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AD-HOC MEETING ON STATELESSNESS

11-12 June 2019

Strasbourg, Council of Europe

Agora, Room G06

Opening at 9.30 a.m.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 11 June 2019

09.30 – 10.00 **Opening**

Part A - Protocols and procedures to determine statelessness

10.00 – 11.00 **Session 1**

- Lead-up to the establishment or improvement of statelessness determination procedures
- Definition of stateless person

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 **Session 2**

- Institutional location of determination procedures
- Information and access to procedures
- Procedural safeguards

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 16.00 **Session 3**

- Forms of evidence
- Burden and standard of proof
- Evidence assessment

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00 **Session 4**

- Linguistic concerns
- Specific training
- Contact with foreign authorities

18.00 **End of 1st day**

Wednesday 12 June 2019

Part B - Resolving cases of statelessness

09.30 – 11.00 **Session 1**

- Protection during determination procedure
- Status
- Access to nationality

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 **Session 2 – case examples**

- Children born in a country who would otherwise be stateless
- Foundlings found in a country of unknown parentage
- Children whose parents lose citizenship of a country

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

Part C - On-going initiatives and way(s) forwards

14.30 – 15.30 ***On-going initiatives undertaken by other international and European organisations***

- Activities of the UNHCR: key achievements to date and way forward in light of the High-Level Segment on Statelessness in October 2019
- Mapping statelessness activities of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS)
- Activities within the European Union
- Activities of the European Migration network

15.30 – 16.00 **Way(s) forwards**

- Possible Council of Europe activities to be carried out

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 17.00 **Conclusions**

- Summary by the consultant
- Final observations by participants

17.00 **Close of the meeting**