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**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON LEGAL CO-OPERATION
(CDCJ)**

**LIMITED WORKING GROUP ON MIGRATION
(CDCJ-MIG)**

3rd meeting

23-25 April 2025, online

List of decisions

1-2. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Chair opened the meeting and the Limited working group on migration (CDCJ-MIG) adopted the agenda. The list of participants¹ appears in Appendix 1.

3. Information by the Chair and the secretariat

2. The CDCJ-MIG took note of the information provided by the secretariat on:
- the adoption of the feasibility study by the CDCJ at its 103rd plenary meeting (19-21 November 2024) and its publication in February 2025, as well as the circulation in March 2025 of the draft compendium of good practice on access to nationality for stateless children to CDCJ delegations to enable them to provide information on national practice regarding access to nationality for stateless children or supplement the information previously provided.
 - the Global Alliance to End Statelessness launched by the UNHCR in October 2024 which the Council of Europe joined as a “solution seeker” owing to its current activities on stateless children, and the events that took place in connection with it.

4. Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)13 on the nationality of children

3. The CDCJ-MIG examined and reviewed the preliminary draft revised Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)13 on the nationality of children and decided:

- that further work be done on the drafting of principle 4 and the corresponding paragraph of the explanatory memorandum, in particular on the notion of “reasonably”;
 - that the drafting of principle 9 in the French version be improved;
 - that the consultant be asked to do some research about the notion of “specific period of time” mentioned in principle 18;
 - that a link be made between principles 21 and 25 to 27 and the paragraph of the explanatory memorandum corresponding to principle 25 be elaborated, in particular on the notion of “dedicated” statelessness determination procedure;
 - that the drafting of principle 28 in the French version be improved;
 - to add a new principle 30 about birth registration beyond any applicable deadline;
 - that information be added about the case [Rexha and Fasliu v. Albania](#) of the Human Rights Committee, 29 October 2024², in the explanatory memorandum in connection with principle 31.
4. One delegation expressed reservations about principles 25 and 32 which were approved by other members and participants. Two delegations expressed reservations on principle 31. In connection with this principle, it was decided that more information be added in the explanatory memorandum.

5. Compendium of good practice

5. The CDCJ-MIG examined the draft compendium of good practice and decided that:

¹ At this meeting of CDCJ-MIG, 11 member states were represented by 11 participants: 9 women and 2 men, 82 % and 18 % respectively.

² See [summary](#) of the case on ENS's stateless case law database.

- a number of changes be made to the different examples of good practice previously identified;
- nationality and statelessness determination procedures be separated and corresponding good practice examples in sub-chapter 7;
- statelessness determination procedure be focused on in sub-chapter 9 and the part on nationality be moved to sub-chapter 7.

6. Election of the Vice-Chair

6. The CDCJ-MIG elected Ms Katerina Radova (Czechia) as Vice-Chair.

7. Exchange of views on the draft workplan 2025-2026

7. The CDCJ-MIG adopted its workplan for 2025-2026.

8. Date and place of next meeting

8. The CDCJ-MIG took note of the date and place of its next meeting, which will take place in person, on 29 September-1 October 2025 in Strasbourg.

9. Approval of the list of decisions

9. The CDCJ-MIG approved the list of decisions.

Appendix 1

List of participants

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