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(CCPE-BU)**

**21th meeting
Brussels, 29 – 30 September 2014
Meeting report**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Bureau of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) held its 21st meeting in Brussels (Belgium) on 29-30 September 2014, with Mr Antonio MURA (Italy), President of the CCPE, in the Chair.
2. The following Bureau members were also present:
 - Ms Raija TOIVIANEN (Finland), Vice-president of the CCPE;
 - Mr Cedric VISART de BOCARME (Belgium);
 - Ms Alessandra GIRALDI (Denmark).
3. The agenda is set out in appendix I.

II. COMMUNICATION BY THE PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU AND THE SECRETARIAT

4. The President of the CCPE informed the Bureau of his participation in the Conference on fighting transnational crime organised by the Office of the Prosecutor General of Russian Federation in Irkoutsk on 26 August 2014.
5. Ms Raija TOIVIANEN informed the Bureau that she will not be candidate for the post of president of the Bureau of the CCPE due to her other commitments.

III. PREPARATION OF OPINION N° 9 ON EUROPEAN NORMS AND PRINCIPLES CONCERNING PROSECUTORS

6. The Bureau examined the draft Opinion No. 9 (document CCPE-GT(2014)PROV6) with integrated comments of its members. It decided that the document would consist in a “European Charter for Public Prosecutors” (title to be precised), followed by an Explanatory Note containing short and clear principles.
7. They also verified whether the Charter included all relevant principles concerning prosecutors, from key Council of Europe documents such as Recommendations Rec(2000)19 on the role of public prosecution in the criminal justice system and Rec(2012)11 on the role of public prosecutors outside the criminal justice system, or CCPE Opinions.
8. The Bureau recalled the necessity to have, with this future Opinion, a very comprehensive and complete compilation of all principles which should govern the action of the prosecutors, even those which were not included in the Recommendations but which appeared as important since the drafting of them was more than 15 years ago.
9. The following timetable was agreed for final consideration of the draft Opinion by the CCPE: 1) by about mid-October 2014 the Secretariat would send the draft to all CCPE members, 2) their answers would be expected by mid-November 2014 or earlier, 3) then the Secretariat would prepare the draft with integrated comments of the CCPE members which would be considered with a view of its adoption during the plenary meeting on 16-17 December 2014.

IV. PREPARATION OF THE NEXT CCPE PLENARY MEETING

10. The President indicated that the newly constituted Italian High Judicial Council (CSM) would consider very soon the issue of hosting the plenary meeting in Rome, in its headquarters on 16 – 17 December 2014, preceded by an International Conference the 15th December 2014 on the theme “**The relations between prosecutors and investigation bodies: the challenges and perspectives**” which is aimed to serve as a basis of reflection for the CCPE for its 2015 Opinion on the same topic.

V. OTHER ITEMS

11. The President of the CCPE received a request by the Prosecutor General of Kazakhstan to be involved in the future work of the CCPE. The Bureau entrusted the Secretariat to prepare an official reply explaining the procedure to grant the observer status and to invite him at the next plenary meeting in Rome.

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Communication by the President, members of the Bureau and the Secretariat
4. Preparation of the CCPE Opinion No. 9
5. Exchange of views on the requests for targeted co-operation and follow-up by the CCPE
6. Other work of the CCPE
7. Any other business