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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE SYSTEM OF THE  
EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**(DH-SYSC)**

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**MEETING REPORT**

**1<sup>st</sup> meeting**

**25-27 April 2016**

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**Item 1:      **Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and order of business****

1.      The Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Strasbourg from 25 to 27 April 2016 with Ms Isabelle NIEDLISPACHER (Belgium) in the chair. The list of participants appears in Appendix I. The agenda, as it was adopted, appears in Appendix II.

**Item 2:      **Draft report on the measures taken by member States to implement the relevant parts of the Brighton Declaration****

2.      The Committee adopted the draft report on the measures taken by member States to implement the relevant parts of the Brighton Declaration as it appears in the Addendum, with a view to its transmission to the CDDH for adoption at its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting (15-17 June 2016), and to its presentation to the Committee of Ministers before 30 June 2016.

**Item 3:      **Follow-up of the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights****

3.      At its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee of experts on the reform of the Court (DH-GDR) agreed that “subject to the decisions which will be taken by the Ministers’ Deputies and the deadlines set for the possible work, the follow-up work could be entrusted to working groups focusing on subjects related to the work to be carried out (see DH-GDR(2015)R9, Appendix III). The CDDH then decided that a first Drafting Group of the DH-SYSC on the follow-up to the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the Convention (DH-SYSC-I) would meet from 29 June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, from 19 to 21 October 2016 and in February 2017. A second Drafting Group (DH-SYSC-II) would meet in March, June and September 2017 (see CDDH(2015)R84, Appendix X). The CDDH considered that “it would be useful if the DH-SYSC, like the CDDH, invites bodies and figures specialised in some of the work that this new Committee will carry out during the biennium 2016–2017, notably regarding the follow up work of to the report on the longer-term future of the system of the Convention” (see CDDH(2015)R84, paragraph 9).

4.      At their 1252<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Ministers’ Deputies welcomed the report of the CDDH on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights, took note of the Court’s comments on the report, and agreed on its follow-up.

5.      Concerning the work entrusted to the CDDH, the Deputies agreed on the following:

- “deemed it essential that the judges of the Court enjoy the highest authority in national and international law and to this end instructed the CDDH to examine, while securing the participation of the Court and all other relevant actors concerned, the whole selection and election process, including all factors that might discourage possible candidates from applying, in the light of conclusion § 203 i) and the relevant paragraphs of the report;”

- “instructed the CDDH to carry out a detailed analysis of all questions relating to the place of the Convention in the European and international legal order and on the medium-term and longer-term prospects, in the light of the relevant paragraphs of the report (conclusion § 203 iii).”

6. With a view to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the DH-SYSC-I (29 June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016), the Committee held an exchange of views with all actors concerned by the selection and election process of judges of the Court, namely the Parliamentary Assembly, represented by Mr Wojciech SAWICKI, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, accompanied by Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI, Head of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Department ; the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, represented by Mr Roderick LIDDELL, Registrar of the Court, and the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judges to the Court, represented by Mr John MURRAY, Chairperson, accompanied by Mr Jörg POLAKIEWICZ, Director of Legal Advice and Public International Law.

7. The Committee gave the following guidance to the DH-SYSC-I:

- consider all the parameters of the selection and election process in light of the CDDH report on the longer term future of the Convention system while preserving the credibility of the Court. The situation of judges of the Court once their term of office has expired will as well be considered, also in light of information provided by member States<sup>1</sup>;
- take into consideration a) the work and reflections of all actors concerned, including good practices developed and outstanding challenges, while ensuring the appropriate level of confidentiality and b) the previous work carried out by the CDDH including the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on national practices for the selection of candidates for the post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights (CDDH-SC);
- examine the procedures and practices of selection/election of judges in other international and regional courts and in highest national courts;
- examine possible measures to respond to the challenges identified with an inclusive approach (*i.e.* without excluding responses that would require an amendment to the Convention) while focusing on practical solutions improving the current system. This work should involve a feasibility study.

8. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare a document, for the first meeting of the DH-SYSC I, presenting all the steps of the process of selection/election, the work and reflections of all relevant actors concerned (including the previous work carried out by the CDDH) as well as a comparative study of the practices of selection and election of judges in other international and regional courts. This document could also contain references to relevant academic work. Experts who wish to submit relevant documentation are invited to send it to the Secretariat ([DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int](mailto:DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int)) by **Friday 13 May 2016**

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<sup>1</sup> In March 2014, following concerns expressed by the President of the Court, the Ministers’ Deputies adopted a number of decisions on the recognition of service as a judge of the Court. They called upon States Parties to address appropriately the situation of judges of the Court once their term of office has expired and invited them to provide any relevant information on the follow-up given to this decision. Some member States have provided information on this issue. The Committee of Ministers’ decision of 30 March 2016 on the CDDH report on the longer term future of the Convention system covers also this question.

**Item 4: Work on the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 on efficient domestic capacity measures taken for rapid execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights**

9. The Committee held an exchange of views on the task it was confided with relating to the Recommendation CM Rec (2008)2 on the efficient measure taken for rapid execution of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights, namely “*take stock of its implementation, and make an inventory of good practices relating to it and, if appropriate, provide for updating the recommendation in the light of practices developed by the States Parties (deadline: 30 June 2017)*” (specific task iv)).

10. With a view to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Drafting Group on Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 (DH-SYSC-REC) which will take place from 23 to 25 May 2016, the Committee recalled that this work will be carried out by the drafting group according to the working methods adopted by the Committee of Experts on the reform of the Court (DH-GDR ; see document DH-GDR (2015)R9, Appendix III), endorsed by the CDDH (see document CDDH(2015)R84, §8)).

11. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare, before the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the DH-SYSC-REC, a document containing a) good practice in member States and b) a first stock tacking of the implementation of this recommendation, pursuant to the sources proposed by the Secretariat in document DH-SYSC (2016)007 (paras. 3-5) and following the structure of Recommendation (2008)2.

12. Experts, who wish to bring to the Secretariat’s attention any additional, relevant information (in particular regarding updated information on the coordinator’s role and functions; difficulties encountered by the coordinator; synergies with Parliaments and the judiciary) are invited to send it to the Secretariat ([DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int](mailto:DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int)) by **Friday 6 May 2016**. Information submitted after this indicative deadline will also be taken into consideration by the drafting group.

**Item 5: Exchange of information on the verification of the compatibility of legislation with the Convention**

13. The Committee held a productive exchange of views, on the basis of relevant excerpts of national reports on the implementation of the Brighton Declaration, and written contributions of the experts, on the mechanisms for ensuring the compatibility of legislation with the Convention (arrangements, advantages, obstacles), in response to the following questions:

- 1) *What mechanisms have been put in place at national level to ensure the compatibility of legislation (whether draft legislation, laws in force or administrative practice) with the Convention? How do these work (whether or not they are systematic, the competent authorities and any consultations – whether optional or mandatory)? What are the advantages of the mechanism chosen?*

- 2) *What obstacles have been encountered in establishing or applying these mechanisms? How have these been overcome?*
- 3) *Is there any assessment (or planned assessment) of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the mechanisms in question? If so, how does this work? What obstacles have been encountered in setting up or carrying out such an assessment?*

14. Concerning follow-up on this exercise, the Committee decided that:

- all contributions will be published on the specific web page which will be updated regularly;
- the Secretariat will draw up an “overview of good practice” based on all the sources quoted in para. 10 above. To that end, the experts were asked to submit any additional information to the Secretariat ([DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int](mailto:DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int)) by **Thursday 30 June 2016**. The “overview of good practice” would be submitted to the experts by written procedure in **autumn 2016** with a view to its transmission to the DH-SYSC for adoption at its 2nd meeting (8-10 November 2016). If the question of the compatibility of administrative practice with the Convention needs to be looked at in greater depth, an exchange of views could be held on that specific issue.

**Item 6: ‘Tour de table’ on the state of signatures and ratifications of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the Convention and the European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in Proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights**

15. The Committee held a ‘Tour de table’ on the prospects of signatures and ratifications of different instruments as well as possible obstacles on the basis of the document prepared by the Secretariat (doc. DH-SYSC (2016)008). The Committee instructed the Secretariat to amend this document setting out the information gathered and to submit it to the experts by **Friday 13 May 2016**. On the basis of any proposed amendments submitted to the Secretariat ([DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int](mailto:DGI-CDDH-Reform@coe.int)) by **Wednesday 18 May 2016**, the Secretariat would prepare a revised version, which it would transmit to the CDDH for information by **Monday 23 May 2016**. Experts who did not present information during the meeting are invited to send it to the Secretariat by **Friday 6 May 2016**, otherwise the information contained in document DH-SYSC (2016)008 will be reproduced.

**Item 7: Elections**

16. The Committee elected Mr Paul McKELL (United Kingdom) Vice-Chair of the DH-SYSC.

17. The Committee elected experts from the following member States for its Drafting Group DH-SYSC-I: Armenia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Sweden; as well as Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic), Chair of the Group.

18. The Committee elected experts from the following member States for its Drafting Group DH-SYSC-REC: Bulgaria, Finland, France, Greece, Latvia, Poland, Romania, and Switzerland; as well as Ms Emanuela TOMOVA (Bulgaria), Chair of the Group.

19. The Committee reminded that the groups are open and that the other member States are welcome to send experts at the expenses of their authorities if they wish.

**Item 8: Organisation of future work and other business**

20. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 8-10 November 2016.

21. This meeting being the last one in which Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI participated, the DH-SYSC expressed its highest appreciation for his invaluable contribution and his involvement in the work of the CDDH and many of its subordinate bodies.

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Appendix II**Agenda (as adopted)****Item 1:       Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and order of business**General reference documents

- Draft annotated agenda DH-SYSC(2016)OJ001
- Draft order of business DH-SYSC(2016)OT001
- Report of the 84<sup>th</sup> CDDH meeting (7-11 December 2015) CDDH(2015)R84
- CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights CDDH(2015)R84  
Addendum I
- Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> DH-GDR meeting (17-20 November 2015) DH-GDR(2015)R9
- Brussels Declaration CDDH(2015)004
- Brighton Declaration CDDH(2012)007
- Izmir Declaration CDDH(2011)010
- Interlaken Declaration CDDH(2010)001
- Rome Declaration
- Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) for 2016-2017 DH-SYSC(2016)003
- Decisions adopted at the 1252nd meeting of the Ministers Deputies on the CDDH Report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (30 March 2016) DH-SYSC(2016)009
- 9th Annual Report of the Committee of Ministers on the supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, 2015
- Committee of Ministers' Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods CDDH(2011)012

**Item 2:       Draft report on the measures taken by member States to implement the relevant parts of the Brighton Declaration**Working document

- Draft report on measures taken by member States to implement the relevant parts of the Brighton Declaration DH-SYSC(2016)004  
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Reference documents

- Compilation of national reports on the implementation of the Brighton Declaration DH-SYSC(2016)005  
REV
- Compilation of drafting contributions on the preliminary draft report on measures taken by member States to implement the relevant parts of the Brighton Declaration DH-SYSC(2016)010  
REV
- Terms of reference of the Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) for 2016-2017 DH-SYSC(2016)003

**Item 3: Follow-up of the CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights**

Reference documents

- CDDH report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights CDDH(2015)R84  
Addendum I
- Comment from the Court on the report of the CDDH on the longer-term future of the Convention system #5281071
- Decisions adopted at the 1252nd meeting of the Ministers Deputies on the CDDH Report on the longer-term future of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (30 March 2016) DH-SYSC(2016)009
- Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) for 2016-2017 DH-SYSC(2016)003

**Item 4: Work on the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 on efficient domestic capacity for rapid execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights**

Reference documents

- Reference document in view of the work of DH-SYSC on the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 on efficient domestic capacity for rapid execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights DH-SYSC(2016)007
- Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> DH-GDR meeting (17-20 November 2015) DH-GDR(2015)R9
- Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) for 2016-2017 DH-SYSC(2016)003
- 9th Annual Report of the Committee of Ministers on the supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, 2015

**Item 5: Exchange of information on the verification of the compatibility of legislation with the Convention**

Reference documents

- Reference document in view of the first exchange of views of DH-SYSC (1st meeting, 25-27 April 2016) on the implementation of the Convention and the execution of judgments : mechanisms for ensuring the compatibility of laws with the Convention (arrangements, advantages, obstacles) DH-SYSC(2016)001
- Information on Recommendation Rec(2004)5 of the Committee of Ministers on the verification of the compatibility of draft laws, existing laws and administrative practice with the standards laid down in the European Convention on Human Rights extracted from the national reports on the implementation of the Brighton Declaration DH-SYSC(2016)002
- Compilation of written contributions concerning mechanisms for ensuring the compatibility of laws with the Convention (arrangements, advantages, obstacles) DH-SYSC(2016)006
- Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> DH-GDR meeting (17-20 November 2015) DH-GDR(2015)R9

**Item 6: ‘Tour de table’ on chart of signatures and ratifications of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the Convention and the European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in Proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights**

Reference documents

- Chart of signatures and ratifications of Protocols Nos 15 and 16 to the Convention and the European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in Proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights DH-SYSC(2016)008
- Report of the 84<sup>th</sup> CDDH meeting (7-11 December 2015) CDDH(2015)R84

**Item 7: Elections**

Reference documents

- Preparation of the work to be carried out in 2016-2017: Proposals by the Secretariat CDDH(2015)015 Rev.
- Committee of Ministers’ Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods CDDH(2011)012

**Item 8: Organisation of future work and other business**