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# **COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

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**4th meeting of the Committee of the Parties**  
(Strasbourg, 13 September 2010)

**MEETING REPORT**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA**

1. The *Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (hereinafter referred to respectively as “the Committee” and “the Convention”) held its 4th meeting on 13 September 2010 in Strasbourg with Ambassador Zurab TCHIABERASHVILI in the Chair. The agenda, as adopted by the Committee, is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants to the meeting is set out in Appendix II.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: THEMATIC DEBATE ON “PARTNERSHIPS AMONG INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS: NEED FOR CO-ORDINATED ACTION”**

2. As stipulated in the *Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Parties*, one of the functions of the Committee is that of an international observatory on the prevention and combating of trafficking in human beings and the protection of the human rights of the victims of trafficking. With this in mind and pursuant to its decision taken at its 3rd meeting, the Committee hosted its first thematic debate on the following theme: “*Partnerships among international organisations active in the field of trafficking in human beings: need for co-ordinated action*”. Taking into account this decision, the Committee<sup>1</sup> invited the observers<sup>2</sup> to send representatives to participate in this Thematic Debate. Given the importance of the theme of the debate, members of the *Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (GRETA) were also invited to attend.
3. The debate was opened by Ms Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. In her address Ms DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO highlighted the importance of the Convention and confirmed that the Council of Europe was ready to provide its unique contribution to action against trafficking in human beings through this comprehensive legal instrument and its monitoring mechanism – GRETA and the Committee of the Parties. Ms DE BOER BUQUICCHIO called upon all international intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to aim towards better co-ordination of their activities in order to ensure that all efforts lead to the common ultimate goal: complete and irreversible eradication of trafficking in human beings.
4. Ambassador Thomas HAJNOCZI, Vice-Chair of the Committee, noted that even though international co-operation to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings already existed, the increased number of anti-trafficking activities carried out by the different international organisations was not sufficiently co-ordinated and this sometimes lead to duplication. As all the parties to the Council of Europe Convention are member or participating states of other international organisations active in the field of combating trafficking in human beings, it was crucial that any new monitoring activity developed in this area take into account the work of GRETA. The Vice-Chair stressed that the Council of Europe had a well-established tradition and a recognised competence in promoting and protecting human rights, in particular through monitoring the implementation of the legal instruments adopted to that end. He concluded that the monitoring mechanism of the Council of Europe Convention was set to continue the

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Rule 2.a. of its Rules of Procedure, members of the Committee of the Parties are representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe member states parties to the Convention (Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Georgia, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, United Kingdom). In accordance with Rule 2.b. of the Rules of Procedure, participants of the Committee are representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the member states, which have ratified the Convention, but for which it has not yet entered into force (Azerbaijan and Ireland) and of the member states, which have signed but not yet ratified the Convention (Andorra, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, San Marino, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine). Participants also include representatives of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe and the European Commission.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Rule 2.c. of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee may authorise international governmental organisations to send representatives as observers to its meetings on an ad hoc basis, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Interpol and Europol. The Committee may authorise international non-governmental organisations to send representatives as observers to its meetings on an ad hoc basis, in particular Amnesty International, Anti-Slavery International, La Strada International and the International Federation Terre des Hommes (IFTDH).

path of credibility and authority built over the years by other monitoring mechanisms of the Council of Europe and thus bring its valuable contribution to global efforts against trafficking in human beings.

5. Ms Hanne Sophie GREVE, President of GRETA, informed the participants on the results of GRETA's work and on the progress in the first round of evaluation of the implementation of the Convention by the parties. In particular, the President informed the participants that the replies to the *Questionnaire for the evaluation of the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by the parties* (Questionnaire) had been received from the first ten parties to the Convention, as requested by GRETA. She underlined that GRETA Reports, which would be public, would provide an authoritative source of information on different aspects of the fight against trafficking in human beings including identifying gaps, needs and good practices in the parties to the Convention. She concluded that GRETA's Reports would have a visible impact in the area of action against trafficking in human beings, not only for the parties directly concerned, but also for all other countries and actors involved.
6. Representatives of intergovernmental organisations focussed on their respective anti-trafficking activities, as well as on their views on how to improve co-operation and co-ordination among international actors in the field of trafficking in human beings. They stressed the importance of adopting the human rights based approach to trafficking in human beings and agreed that co-operation and partnerships were indispensable prerequisites for successful international action against this modern form of slavery. The speakers further noted that the current initiative of the Council of Europe encouraged these partnerships and brought them to a new level of coherence. It was also underlined that GRETA, as an independent monitoring mechanism, had the potential to take the leading role in monitoring implementation of national anti-trafficking measures and to provide valuable recommendations which could serve as the basis for the anti-trafficking activities of other international organisations.
7. Representatives of non-governmental international organisations highlighted the importance of the contribution of civil society to combating trafficking in human beings, including at international level. They urged the international intergovernmental organisations to ensure effective co-ordination of their activities and to keep the eventual overlap, where it could not be avoided, to the very minimum. Having welcomed the fact that the first ten parties to the Council of Europe Convention had replied to the Questionnaire within the deadline, representatives of non-governmental organisations urged these parties to make their replies public.
8. In his concluding remarks the Chair of the Committee presented a summary of the major points of the debate. In particular, the Chair underlined that to enhance the effectiveness of international action against trafficking in human beings it was necessary to:
  - increase co-ordination and avoid unnecessary duplication by the international organisations in the different types of activities carried out, especially given the current financial and budgetary constraints in which these organisations operate;
  - make full use of the particular area of competence and expertise of each organisation, maximising their comparative advantages and resulting in a more efficient use of increasingly limited resources;
  - advocate for the signature and ratification of the two existing international legally binding instruments<sup>3</sup> in this field, and raise awareness about their main provisions;
  - exchange information and good practices among international organisations concerning their activities, work plans and priorities in the field of preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting its victims;
  - explore areas where joint activities can be undertaken and benefit from the input, institutional support and resources of several international organisations;
  - hold regular co-ordination meetings among international organisations, including within the existing co-operation formats established under the aegis of these organisations (e.g. OSCE Alliance, UN.GIFT), meetings between the Heads of Secretariats in the different international organisations, as well as meetings between the Presidents or political representatives of the main bodies or committees dealing with trafficking in human beings in the different international organisations for the purpose of sharing information on their main projects and planned activities;
  - continue the existing active co-operation with civil society, in particular with the NGOs active in the fight against trafficking in human beings.

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<sup>3</sup> The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; and the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

9. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked all the participants for their active contribution to the thematic debate and called on all organisations to continue their efforts to further strengthen partnerships in the fight against trafficking in human beings.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES**

10. In accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee proceeded with the election of its new Chair and Vice-Chair. The Committee re-elected Ambassador Zurab TCHIABERASHVILI (Georgia) as Chair for a second term of office of one year, starting on 13 September 2010, and Ambassador Thomas HAJNOCZI (Austria) as Vice-Chair also for a second term of office of one year, starting on 13 September 2010.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS [CETS NO. 197]**

11. The Committee noted with satisfaction that since its 3rd meeting the Convention had been ratified by four and signed by two more member states, bringing the total number of ratifications to 30 and the number of signatures to 13. The Committee once again urged the Council of Europe member states which had not already done so, the non-member states which had participated in the preparation of the Convention, and the European Union to sign and/or ratify the Convention. In addition, the Committee called for other non-member states to accede to the Convention.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES**

12. The Committee took note of the progress in the work of GRETA. In particular, it welcomed the fact that GRETA had initiated in February 2010 the first evaluation round by sending the Questionnaire to the first ten parties. The Committee also welcomed the fact that all ten parties had submitted their replies.
13. Bearing in mind the current workload of GRETA, the increasing number of parties to the Convention and the current difficulties related to GRETA's budget and the staff of the Secretariat of the Convention, the Committee noted that the Council of Europe was finalising the 2011 budget, and reiterated the need to ensure an increase in the financial and, above all, human resources allocated to activities of the monitoring mechanism in the coming years in order to enable GRETA to carry out the first evaluation round in accordance with the timetable appended to the Questionnaire.
14. The Committee welcomed the adoption of *Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 1702 (2010) on Action against trafficking in human beings: promoting the Council of Europe Convention*, and *Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1895 (2010) on Action against trafficking in human beings: promoting the Council of Europe Convention*. The Committee took note of the information provided by Ms Doris STUMP, representative of the *Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*, concerning the forthcoming inter-parliamentary conference on combating trafficking in human beings, which would take place in Paris on 3 December 2010. The Committee requested that it be informed of the results of this conference.
15. The Committee took note of the information on activities of international governmental and non-governmental organisations, presented during the thematic debate. In particular, it took note of information concerning the ongoing discussions between the European Union Council of Ministers and the European Parliament on the proposed *Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims*. The Committee noted that the Council of Europe Convention had been used as the basis for this new European Union legislation and considered it important that the European Union take account of the monitoring mechanism set up by the Council of Europe Convention when further developing its legislation. The Committee agreed to closely follow all the developments in this area. Furthermore, the Committee welcomed the intention of the European Union to consult the Council of Europe, as well as other relevant organisations, at an early stage of preparation of the new European Union Strategy on the fight against trafficking in human beings, which is foreseen to be adopted in the second half of 2011.

16. The Committee welcomed *Resolution 14/2 on Trafficking in persons, especially women and children* (17 June 2010) of the United Nations Human Rights Council. In particular, the Committee took note that the Human Rights Council had called upon Governments to promote the implementation of legally binding international instruments to combat trafficking in human beings, as well as a co-ordinated and comprehensive approach to preventing and combating human trafficking. The Committee also took note of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/293, adopting the *United Nations Global Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons* on 30 July 2010. The Committee took note with interest of the forthcoming evaluation of the *United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking in Human Beings* (UN.GIFT) – another prominent example of a successful co-operation among some of the leading international organisations in the field of combating trafficking in human beings.
17. The Committee took note of the preparation of the 12th meeting of the *Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE*, which will take place in Vienna on 22 October 2010. The Committee was informed of the meeting between the President and the First Vice-President of GRETA with the *OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings* and other OSCE officials, which took place on 22 June 2010 in Paris. The Committee welcomed the agreement to hold regular co-ordination meetings between the President of GRETA and the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, as well as regular meetings between the respective Secretariats, in order to avoid duplication and ensure better co-ordination of activities of the two organisations in this common priority area.
18. Finally, the Committee took note of the *Pan-European Campaign on Compensation for Trafficked Persons* (COMP.ACT) launched on 2 July 2010 by Anti-Slavery International and La Strada International, together with partners in 14 countries. The Committee recalled that this Campaign was based on the provisions of Article 15 “*Compensation and legal redress*” of the Council of Europe Convention and welcomed the fact that the Council of Europe had given its institutional support to the Campaign.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: DATE OF THE 5TH MEETING: 6 DECEMBER 2010**

19. The Committee recalled that it had agreed to hold its next meeting on 6 December 2010.
20. It further recalled that one of the major tasks of the Committee at its forthcoming meeting would be to elect two new members of GRETA in order to fill the two remaining vacant seats. The Committee reminded its members that, according to the requirements laid down in *Resolution CM/Res(2008)7 on rules on the election procedure of the members of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)*, the deadline for submitting the names of candidates for election as GRETA members was 6 October 2010. Furthermore, the Committee recalled a letter of 12 April 2010 from the President of GRETA to the Chair of the Committee of the Parties concerning the expertise needed by GRETA and invited the members to take these needs into account when nominating candidates.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

21. The Committee took note of the departure of Ms Marta REQUENA from the post of Executive Secretary of the Convention from 1 September 2010, to take up the post of Head of the Public International Law and Anti-Terrorism Division in the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law. It further took note that Mr Christos GIAKOUMOPOULOS, Director of Monitoring, was fulfilling the role of Executive Secretary *ad interim* of the Convention. The Committee warmly thanked Ms REQUENA for her exemplary work and outstanding dedication to preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, in particular her contribution in drafting and promoting the Council of Europe Convention, as well as in setting up and launching its monitoring mechanism. The Committee wished Ms REQUENA success in her new functions.
22. The Committee welcomed the appointment of Ms Petya NESTOROVA, currently Head of Division in the Secretariat of the European Committee on the Prevention of Torture (CPT), as the new Executive Secretary of the Convention, who would take up her functions on 15 October 2010.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN**

23. The Committee adopted this list of items discussed and decisions taken, which in accordance with Rule 11 of its Rules of Procedure, is public.



## Appendix I

### Agenda

I. **OPENING OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA**

II. **THEMATIC DEBATE ON “PARTNERSHIPS AMONG INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS: NEED FOR CO-ORDINATED ACTION”**

1. Opening address by **Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

2. Introductory addresses

**Mr Zurab Tchiaberashvili**, Chair of the Committee of the Parties, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the Council of Europe

**Mr Thomas Hajnoczi**, Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Parties, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe

**Ms Hanne Sophie Greve**, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)

3. Addresses by representatives of international intergovernmental organisations

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5. Chair's summary of the thematic debate

*Mr Zurab Tchiaberashvili, Chair of the Committee of the Parties, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the Council of Europe*

III. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES**

IV. **STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS [CETS No. 197]**

V. **INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES**

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VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VIII. **ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN**

## Appendix II

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