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

1. The Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (hereinafter referred to respectively as “the Committee” and “the Convention”) held its 3rd meeting in Strasbourg on 26 April 2016.
2. The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Mr Erdoğan Işcan. The Chair recalled that at its 2nd meeting on 14 December 2015, the Committee had held an exchange of views with the President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), Ms Feride Acar, during which she highlighted GREVIO’s intention to adopt its baseline questionnaire and launch the first evaluation procedure by March 2016. The Chair noted with satisfaction that GREVIO had kept its promise in this respect.
3. The members of the Committee were invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting. The agenda, as adopted by the Committee, is set out in Appendix I. The list of attendees is set out in Appendix II.

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

4. The Chair recalled that during its exchange of views in December 2015 with the President of GREVIO, the Committee had discussed the need to avoid overlaps with similar monitoring exercises, possible timeframes for reporting to GREVIO, national authorities’ preparation for reporting and future input by civil society organisations. He noted that the evaluation procedure had been launched in the meantime starting with Austria and Monaco, and that Denmark and Albania would follow next.
5. The President of GREVIO provided details about the main developments in GREVIO’s work: first, the adoption at GREVIO’s 5th meeting on 11 March of the questionnaire for the baseline evaluation, and second, the launching on 22 March 2016 of the evaluation procedure in respect of Austria and Monaco, which marked the official beginning of the monitoring of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.
6. As regards the scope and structure of the questionnaire, the President of GREVIO commented that it covered in a comprehensive and concise fashion all aspects contained in Chapters II – VII of the Convention, thus reflecting the level of detail and complexity which GREVIO was hoping to see in state reports. She specified in this regard that the baseline questionnaire did not include measures in respect of victims of domestic violence other than women, in line with GREVIO’s interpretation of its mandate (i.e. monitoring of action to prevent and combat violence against women, including in the context of domestic violence), at this stage.
7. Concerning the order of state reporting, GREVIO had decided to opt for a combination of several criteria, including a) the creation of groups of state parties according to regions and legal systems¹; b) the order of ratification within those groups; and c) respect for other international reporting obligations in related fields. This was in line with the various practices of other Council of Europe (CoE) monitoring bodies. Concerning in particular criterion c), GREVIO would offer states the possibility to postpone the reporting in case of concurrent reporting under the CoE Anti-Trafficking Convention or the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Convention. This had been the case for Turkey and France, whose reporting had thus been deferred.

¹ Such grouping draws inspiration from decision [CM/Del/Dec\(2014\)1198/4.3](#) regarding the procedure for the election of members to the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), under the European Social Charter.

8. The President of GREVIO described the various steps of the evaluation procedure², whilst stressing the importance of this process being a dialogue with state parties aimed at allowing a more effective implementation of the Convention. She recalled that GREVIO was required to take into account multiple sources of information from CoE statutory and specialised bodies, treaty bodies at regional or international level, as well as non-governmental and civil society organisations, in addition to the primary source of information provided by state reports. Following the preliminary examination of such sources of information, the procedural steps included: meetings with state representatives, possible hearings with civil society and country visits which GREVIO was envisaging carrying out in all state parties during the first evaluation procedure, so as to acquire an in-depth understanding of the Convention's implementation on the ground. She conveyed GREVIO's view that country visits would not necessarily have to be repeated during subsequent evaluation rounds, which might be more targeted, more specific and more limited in scope. Ms Acar also evoked the essential role of national parliaments, from which GREVIO would seek information and to which GREVIO's reports would be submitted, in accordance with Article 70 of the Convention.

9. With the prospect of ensuring full commitment of the parties to all the provisions of the Convention through the progressive elimination of all reservations and declarations, the President of GREVIO reminded the Committee that the evaluation procedure would also encompass examination by GREVIO of any reservation and/or declaration to the Convention, with a special attention to certain general wide-ranging declarations on the application of the Convention which were a source of concern for GREVIO.

10. As for the involvement of the Committee in the evaluation procedure, the President of GREVIO estimated that GREVIO was most likely to adopt its first final reports and conclusions regarding Austria and Monaco in 2017³. The Committee would then be called upon to discuss such reports and on the basis of GREVIO's evaluations, adopt recommendations aimed at allowing the parties concerned to reach higher levels of implementation. Ms Acar underscored the importance of the interplay between GREVIO and the Committee for the success of the entire monitoring process.

11. The President of GREVIO concluded by saying that GREVIO was looking forward to the beginning of a constructive, fruitful and trusting relationship between GREVIO and the parties.

12. Following Ms Acar's intervention, the representatives of Austria and Monaco – the first two states scheduled to undergo the evaluation procedure – confirmed having received the baseline questionnaire and reiterated their commitment to submit their reports in the requested format and within the deadline. The delegation of Ukraine shared information concerning steps taken with a view to ratifying the Convention in the autumn of 2016. The representative of Romania announced that the recent adoption of a national law on ratification by the Romanian parliament would be followed soon by the deposit of this country's instrument of ratification to the Convention.

13. Several delegations welcomed the explanations regarding the selection of the first states to be monitored and expressed their willingness to enter into a dialogue with GREVIO, which would also include country visits.

14. In reply to questions about country visits, the President of GREVIO confirmed that there was agreement within GREVIO to organise country visits to all parties during the first evaluation procedure so as to be able to make a thorough assessment of the situation on the ground. The decision as to the need for country visits during subsequent evaluation procedures would be taken by GREVIO on a case-by-case basis.

15. Prompted to clarify the links between the various reporting obligations incurred by states at the international level, the President of GREVIO stated that consideration would be given to the need to ensure their linkage with the reporting under the Istanbul Convention. In terms of timing, GREVIO had decided to this end to allow re-arranging the order in which states undergo monitoring under the

² As illustrated in document IC/Inf(2016)1, *Steps in the first evaluation procedure*, available on the Convention's public website.

³ In accordance with the indicative timeline provided in annex to document IC/Inf(2016)1, mentioned in footnote 2.

Istanbul Convention in order to avoid overlapping reporting exercises under the CEDAW Convention and/or the CoE Anti-trafficking Convention (cfr. paragraph 7 above). Good co-ordination and efficient use of resources could furthermore be ensured by mutually drawing inspiration from, and feeding into, the work carried out by other international mechanisms operating in the area of violence against women, including with respect to the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

16. As for co-ordination within the CoE, the President of GREVIO and the Executive Secretary assured the Committee that every effort would be made to avoid repetitions, *inter alia* by actively seeking relevant information from other CoE bodies. Referring in particular to the ongoing work of the Drafting Group on Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage (CDDH-MF), the Executive Secretary stated that the Secretariat of the monitoring mechanism of the Istanbul Convention would be following closely the group's activities and ensuring liaison with work carried out under the Convention.

17. The Committee expressed its appreciation for GREVIO's decision not to overlap with other monitoring procedures. It welcomed the initiation of the evaluation procedure by GREVIO in March 2016 and invited the parties under evaluation to co-operate fully with the Group in order to enable it to carry out its task effectively.

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

18. The Committee took stock of the situation regarding the designation or establishment of official bodies in application of Article 10 of the Convention. Of the 19 states in which the Convention had entered into force, 14 had designated or established official bodies, whereas official bodies were in the process of being set up or established in Finland, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovenia. Information on this matter was expected from the two contracting states for which the Convention had not yet entered into force, i.e. San Marino (entry into force on 1 May) and Belgium (entry into force on 1 July).

19. The representatives of Montenegro, the Netherlands, Slovenia and San Marino indicated that their authorities had taken a decision regarding the required designation or establishment of a co-ordinating body.

20. The Chair concluded discussions under this item by recalling that the designation or establishment of official bodies in pursuance of the aforementioned article was essential to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention. He urged the parties which had not yet done so to inform the Secretariat in writing of any action taken to designate or establish official co-ordinating bodies in application of Article 10 of the Convention.

Agenda item 4: State of signatures and ratifications of the Istanbul Convention

a. Action taken by member states of the CoE towards ratification of the Convention

21. The Chair referred to the decision made by the Committee at its 2nd meeting to encourage CoE member states that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Convention in the near future.

22. San Marino ratified the Convention in January 2016 and Belgium ratified it in March 2016. Bulgaria signed the Convention on 21 April 2016, under its Chairmanship of the Committee of the Ministers.

23. Several representatives of signatory states, in particular Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Norway, Romania, Switzerland and Ukraine, provided information on progress made towards ratification. The representative of Germany indicated that ratification by his country was expected towards the end of 2017. The representative of Luxembourg stated that based on on-going work to transpose the provisions of the Istanbul Convention, ratification by Luxembourg was foreseen to take place either in 2016 or 2017. The representative of Norway reported that his authorities were expecting

to complete ratification either in the second half of 2016 or during the first half of 2017. The representative of Romania announced that following the publication of the law on ratification, Romania's instrument of ratification of the Convention would be deposited soon. The representative of Ukraine mentioned autumn of 2016 as the period in which ratification by Ukraine was foreseeable. Several signatory states, notably Germany, Luxembourg, Norway and Hungary, pointed to the requirement that their country's internal legislation be in conformity with the Istanbul Convention before ratification was possible.

24. The representative of Italy shared information on measures taken following ratification of the Convention, with respect to a nation-wide call for proposals which was published on 8 March 2016 and was aimed at financing up to 12 million Euros worth of projects concerning local public services and shelters for women victims of violence.

25. The Committee encouraged further signatures and ratifications by member states at the earliest opportunity.

b. Action taken by the European Union (EU) towards signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention

26. The Chair recalled that during its previous meeting, the Committee had discussed the EU Commission's indicative roadmap towards ratification.

27. Since then, on 4 March 2016, the Commission had officially proposed that the EU sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention⁴. The proposal was being discussed within the Council of the EU in Brussels on 26 April 2016.

28. The representative of the EU informed the Committee in this respect that the EU embraced the multi-faceted approach of the Convention, as the most advanced and promising instrument in this area. She stressed that the EU would be ratifying the Convention within the limits of the competences conferred upon it and alongside its member states. Whilst recalling that the EU had already implemented EU-wide rules in the area covered by the Convention, notably as concerns victims' rights, migration and asylum, the EU representative acknowledged that substantial areas would remain within the competence of EU member states, for instance in the field of criminal law. The EU and its member states would therefore be called upon to co-operate closely and in a transparent way, subject to the modalities to be defined in a foreseen code of conduct. Parliamentary consent was required before the EU could ratify.

29. As for the added-value of the EU's ratification of the Convention, the EU representative mentioned: reinforcement of the existing legal framework, greater advocacy in preventing and combating violence against women (VAW), more effective use of EU funds, EU accountability and opportunities for the EU to enter into exchanges with third parties.

30. In response to a question regarding the time-frame, the EU representative affirmed that this issue is a priority for the Commission.

31. The Committee took note of the publication of the Commission's proposals on the signature and ratification, on behalf of the EU, of the Convention and welcomed the information provided by the EU representative.

c. Declarations and reservations

32. The Chair recalled that at its December meeting, the Committee had taken note of GREVIO's concerns regarding the impact of certain declarations and reservations on its monitoring work. On that occasion, the Committee had invited the parties and signatory states to review any declarations and reservations to the Convention made by them, in the light of its discussions. The Committee also had

⁴ Cfr. the Commission's proposals for a Council [decision](#) on signing the Convention and a second proposal for a Council [decision](#) on concluding the Convention.

encouraged the parties to align 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.

33. The Chair expressed satisfaction at the fact that Belgium's and San Marino's recent ratification had not been accompanied by any declaration or reservation.

34. A reminder was made to the Committee that states are allowed to make declarations and reservations provided that they conform to Article 78 of the Convention and are in line with the object and purpose of the Convention.

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

35. The Secretariat informed the Committee about on-going co-operation projects on violence against women. The project funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) "*Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence in Ukraine*", focusing on the improvement of the legal framework, multi-agency co-operation between institutions and data collection, was planned to end in August. The overall aim of the project is to prepare Ukraine for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. Activities under Norway Grants projects continued to be implemented in Bulgaria and Slovakia, while the projects in Romania and Poland had ended. Within the framework of Neighbourhood Co-operation, the CoE was providing expertise to Morocco and Tunisia with the aim of aligning the national legal frameworks with the Istanbul Convention.

36. Reference was also made to a new multi-lateral project on VAW providing a comprehensive co-operation framework for assisting a number of countries in signing, ratifying and implementing the Istanbul Convention in a co-ordinated and systematic way.

37. The Committee took note of the information provided and reiterated its invitation to Parties to contribute to the development of co-operation activities.

Agenda item 6: Exchange of views with the Chairperson of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC)

38. The Chair welcomed Mr Sergiy Kyslytsya, Chairperson of GEC and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, on visit in Strasbourg on the occasion of the 9th meeting of GEC on 27 – 29 April 2016. Ambassador İçcan highlighted the role of GEC in facilitating and overseeing the implementation of the CoE Gender Equality Strategy (2014 – 2017) which includes preventing and combating violence against women as one of its key objectives. Its activities in this field, such as supporting member states to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention, providing visibility to good practices and promoting the Convention beyond the European continent, made it a natural partner of the Committee.

39. The Chair of GEC emphasised and elaborated on the many commonalities shared by GEC and the Committee. The close interrelations between the promotion of gender equality and the prevention and fight against VAW allowed GEC to contribute to GREVIO/the Committee's work in many ways: endorsing the fight against VAW as part of the Gender Equality Strategy, disseminating information about the Istanbul Convention standards (cfr. the collection of papers), providing expertise to member states, facilitating the exchange of national practices, liaising with other international bodies active in the field of gender equality and cooperating with neighbouring countries. In turn, GEC was looking forward to benefiting from the work of GREVIO/the Committee. There was therefore ample ground for creating synergies between these respective bodies and the Chair of GEC proposed regularly exchanging information and examining possible ways of working together.

40. In reply to a question on the relevance of the Istanbul Convention in the neighbouring countries, the Chair of GEC stated that significant improvements had been achieved in these countries, in terms of women's representation in government and parliament. The situation of women

in society and their status as refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the face of the acute refugee flow experienced by these countries continued to pose a challenge. As a treaty open to participation beyond CoE membership, the Istanbul Convention and its standards lend themselves to be used by neighbouring countries.

41. The Chair of GEC concluded his intervention by stressing the need for a comprehensive approach to the fight against VAW, extending to such other matters as guaranteeing equal access of women to justice and combating gender stereotypes and sexism – both elements of the Gender Equality Strategy –, as well as involving boys and men and fighting impunity for crimes committed against women.

42. The Committee welcomed the information provided by the Chair of GEC and agreed to pursue dialogue in the context of activities of common interest.

Agenda item 7: Election of Bureau members

43. 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, re-elected as its Chair,
- Mr Rudolf Lennkh, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe, re-elected as its First Vice-Chair, and
- Ms Jocelyne Caballero, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe, re-elected as its Second Vice-Chair,

for another term of office of one year starting on 4 May 2016.

Agenda item 8: Date of the next meeting

44. The Committee decided to hold its next meeting before 4 May 2017, the exact date of which would be determined in the light of future ratifications.

Agenda item 9: Other business

45. Ms Anne Nègre, representing the CoE Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations, informed the Committee about an upcoming event organised by University Women of Europe and supported by Woman Against Violence Europe (WAVE), which was scheduled to take place on 20 May 2016 in the ancient theater of Syracuse (Italy) on current gender issues, including violence against women⁵.

46. Stressing the important role played by parliaments in promoting the Convention, the representative of the Netherlands informed the Committee about the voluntary contribution made by the Dutch authorities in December 2015 in support of the project “*Violence against Women – PACE Promotion Campaign of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)*”.

47. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE (PACE) provided the Committee with an update of PACE’s activities in support of the Convention.

48. The representative of Slovenia announced that its country was organising a conference on 20 October 2016 involving representatives from the relevant ministries, as well as NGOs from the Balkan region, on steps taken to further the implementation of the Convention.

⁵ Cfr. links: <https://uweboard.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/uwe-front.jpg>; <https://uweboard.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/uwe.jpg>

49. Following the indication given by the Executive Secretary that the Committee should appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur in pursuance of the CoE Transversal Programme on Gender Equality, the Committee appointed Ms Maria Esther Rabasa Grau, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Andorra to the Council of Europe, as its Gender Equality Rapporteur.

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the list of decisions

50. The Committee approved the decisions taken at the meeting.

Appendix I

Agenda

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Appendix II

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