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**COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES
COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON PREVENTING
AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
(ISTANBUL CONVENTION)**

1st meeting of the Committee of the Parties

Strasbourg, 4 May 2015
Meeting Room G.04, Agora Building

LIST OF DECISIONS TAKEN

Violence against Women Division
Directorate of Human Dignity and Equality
Directorate General II – Democracy

Agenda item 1 – Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The meeting was opened by the Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General, Ms Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI and was chaired by the Director General of Democracy, Ms Snežana SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ, until the Chair of the Committee was elected.

The Committee adopted the draft agenda as it appears in document IC-CP(2015)OJ1prov4.

Agenda item 2 – Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Parties

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 67 of the Istanbul Convention and following discussion, the Committee adopted its Rules of Procedure as they appear in document IC-CP(2015)2.

Agenda item 3 – Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Committee of the Parties

In accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee declared

- Mr Erdoğan IŞCAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the Council of Europe, elected as its Chair,
- Mr Rudolf LENNKH, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe, elected as its First Vice-Chair, and
- Ms Jocelyne CABALLERO, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe, elected as its Second Vice-Chair,

for a term of office of one year starting on 4 May 2015, renewable once.

Agenda item 4 – Election of the members of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

The Committee declared the following candidates for GREVIO membership elected:

Feride ACAR (Turkish),
Biljana BRANKOVIĆ (Serbian),
Francoise BRIÉ (French),
Helena Maria CARVALLHO MARTINS LEITÃO (Portuguese),
Gemma GALLEGO (Spanish),
Simona LANZONI (Italian),
Rosa LOGAR (Austrian),
Iris LUARASI (Albanian),
Marceline NAUDI (Maltese),
Vesna RATKOVIĆ (Montenegrin).

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 66 of the Istanbul Convention and Rule 14 of the Committee of Ministers' Resolution CM/Res(2014)43, the Committee decided that these members of GREVIO were elected for a term of office of four years, beginning on 1 June 2015 and renewable once.

Agenda item 5 – Information on co-operation activities of the Council of Europe of interest to the Committee of the Parties

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on co-operation activities of interest to the Committee.

Agenda item 6 – State of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

The Committee

- welcomed the recent ratifications of the Istanbul Convention by Finland, Poland and Slovenia;
- encouraged those member States of the Council of Europe that have not yet done so, to sign and/or ratify the Convention in the near future.

Agenda item 8 – Date of the next meeting

The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 14 December 2015 in Strasbourg.

Agenda item 9 – Other business

The Committee invited the Parties to provide the Secretariat with information on the official co-ordinating bodies designated or established in application of Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention by 30 June 2015.