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**Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
(CAHDPH)**

**5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING, 5-7 OCTOBER 2016**

**STRASBOURG, COUNCIL OF EUROPE - AGORA BUILDING, MEETING ROOM G03**

**ABRIDGED REPORT**

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The Chair opened the 5th meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH) (Strasbourg, 5 to 7 October 2016).

## **2. Adoption of the draft agenda and draft order of business**

The agenda was adopted as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

## **3. Elections of the Chair, Vice-chair and Members of the Bureau**

The Committee agreed by consensus to elect Mr. Alfredo FERRANTE (Italy), as Chair for one year.

The Committee held a vote on the election of the Vice Chair and members of the Bureau. The Committee elected Ms. Eveliina PÖYHÖNEN (Finland) as Vice-Chair for one year and for the Bureau, Ms. Brigitte PLUMET (Belgium) and Ms. Nadezhda HARIZANOVA (Bulgaria) for two years, and Ms. Margaryta KROPIVNYTSKA (Ukraine) for one year.

## **4. The Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023**

The Committee discussed the draft Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023. All speakers congratulated the Task Force, the Committee, the Secretariat and all stakeholders that contributed to the preparation of the Strategy on the high quality of the document. There was general agreement that the draft Strategy is focused, builds on the strengths and the added value of the Council of Europe, is well anchored into the UN CRPD and provides a clear roadmap and practical tool for further work and action at local and national level.

The Committee adopted unanimously and by consensus the draft Strategy and decided to transmit it to the next meeting of the GR-SOC for adoption by the Committee of Ministers by the end of 2016.

## **5. - 7. Roundtable Discussions**

During the meeting, three roundtable discussions were organised:

- **“Inclusive education and disability related human rights training for professionals”**
- **“Recognising and combating multiple discrimination of persons with disabilities”**
- **“Removing stereotypes by increasing participation of persons with disabilities”**

The Committee members held an exchange of views with external experts.

Members of the Committee as well as other participants highly praised the organisation and content of the roundtables. Expertise discussions and exchange were very interesting, pertinent to the preparation of the draft Strategy work, drew attention to barriers and challenges but also identified good practice. Introducing roundtables to the plenary session is an innovative practice and the Committee encouraged such format to be considered for future meetings.

The Program of the roundtable discussions is set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

## **8. Tour-de table on the recent development in member States**

The Committee took note of oral reports made by members of CAHDPH on recent policy, legislative and other developments and events in the disability field in their respective countries. Members were encouraged to submit information in writing where available.

## **9. Work carried out by other Council of Europe bodies relevant to disability issues**

The Committee held an exchange of views with Ms. Carlien SCHEELE, Senior Gender Equality Adviser; Ms. Elise CORNU, Head of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination; Ms. Agnes VON MARAVIC, Children's Rights Division; Ms. Laurence LWOFF, Head of the Bioethics Unit and Ms. Eleni TSETSEKOU, Head of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Unit.

The Committee took note of presentations and agreed to consider areas of future co-operation and synergies in the framework of the implementation of the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023. It stressed the importance of continuing the fruitful co-operation with all Council of Europe bodies relevant to work and activities in the area of disability.

**10. Activities of other international and intergovernmental organisations in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities**

The Committee welcomed presentations and took note of the recent developments in the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA); Organisation for Security and Co-operation (OSCE/ODHIR); Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues (NVC); European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD); and Rehabilitation International (RI).

The Committee stressed the importance of continuing close dialogue and co-operation with other international organisations in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities.

**11. CAHDPH participation in the work of other Council of Europe bodies and other events**

The Committee took note of oral reports made by members of CAHDPH and Secretariat about events at which they participated since the previous plenary meeting.

**12. Any other business**

**12.1. The ban of the Russian Paralympic Team from the Rio 2016**

The Committee held exchange of views with Mr. Sergey KHRYPCHIKOV, the Secretariat of the Ad hoc European Committee for the World Anti-Doping Agency (CAHAMA).

The Committee recalled that promoting and protecting human rights of persons with disabilities and to uphold democracy and the respect of the rule of law is the core of Council of Europe work. It also recalled that the draft Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 places strong emphasis on the implementation of existing human rights standards. The Strategy is anchored in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the European Convention on Human Rights and other Council of Europe standards protecting the human rights.

In view of the above, the Committee concluded that the Ad hoc European Committee for the World Anti-Doping Agency (CAHAMA) is the right place to deal with the question of ban of the Russian Paralympic Team from the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

**12.2. Launching conference for the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023**

The Committee took note of information about preparations of the High-Level Conference to launch the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (Nicosia, Cyprus on 27-28 March 2017).

**13. Next meeting**

The Committee decided to hold its 6th meeting on 27-29 September 2017.

**14. Adoption of the abridged meeting report**

The Committee adopted the abridged meeting report.

## Appendix 1

### AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the draft agenda and draft order of business
3. Elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair and the Bureau of the CAHDPH
4. The Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023
5. **Round-table I:** Inclusive education and disability related human rights training for professionals
6. **Round-table II:** Recognising and combating multiple discrimination of persons with disabilities
7. **Round-table III:** Removing stereotypes by increasing participation of persons with disabilities
8. Tour-de-table on the recent developments in member States
9. Work carried out by other council of Europe bodies relevant to disability issues
10. Activities of other international and intergovernmental organisations in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities
11. CAHDPH participation in the work of other council of Europe bodies and other events
12. Any other business:
  - The ban of the Russian Paralympic Team from the Rio 2016
  - Launching conference for the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023, Nicosia, Cyprus (27-28 March 2017)
13. Dates of the next meeting
14. Adoption of the abridged meeting report

Appendix 2

<p>Roundtable I</p> <p><b>Inclusive education and disability related human rights training for professionals</b></p>	<p>Roundtable II</p> <p><b>Recognising and combating multiple discrimination of persons with disabilities</b></p>	<p>Roundtable III</p> <p><b>Removing stereotypes by increasing participation of persons with disabilities</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 5 October</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 6 October</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 7 October</b></p>
<p>11.00-13.00</p>	<p>9.30-11.30</p>	<p>9.30-11.30</p>
<p><b>Inclusive quality education for Persons with Disabilities</b> Nidhi Singal, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><b>Women and girls with disabilities</b> Pirkko Mahlamäki, European Women's Lobby</p>	<p><b>Political participation of persons with disabilities</b> Helga Stevens, MEP</p>
<p><b>Sign language and braille in education in Georgia</b> Ekaterine Dgebuadze, Georgia</p>	<p><b>Persons with Disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation and sexuality</b> Embla Guðrúnar Ágústsdóttir, Tabú</p>	<p><b>Active participation of Persons with Disabilities in media as actors and users</b> Ramy El-Bergamy, Channel 4 TV</p>
<p><b>Awareness on disabilities in schools in Monaco</b> Elodie Koukoui, Monaco</p>	<p><b>Young persons with disabilities from minority background</b> Ovidiu Tuduruta, EDF Youth Committee</p>	<p><b>Business and disabilities</b> Jonathan Andrews, Reed Smith</p>
<p><b>Inclusive vocational education and training</b> Timothy Ghilain, EASPD</p>	<p><b>Older persons with disabilities in long term care</b> Alicia Gomez Campos, ENNHRI</p>	<p><b>Increasing employment of persons with Disabilities in Spain</b> Edurne Alvarez de Mon Gonzalez, Fundacion Once</p>
<p><b>Human Rights based training on disabilities for professionals</b> Frank Elbers , HREA</p>	<p><b>PWD as refugees and asylum seekers</b> Kirstin Lange, UNHCR</p>	<p><b>Participation in sports and leisure by young persons with disabilities in Finland</b> Noora Västinén, Rehabilitation International (RI)</p>