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

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**2nd meeting**

Strasbourg, 14 December 2015  
Meeting Room G.03, Agora Building

**LIST OF DECISIONS TAKEN**

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Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating  
Violence against Women and Domestic Violence  
(Istanbul Convention)

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

The Committee adopted the draft agenda as it appears in document IC-CP(2015)OJ2prov2.

**Agenda item 2            Exchange of views with the President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)**

The Committee welcomed the information provided by the President of GREVIO on the progress made by the Group towards implementation of its monitoring work and invited the Parties to take action to ensure effective co-operation with GREVIO in future in the context of its evaluation and inquiry procedures.

**Agenda item 3            Designation or establishment of co-ordinating bodies in application of Article 10 of the Convention**

The Committee took note of the information provided by a number of Parties and signatory States on action taken to designate or establish official co-ordinating bodies in application of Article 10 of the Convention, and urged those Parties which have not yet done so to provide the Secretariat with the necessary information.

**Agenda item 4            State of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence**

*a. Action taken by member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Convention*

The Committee:

- welcomed the recent signature of the Istanbul Convention by Ireland, its ratification by the Netherlands and took note with satisfaction of the information provided on its imminent ratification by Belgium;
- encouraged other member States of the Council of Europe that have not yet done so, to sign and/or ratify the Convention at the earliest opportunity.

*b. Presentation of the indicative roadmap published by the Commission of the European Union in October 2015*

The Committee welcomed the publication of the indicative roadmap by the European Commission as a first step towards signature and ratification of the Convention by the European Union.

*c. Declarations and reservations*

The Committee:

- took note of GREVIO's concerns regarding the potential impact of certain declarations and reservations on its monitoring work;
- invited the Parties and signatory States to review any declarations and reservations to the Convention made by them, in the light of its discussions;
- encouraged the Parties to align their internal law with the Convention with a view to withdrawing any reservations made in accordance with Article 78 of the Convention at the earliest opportunity.

**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 the Council of Europe of interest to the Committee of the Parties;
- invited the Parties to contribute to the development of co-operation activities aimed at supporting States to implement the Convention.

**Agenda item 6      Dates of next meeting**

The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 26 April 2016.

**Agenda item 7      Other business**

The Committee noted that it would be called upon to designate a Gender Equality Rapporteur at its next meeting.

**Agenda item 8      Adoption of the list of decisions taken**