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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS
(CDPC)

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS
ON THE OPERATION OF EUROPEAN CONVENTIONS
ON CO-OPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
PC-OC

**List of decisions taken at the 10th meeting of the restricted Group of experts on international co-operation (PC-OC Mod) enlarged to all PC-OC members
28 – 30 September 2010**

The PC-OC Mod decided to:

- 1. Draft Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition and the draft Explanatory Report thereto**
 - examine and amend the Draft Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (PC-OC (2010) 13) and the draft Explanatory Report thereto (PC-OC (2010) 14), and invite the PC-OC to examine the revised documents at its next meeting;
 - as regards the question of inclusion of the provisions of the Additional Protocol and the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition in the draft Fourth Additional Protocol for the purposes of consolidation, take account of concerns expressed by most delegations of the PC-OC Mod about such a consolidation exercise;
 - instruct the Secretariat to prepare a document setting out the potential advantages of a consolidated protocol, as well as these concerns and the position expressed by some delegations that similar results could be achieved through practical measures;
 - invite the PC-OC to take stock of its delegations' assessment of the prospects of their respective States of signing and ratifying a Fourth Protocol limited to new provisions approved by the PC-OC (Articles 1 to 6 in the current draft) by means of a *tour de table* at its next meeting, and to assess on this basis the added value of a consolidated draft protocol;

- 2. Discussion on possible ways of allowing practitioners to submit questions to the PC-OC**
 - hold a preliminary discussion on possible ways in which the PC-OC could allow practitioners who are not members of the PC-OC to submit questions and practical problems to the Committee through appropriate channels and to receive feedback from the latter;
 - identify a number of options which could be considered and invite the plenary to pursue this discussion on the basis of these options;

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3. Other business

- take note of the information that the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition will be opened for signature in Strasbourg on 10 November 2010, on the occasion of the handover meeting of the chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers between "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Turkey;
- take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the possibility of organising a seminar on standard model request forms for mutual assistance in criminal matters on 2 November 2010 (one day before the 59th plenary meeting of the PC-OC);
- express its support for this seminar, which would be devoted to discussing the forms and guidelines prepared in the framework of the voluntary contribution project VC 2248 on effective practical tools to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters and which would bring together PC-OC members and a limited number of practitioners for whose use these tools are intended;
- take note of the information provided by the Secretariat that a new website has been developed for the PC-OC and instruct the Secretariat to present this website at the next plenary meeting of the PC-OC.

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