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COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CAI)

6th Bureau Meeting

Strasbourg

15 June 2023

10 am - 12 pm and 1 - 4 pm (CET)

ABRIDGED REPORT

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1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), Mr Thomas SCHNEIDER (Switzerland) welcomed the members of the Bureau and outlined the main aims of the meeting namely, to examine the next steps in the elaboration of the Framework Convention and to prepare the 7th Plenary meeting of the Committee.

2. Mrs Claudia LUCIANI, Director, Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, welcomed the finalisation of the first reading of the Draft Framework Convention at the previous Plenary meeting. She underlined that the Convention is currently the top priority of the Organisation and further informed the Bureau members that following high-level internal consultations, a decision had been taken to ensure the organisation of an 8th Plenary meeting in December 2023, which will enable the work of the Committee to continue following a steady pace. She finally encouraged Bureau members to continue promoting the work of the CAI among interested stakeholders at global level, including non-member States.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Bureau adopted the agenda without amendments.

3. Information provided by the Chair, Secretariat, and Bureau members

4. The Secretariat informed the Bureau about the organisation of a major event to mark the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe on 16 - 17 May 2024. It was further stated that the Framework Convention on AI would be adopted during the Ministerial Session held on this occasion, and that the instrument should therefore be finalised in the first half of March 2024 in order for it to go through the internal process before adoption. The Secretariat further notified the Bureau that to facilitate this process, it was in close contact with the Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers, the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly, and the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (DLAPIL).

4. Next steps in the elaboration of the draft Framework Convention

5. The Secretariat presented a proposal for a possible timeline of meetings in 2023 - 2024, underlining that the proposal was subject to the outcomes of deliberations in the Committee of Ministers on the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

6. The Bureau decided to hold hybrid and virtual informal Drafting Group meetings with no interpretation, as well as to set the dates of the four next Plenary meetings, and instructed the Secretariat to communicate these dates to the Committee and to prepare the organisation of these meetings.

7. The Bureau also decided to make the new “Consolidated Working Draft” to be prepared by the Secretariat available to the general public on the website of the CAI one week after its dissemination to the Committee.

5. Preparation of the 7th CAI Plenary meeting (24 - 26 October 2023)

8. The Bureau decided to hold the 7th Plenary meeting on 24-26 October 2023 in Strasbourg.

9. The Bureau decided that this meeting would be divided into a 1-day Plenary Session dedicated to housekeeping items and the examination of and formulation of comments on Chapters I to IV of the Working Draft of the Framework Convention, followed by a 2-day Drafting Group Session dedicated to the examination the aforementioned comments.

10. The Bureau adopted the draft Agenda of the 7th Plenary meeting.

6. Any other business

11. No issues were raised.