COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CAI)

5th Meeting

Agora, Room G03
Strasbourg
19 - 21 April 2023
9.30am - 5.30pm (CET)

LIST OF DECISIONS

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List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken

The Council of Europe's Committee on Artificial Intelligence (hereinafter referred to as "the CAI" or "the Committee") holding its 5th Plenary meeting in Strasbourg, from 19 to 21 April 2023, in conformity with its terms of reference adopted by the Committee of Ministers, decided to:

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

- Take note of the opening remarks of Mr Thomas SCHNEIDER, Chair of the CAI.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

- Adopt the agenda and order of business without amendments.

- Adopt the report of the 4th Plenary meeting of the Committee.

Agenda item 3. Information by the Secretariat

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding its activities since the 4th Plenary meeting, notably the organisation of the 5th meeting of the AI Coordination Group of the Secretariat held on 29 March 2023 and the publication in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese of a brochure presenting an overview of the Council of Europe activities in the field of AI.

Agenda item 4. Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and a Bureau member

- Re-elect Mr Thomas SCHNEIDER (Switzerland) as Chair and Mr Gregor STROJIN (Slovenia) as Vice-Chair for a second term of one year.

- Elect Mr Jasper FINKE (Germany) as Bureau member for the remainder of its Terms of Reference.

Agenda item 5. Exchange of information

- Take note of the intervention by Mr Ralph KASS (Luxembourg), Chair of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) and thank him for his participation in its meeting.

Agenda item 6. Hearing of candidates for observer status to the CAI

- Take note of the presentations by the representatives of Pour Demain and the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) in relation to their candidacies for observer status with the CAI.

- Grant observer status with the CAI to both organisations.

Agenda item 7. Negotiation of the Draft Preamble and Chapter VII (Plenary Session)

- Negotiate the draft Preamble and Chapter VII prepared by the Drafting Group at its last session and agree on amendments to the text.

- Instruct the Drafting Group to take into account these amendments.

Agenda item 8. Re-examination of the Draft Preamble and Chapter VII (Drafting Group Session)

- Redraft the draft Preamble and Chapter VII within the Drafting Group in light of the proposals made by the Plenary, as well as written comments and suggestions submitted by individual Delegations.

Agenda item 9. Comments on Chapters I, IV and V (Plenary Session)

- Formulate general comments on Chapters I, IV and V for consideration by the Drafting Group.

Agenda item 10. Drafting of Chapters I, IV and V (Drafting Group Session)

- Examine Chapters I, IV and V within the Drafting Group, and redraft them considering the comments made in the Plenary session and the written contributions.

- Instruct the Secretariat to distribute the draft text with explanatory remarks to the Plenary for negotiation at its next meeting.

Agenda item 11. Date and place of the next meeting

- Hold its next Plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 31 May - 2 June 2023.

Agenda item 12. Any other business

- Examine the timeline of its work and its working methods in light of the deadline set by the Committee of Ministers for submitting the draft [Framework] Convention, and express concern regarding the feasibility of finalising the text by September 2023.

- Instruct the Bureau with the support of the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for the organisation of the work of the Committee, including a revised timeline for discussion in the Committee at its next Plenary meeting.

- Instruct the Bureau to prepare a declaration for the public on the work done by the CAI for validation by the Committee.

Agenda item 13. Adoption of the List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken, and close of the meeting

- Adopt the List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken.

- Take note of the closing remarks by Mr Patrick PENNINCKX, Head of the Information Society Department, who underlined the importance of the work of the CAI, in view notably of the current public debate about the use of AI systems. He further reiterated the window of opportunity for advancing the work of the Committee in Europe and globally, and underlined the priority given to the topic in the preparations of the upcoming 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe, to be held in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 16-17 May 2023.