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STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(CDDH)

**DRAFTING GROUP ON CIVIL SOCIETY
AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS
(CDDH-INST)**

Report

2nd meeting
8-10 March 2017

Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the draft agenda

1. The CDDH Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST) held its second meeting in Strasbourg from 8 to 10 March 2017 with Ms. Krista OINONEN (Finland) in the Chair. The list of participants is contained in Appendix I. The agenda as adopted appears in Appendix II.
2. The Group was welcomed by Mr. Alfonso DE SALAS, Head of the Human Rights Inter-governmental Co-operation Division and Secretary of the CDDH.

Item 2: Second reading and discussion of the revised draft study on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

3. The Group held a general discussion on the draft Study prepared by the Rapporteur Ms. Krista OINONEN with the assistance of the CDDH Secretariat, and on the main purposes, outcomes and format of this Study. It welcomed the revised version of this text. A brief discussion was dedicated to the selection process and presentation of national good practice examples.
4. The Group then examined, paragraph by paragraph, the revised draft Study. A meticulous re-reading of all paragraphs amended during the meeting was carried out by the Group (a third reading).
5. The Group proposed a number of changes and asked the Rapporteur and the Secretariat to prepare a consolidated final draft Study on this basis and in the light of comments provided during the meeting.
6. The Group decided to request further good practice examples from states, civil society organisations, Human rights defenders, and National human rights institutions, relying on a standard model decided on by the Group. The Group further decided to append a compilation of good practices to the study.

Item 3: Exchange of views on proposals for follow-up work

7. The Group held a discussion on the various formats in which the study and the appended compilation of good national practices could be presented (Committee of Ministers' declaration, recommendation, etc.) and is awaiting the CDDH decision on this matter.
8. In this context, it held an exchange of views with the Secretary of the CDDH-MF and CDDH-EXP, Ms Merete Bjerregaard, during which she informed us about the initial work of these Drafting Groups.

Item 4: Adoption of the meeting report

9. The Group adopted the present meeting report in English. The Secretariat will circulate the French version as soon as possible.

Item 5: Other business

10. Following its meeting of 8-10 March 2017, the Secretariat will send the consolidated final draft Study for possible comments and final approval by the CDDH-INST before submission to the CDDH in June 2017.

APPENDIX I

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APPENDIX II
Agenda

- Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- Item 2: Second reading and discussion of the revised draft study on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights**

<u><i>Reference Documents</i></u>	
Relevant extracts of the 86 th CDDH meeting report, including update of work of CDDH-INST and next steps	CDDH-INST(2017)001
<u><i>Working Documents</i></u>	
Revised draft study on the impact of current national legislation, policies and practices on the activities of civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	CDDH-INST(2017)002 <i>Restricted</i>
Additional drafting proposals by CDDH-INST members	CDDH-INST(2017)002bis <i>Restricted</i>
Compilation of national good practices	CDDH-INST(2017)002ter <i>Restricted</i>
<u><i>Information Documents</i></u>	
<u><i>Documents prepared by the Secretariat of the CDDH</i></u>	
Bibliography of standards pertaining to civil society organisations, Human Rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	CDDH-INST(2017)003
Selection of relevant ECtHR case-law	CDDH-INST(2017)004
Relevant extracts of the research report prepared by Research and Library Division of the European Court of Human Rights on Non-Governmental Organisations in the case-law of the Court	CDDH-INST(2017)005 <i>Restricted</i>

- Item 3: Exchange of views on proposals for follow-up work**
- Item 4: Adoption of the meeting report**

Item 5: Other business

Organisation of the work for the next meeting in Strasbourg, 6-8 September 2017.