the 31st Plenary Meeting. This discussion paper outlines some of the primary actions that could be taken in the framework of current Council of Europe communications strategies.

1. Wider Translation of CODEXTER materials

As documents and materials produced by CODEXTER are only translated into the two official languages of the Council of Europe, English and French, translating primary materials into more languages could open them up to a wider audience across the member States. However, as such translations cannot come from the ordinary budget, this would have to be done by interested persons *pro bono* or funds would need to be provided by member States on a voluntary basis.

2. Hosting and participating in events

The CODEXTER could organise (and attend) a variety of events including seminars, conferences and/or workshops for specialised and interested groups. These events could e.g. be organised in line with CODEXTER priority areas for 2016-2017, including topics such as: “terrorism and the internet”, “addressing links between terrorism and transnational organised crime”, “defining terrorism”, and “gender dimensions of counter-terrorism”. Participation could be targeted towards professionals in a particular field (such as judges, prosecutors, law enforcement & police), or with a greater focus on education, research and academia.

3. Improving the CODEXTER website

The CODEXTER website is the primary public hub for announcements, relevant materials, and supporting documents, including a database with several counter-terrorism country profiles and the relevant case law of the ECtHR. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the CoE Communications Directorate, could review actions to help promote the website.

4. Developing promotional and informational material for dissemination

In order to ensure that promotional and informational materials are available and accessible for officials, practitioners and relevant organisations, CODEXTER could develop practical booklets or brochures. These materials could provide interested entities with a quick reference guide on key CODEXTER topics as well as instruments such as Convention No 198 and the Additional Protocol.

5. Enhanced engagement with private companies and local/field organisations

In order to promote awareness and use of CODEXTER materials on counter-terrorism, human rights and the rule of law, action could be taken to further identify which public and governmental institutions, non-governmental organisations, private companies, researchers, and other stakeholders at the national and international level would benefit from CODEXTER engagement.