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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ROMA AND TRAVELLER ISSUES
(CAHROM)

REPORT OF THE 17TH CAHROM BUREAU MEETING

Paris, 14 February 2019

OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Ms Tatjana ANĐELIĆ, Chair of CAHROM (Montenegro), **opened the meeting**. Apologies were noted from Ms Merita Xhafaj (Albania), who fell ill and had to cancel her participation. The list of participants is set out in the Appendix to his Report.
2. The **agenda of the 17th CAHROM Bureau meeting** [document CAHROM (2019)2prov] was adopted.

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3. Mr Thorsten AFFLERBACH, Head of Division for the Roma and Travellers Team, **introduced the draft annotated agenda of the 17th CAHROM meeting in Toulouse**.
4. Mr Manuel DEMOUGEOT, CAHROM member of France and Director of the Inter-ministerial Delegate to Accommodation and Access to Housing (DIHAL), one of the co-organisers together with the municipality of Toulouse, of the 17th CAHROM plenary meeting, **informed the Bureau about the proposed arrangements and logistics, suggested a few modifications in the agenda**, in particular in relation to side events, indicated the participation of a number of high-level French authorities and the invitation addressed to the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Gabriela BATTAINI-DRAGONI¹.
5. The Bureau **adopted the revised draft annotated agenda of the 17th CAHROM meeting** [document CAHROM (2019)4prov] and **decided to transmit** it to all CAHROM members, participants, and observers together with the convocation letters.
6. The Bureau **agreed to invite as *ad hoc* speakers** at the Toulouse meeting, Ms Mirjam KAROLY, consultant of the CAHROM drafting group, to present the draft Committee of Ministers' recommendation on the inclusion of Roma and/or Travellers' history in school curricula and teaching materials. With a view to agenda item 11, the Bureau **also agreed** to invite Mr Miguel

¹ In the meantime, the Deputy Secretary General has confirmed her participation on 13 June 2019.

CAMACHO-COLLADOS, Head of Unit in the National Bureau for Hate Crimes under the Spanish State Secretary for Security, Coordination and Studies, to present improvements in data collection related to hate crimes and anti-Gypsyism in Spain, Ms Carmen SANTIAGO-REYES, Lawyer and President of the Association of Spanish Gypsy Women KAMIRA, to present the mobile application to report online crimes motivated by hate, discrimination and anti-Gypsyism, as well as one or two speakers from the United Kingdom to provide the Committee with information on the "True Vision" online hate crime reporting portal, on the Traveller Movement's #OperationReportHate project and on the working group established by the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism online and Cyberhate.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

7. Mr Thorsten AFFLERBACH, Head of Division for the Roma and Travellers Team, **presented recent developments at the Council of Europe**, including the financial situation of the Organisation and its possible impact on CAHROM meetings and work programme. He **informed** the Bureau about the adoption the [Abridged report of the 16th CAHROM meeting](#) by the GR-SOC at its 17 January 2019 meeting and about the postponement of decisions concerning the request from the Sovereign Order of Malta and from the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERAC) to be granted "participant" and "observer" status in CAHROM, respectively. Mr Afflerbach also **provided information** regarding the plans for the drafting of and consultation on a post-2019 strategic policy document on Roma and Traveller inclusion and **informed** the Bureau that the report of the 6th Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society, which assessed the implementation of the current [Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers \(2016-2019\)](#) (hereafter TAP) in Strasbourg on 15-16 October 2018, was now available.
8. Mr Michaël GUET, CAHROM Secretary, **provided the Bureau with an update** on the external evaluation of inter-governmental committees and on major recent and upcoming activities under the TAP. He **indicated** that there would be a relatively large turnover of members at the next CAHROM meeting since Georgia, Hungary, Ireland and the United Kingdom have recently appointed new members and the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece and Spain were expected to do so in the near future.
9. The Bureau **took note** of recent developments at the Council of Europe, of the report of the 6th Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society (Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2018), of the draft agenda for the 7th International Roma Women's Conference organised under the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Espoo, Finland, on 25-27 March 2019, and of the new Roma and Travellers portal and the new CAHROM public website.
10. The Bureau **took note of the fact** that, as of 14 February 2019, the country name "North Macedonia" can be used officially in the Council of Europe and CAHROM documents.
11. Ms Tatjana ANĐELIĆ **updated** the Vice-Chair and the Secretariat about recent developments in Montenegro, in particular in relation to the selection process and funding of Roma projects following a call for proposals, whilst Mr Ján HERO **provided information** on recent developments in the Slovak Republic, in particular in relation to history teaching and the recent visit of the EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, who addressed Roma education issues.

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12. **The Bureau took note** of the Updated information document on the CAHROM [document CAHROM (2019)6], of the Updated list of CAHROM members and substitutes, Bureau members, rapporteurs and substitutes, and international observers and participants [document CAHROM

(2019)8], of the Updated guidelines for CAHROM rapporteurs and their substitutes [document CAHROM (2019)7] and of the Updated Guidelines for Bureau members and hosting countries on thematic visits [document CAHROM (2019)9] and **decided** to publish them on the CAHROM website and circulate them for information to members, observers and participants prior to the next CAHROM meeting.

13. **The Bureau took note** of the status of reports of previous thematic visits and that contributions were still expected from some experts/CAHROM members to finalise the reports of last year's thematic visits. The Bureau **invited the Secretariat to send a reminder** to the CAHROM members concerned. The Bureau **took note** of the background document for the CAHROM thematic visit on governmental support for the promotion of Romani arts and culture and Roma Holocaust remembrance, as well as related international cooperation to be held in Berlin, Germany, on 20-22 February 2019 [document CAHROM (2019)4prov].
14. The Bureau **took note** that three thematic visits were already scheduled to take place before the summer, i.e. Germany (Berlin, 20-22 February 2019), Croatia (Osijek, 8-10 May 2019) and Ukraine (Kharkiv, 24-26 June 2019) and that the list of partner countries was complete, with a few countries on a waiting list in case there are last minute cancellations. The Bureau **took note of the fact** that Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom had withdrawn from the thematic visit to Germany but would be ready to contribute to the thematic report. The Bureau **took note** of the statistics concerning member states' participation in CAHROM thematic visits, which have been updated to include the above information [document CAHROM (2019)1Add].
15. The Bureau **took note of the fact** that the thematic visit in the United Kingdom, initially scheduled in spring, had been postponed to the autumn, due to the BREXIT. Having in mind that there are six proposed thematic visits in 2019, whilst the budget available is only for a maximum of five per year, bearing also in mind that, due to the financial crisis, the budget available for CAHROM thematic visits might be reduced for the second part of the year, and pending the development of relations between the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe, the Bureau **decided to give priority to scheduling thematic visits** to the United Kingdom on inclusive education, then to Finland on health-related issues and then to the Russian Federation on Romani culture and traditions. The Bureau **recommended reviewing this priority order** at the forthcoming CAHROM meeting in Toulouse, taking into consideration any possible financial and political developments. The Bureau considered that the proposed thematic groups for 2020 and 2021 should be re-examined at the next CAHROM meeting for the same reasons.
16. With those amendments reflected, the Bureau **endorsed** the updated list of CAHROM thematic groups/visits for 2019-2021 [document CAHROM (2019)1] and **decided to transmit** it to CAHROM members, participants and observers for information and/or completion of missing information and/or confirmations still needed from respective CAHROM members.
17. The Bureau **took note** of the third version of the draft CM recommendation on the inclusion of Roma and/or Travellers' history in school curricula and pedagogical materials [document CAHROM (2018)26prov3] which would be further discussed at the third drafting group meeting to be held in Paris on 15 February 2019, in the presence of the Bureau members.
18. Mr Michaël GUET, CAHROM Secretary, **introduced** the calendar of 2019 activities and **highlighted** those events that would request the presence of CAHROM Bureau members or CAHROM rapporteurs.

19. The Bureau **took note** of these events and **decided** the following:

- Ms Merita XHAFaj (third Bureau member, Albania) would participate in the 34th GRETA plenary meeting in Strasbourg on **18-22 March 2019** and present the work of CAHROM on human trafficking issues within Roma communities²;
- Mr Ján HERO (Vice Chair, Slovak Republic) would represent the CAHROM at the CDPPE meeting in Strasbourg on **20 March 2019** and present the 4th version of the draft CM recommendation on the inclusion of Roma and/or Travellers' history in school curricula and pedagogical materials [document CAHROM (2018)26prov3];
- Ms Tatjana ANĐELIĆ (Chair, Montenegro) would represent the CAHROM at the 7th International Roma Women's Conference in Espoo, Finland, on **25-27 March 2019**. The CAHROM Rapporteur on Gender Equality (Ms Mabera KAMBERI, North Macedonia) would also attend this Conference. They would be invited to stay over for the Gender Equality Conference "Rising to the challenge of sexist stereotypes", organised in Helsinki on **28-29 March 2019** under the Finnish CM Presidency;
- Ms Tatjana ANĐELIĆ (Chair, Montenegro) and Ms Merita XHAFaj (third Bureau member, Albania) would be invited to the 7th meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society to be held in Strasbourg on **11-12 April 2019**, which will address the protection of family life by securing housing and preventing evictions (provisional title);
- Mr Ján HERO (Vice Chair, Slovak Republic) would represent the CAHROM at the 6th OPRE meeting (CoE/FRA/ENNRI/Equinet Operational Platform on Roma Equality) to be held in Bratislava on **14-16 May 2019**. The CAHROM Rapporteur on anti-Gypsyism and hate crime (Mr Andr s ZANZI from Sweden) or his substitute (Mr William HANNAM from the United Kingdom) may also be invited, subject to the availability of budgetary resources;
- The CAHROM Roma Children Rapporteur (Ms Henna HUTTU, Finland) or her substitute (Ms Sophie HEEGARD-SCHROETER, Switzerland) could be invited to the CAHENF meeting in Strasbourg on **21-22 May 2019**, if there was a need;
- The CAHROM Rapporteur on Gender Equality (Ms Mabera KAMBERI, North Macedonia) or her substitute (Ms Berill BARANYAI, Portugal) may be invited to the 15th Gender Equality Commission meeting in Strasbourg on **22-24 May 2019** that includes a [platform of independent international and regional mechanisms on violence against women and women's rights](#) and a thematic event "Women's Rights at the Crossroads: Strengthening International Co-operation to close the gap between Legal Frameworks and their Implementation".

20. The Chair closed the 17th CAHROM Bureau meeting.

² Due to the fact that Ms Xhafaj and other CAHROM Bureau members were not available at those dates due to the EU Roma Week, GRETA secretariat suggested inviting a CAHROM member at its 35th GRETA plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 8-12 July 2019).

Appendix 1

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ROMA AND TRAVELLER ISSUES
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17th BUREAU MEETING

Council of Europe Office (meeting room no. 3)
55, avenue Kléber, F-75784 PARIS Cedex 16, France
14 February 2019 from 9h15 to 16h15

ANNOTATED AGENDA

09h00-09h15 **Arrival and registration of participants**

09h15-09h30 **I. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
Chair: Ms Tatjana Anđelić (Montenegro), Chair of CAHROM

Document for agenda item 1:

CAHROM (2019)2prov - Draft annotated agenda of the 17th CAHROM Bureau meeting

- **Ms Tatjana Anđelić, Chair of CAHROM (Montenegro):** Opening remarks
- **The Bureau is invited to adopt** the agenda of the 17th CAHROM Bureau meeting.

09h30-11h00 **II. DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 17th CAHROM PLENARY MEETING**

Document for agenda item 2:

- CAHROM (2019)4prov - Draft annotated agenda of the 17^h CAHROM plenary meeting

- **CAHROM Secretariat's** presentation of the draft annotated agenda of the 17th CAHROM plenary meeting (Toulouse, France, 11-14 June 2019), based on decisions adopted at the last meeting and any recent proposals received by the Secretariat and/or the Bureau
- **Mr Manuel Demougeot, CAHROM member on behalf of France** and organiser of the 17^h CAHROM plenary meeting under the French CM chairmanship, informs the CAHROM Bureau about the proposed arrangements and logistics, as well as suggests any items to be included on the agenda
- **The Bureau** is invited to comment the draft annotated agenda of the 17th CAHROM plenary meeting and the suggestions made by France
- **The Bureau** is invited to decide about speakers to be invited on an *ad hoc* basis, if any
- **The Bureau** is invited to decide about the list of CAHROM working documents to be prepared and to fix the deadlines for written contributions from CAHROM members

- **The Bureau** is invited to adopt the draft annotated agenda of the 17th CAHROM meeting and to decide to transmit it to all CAHROM members, participants, observers and invited *ad hoc* speakers

11h00-11h15 Coffee break

11h15-12h30 III. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Documents for agenda item3:

- CAHROM (2018)30 – [Abridged report of the 16th meeting](#) (Strasbourg, 16-19 October 2018)
- Calendar of 2019 activities of the Roma and Travellers Team
- Draft agenda of the 7th International Roma Women's Conference, Espoo, Finland, 25-27 March 2019
- Report of the 6th Council of Europe Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society (Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2018)

- **Mr Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division for the Roma and Travellers Team:** recent developments at the level of the Council of Europe, including
 - the financial situation of the organisation and its possible impact on CAHROM;
 - the report of the external evaluation of inter-governmental committees;
 - the Roma-related agenda of the GR-SOC of 17 January 2019 (examination of the abridged report of the 16th CAHROM meeting and the request from the Sovereign Order of Malta and from ERIAC to be granted "participant" and "observer" status in CAHROM respectively);
 - the cooperation with the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture/ERAC;
 - the plans for the drafting of and consultation on a post-2019 strategic policy document on Roma and Traveller Inclusion;
 - the report of the 6th Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society.
- **Mr Michaël Guet, CAHROM Secretary:** update on recent and upcoming activities under Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers, including
 - information about the 7th International Roma Women's Conference, to be held in Espoo, Finland, on 25-27 March 2019, under the Finnish CM presidency;
 - information on new Roma and Travellers portal and CAHROM website;
 - information on new CAHROM members (to be) appointed.
- Questions and answers
- **The Bureau is invited to take note** of the recent developments at the level of the Council of Europe, **to take note** of the calendar of activities for the 2019 prepared by the Roma and Travellers Team, **to take note** of the report of the 6th Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller civil society (Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2018) and **to take note** of the concept paper and draft agenda of the 7th International Roma Women's Conference (Espoo, Finland, 25-27 March 2019)
- **CAHROM Bureau members are invited to update the Secretariat** on recent and forthcoming Roma-related activities in their respective countries

12h30-14h00 Lunch break

14h00-15h30 IV. WORKING METHODS AND CAHROM THEMATIC GROUPS FOR 2019-2021

Documents for agenda item 4:

CAHROM (2018)26prov3 Third draft of a CM recommendation on the inclusion of Roma and/or Travellers' history in school curricula and pedagogical materials

CAHROM (2019)1 List of proposed thematic groups/visits for 2019-2021

CAHROM (2019)1 Add Statistics about member states' participation in CAHROM thematic visits

CAHROM (2019)4prov Background document for CAHROM thematic visit on governmental support for the promotion of Romani arts and culture and Roma Holocaust remembrance, as well as related international cooperation (Berlin, Germany 20-22 February 2019)

CAHROM (2019)6 Updated information document on CAHROM

CAHROM (2019)7 Updated guidelines for CAHROM rapporteurs and their substitutes

CAHROM (2019)8 Updated list of CAHROM members and substitutes, Bureau members, rapporteurs and substitutes, and international observers and participants

CAHROM (2019)9 Updated Guidelines for Bureau members and hosting countries on thematic visits

CAHROM (2019)11prov Proposed CAHROM Terms of Reference for the 2020-2021 biennium

- **Mr Michaël Guet, CAHROM Secretary:** introductory remarks, presentation of documents, and information about the current status of the reports from previous CAHROM thematic visits and interesting developments after the visits
- **The Bureau is invited to take note** of the proposed revision of the CAHROM Terms of Reference for the 2020-2021 [document CAHROM(2019)11prov] and **to decide to transmit** it to all CAHROM members, participants and observers for comments
- **The Bureau is invited to take note** of the new Roma and Travellers portal and the new CAHROM public website, as well as of the updated g Guidelines for CAHROM thematic groups/visits and Updated Guidelines for the CAHROM rapporteurs and **decides to transmit** it to all CAHROM members for information
- **The Bureau is invited to take note** of the proposed list of thematic groups/visits for 2019-2021 and the status of reports of previous thematic visits
- **The Bureau is invited to decide** about the priority to be given among thematic groups for the rest of 2019, 2020 and 2021, and **to decide** about the composition of partner countries for those thematic groups for which more than six proposals as partner countries have been received, bearing in mind the CAHROM guidelines for thematic groups/visits, the motivation received by countries concerned and statistical information in terms of member states' participation in CAHROM thematic visits
- **The Bureau is invited to endorse** the updated list of CAHROM thematic groups/visits for 2019-2021 and **to decide to transmit** it to CAHROM members, participants and observers for information and/or completion of missing information and/or confirmations needed from respective CAHROM members
- **The Bureau is invited to take note** that the second drafting group meeting took place in Strasbourg on 5 December 2018, **to take note** of the third draft of a CM recommendation on the inclusion of Roma and/or Travellers' history in school curricula and pedagogical materials and **to decide to transmit** it to all CAHROM members, participants and observers for comments, as well as to the CDPPE

15h30-16h00 V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Documents for agenda item 5:

- Calendar of 2019 activities of the Roma and Travellers Team

- **Mr Michaël Guet, CAHROM Secretary:** Introduction of 2019 meetings/events requesting the presence of CAHROM Bureau members or rapporteurs
- **The CAHROM Bureau is invited to take note** of these events and **to decide** about the participation of CAHROM rapporteurs and Bureau members to these events where needed

16h00-16h15 VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

16h15 CLOSURE OF THE 17th CAHROM BUREAU MEETING

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