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COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CAI)

8th Bureau Meeting

8 November 2023

10 am - 1 pm (CET)

MEETING 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 discuss the next steps in the elaboration of the Framework Convention and to prepare the 8th Plenary meeting of the Committee.
2. Mrs Hanne JUNCHER also welcomed the Bureau members and expressed her satisfaction with the outcomes of the 7th Plenary meeting.

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 Secretary General of the Council of Europe's participation in the Artificial Intelligence Safety Summit (AISS) held in Bletchley Park (United Kingdom) on 1 November, where the importance of finalising the work on the draft Framework Convention and support from several State representatives for the process was reiterated.
5. The Chair informed the Bureau of his participation to a conference entitled "AI Crime, Security & International Regulation" organised by NYU Law School on 9 November in New York City, (United States of America).
6. Mr Mario HERNANDEZ RAMOS (Spain) informed the Bureau that on the occasion of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, he will participate in the fourth edition of the European AI Alliance Assembly: Leading Trustworthy AI Globally, organized by the Spanish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation on 16 and 17 November 2023. He will notably participate in the "Fireside chat on the international Convention on AI", during which he will discuss the draft Framework Convention and the work of the CAI.
7. The Bureau thanked the aforementioned members for their willingness to represent the CAI in various events.

4. Next steps in the elaboration of the Framework Convention

8. The Bureau discussed the organisation of the 3rd and 4th Informal Meetings of the Drafting Group, to be held virtually on Tuesday 14 November, and on the afternoon of Wednesday 22 November, respectively. It decided that the 3rd meeting will be dedicated to Chapters V to VIII of the Consolidated Working Draft, the OECD definition of AI systems, as well as a presentation by the Secretariat of options for Article 4, and that the 4th meeting will focus on Article 4.

5. Preparation of the 8th CAI Plenary meeting (5 - 8 December 2023)

9. The Bureau decided that the first day of the 8th Plenary session, Thursday 7 December, will be dedicated to the re-examination of Chapters I to IV of the Consolidated Working Draft, as revised by the Drafting Group and containing the proposals made by the Chair and the Secretariat following the 7th Plenary meeting. It further decided that the second day of the Plenary session, Friday 8 December, will be dedicated to the examination and discussion of Chapters V to VIII of the Consolidated Working Draft, as revised by the Drafting Group during

its session on 5 and 6 December, and the resulting finalisation the 2nd reading of the draft Framework Convention.

10. The Bureau adopted the draft Agenda of the 8th Plenary meeting.

6. Any other business

11. The Bureau noted the quality of the side-events having been organised during the Committee's Plenary meetings, as well as the great interest they gathered, including outside of the CAI. It, however, considered that their organisation during the lunch hour put an additional strain on representatives during already long and intensive working days. It therefore decided that only one side-event should be held during the 8th Plenary meeting. It also decided that in order to focus on the negotiations during the crucial period of the third reading of the draft Framework Convention and its finalisation, which are to take place during the 9th and 10th Plenary meeting respectively, and in order to possibly adapt the working hours during these meetings, no side-events will be organised in the period of January - March 2024.