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COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CAI)

9th Bureau Meeting

12 January 2024

2 pm - 4 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 aim of the meeting, namely to discuss the next steps in the elaboration of the Framework Convention and to prepare the Informal Meeting of the Drafting Group on 17-18 January 2024 and the 9th Plenary meeting of the CAI the week after (on 23-26 January 2024).
2. Mrs Hanne JUNCHER also welcomed the Bureau members and expressed her satisfaction with the outcomes of the 8th Plenary meeting (5-8 December 2023) and the finalisation of the second reading of the Framework Convention. On 18 December 2023, as instructed by the CAI, the Draft Framework Convention (doc. CAI(2023)28) had been distributed to all Delegations. It will serve as the basis for the third and final reading of the Framework Convention during the 9th and 10th Plenary meetings (on 23-26 January and 11-14 March 2024 respectively) and the informal meetings of the Drafting Group taking place in the period of January-March 2024.
3. Furthermore, in line with the decisions made at the 8th Plenary meeting, on 11 January 2024, the Draft Explanatory Report to the Framework Convention prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the discussions, comments and suggestions made by the Delegations at the Plenary and the Drafting Group meetings, has been sent to the Committee and the Delegations were invited to submit their comments. The Explanatory Report will be examined by the Committee in three readings in accordance with the schedule described in doc. CAI(2023)29. The adoption of the Explanatory Report to the Framework Convention will take place simultaneously with the adoption of the Framework Convention at the 10th Plenary meeting of the CAI on 11-14 March 2024.

2. Next steps in the elaboration of the Framework Convention

4. The Bureau took stock of the progress made in the elaboration of the Draft Framework Convention, in particular regarding the provisions on the scope, on a possible exemption of national security and national defence from the application of the treaty, on provisions regarding remedies and procedural safeguards, and on the provision on the risk and impact management framework.
5. The Bureau underlined that the upcoming Drafting Group and the Plenary meetings should be focused on identifying suitable drafting solutions to all outstanding issues in the text of the Draft Framework Convention.

3. Any other business

6. No points were raised under this agenda item.