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# **COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM (CDCT)**

## **BUREAU**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

**Strasbourg, 15 October 2018**

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### **Abridged Report and List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken**

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The Bureau of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT), meeting in Strasbourg on 15 October 2018, under the Chairmanship of Mr Mario JANEČEK (Bosnia and Herzegovina), decided to:

## **2. Adoption of the agenda**

- Adopt the agenda without amendments.

## **3. Communication by the Chair and by the Secretariat**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair as regards his participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Chairs of the Inter-Governmental Committees, Strasbourg, 20 September 2018. The meeting provided the Chairs with a forum to share experiences and discuss how to improve working methods in the standard-setting inter-governmental activities and raise the awareness (in Strasbourg as well as in capitals) of the crucial importance of the standard-setting activities for all branches of the Council of Europe. The Chairs also held an exchange with Secretary General.
- Take note that the Chair will represent the Committee in a Parliamentary Conference, organized by the PACE and entitled "*Building democratic security in the Mediterranean: common challenges, shared responsibility*" which will take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 6 November 2018. The Chair is expected to speak on the topic of "Council of Europe tools to address threats to the rule of law".
- Take note of the information provided by the Secretary, Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE, on the on-going reform process in the Council of Europe, notably that Director Jan KLEIJSEN has been appointed by the Secretary General to lead a working group of senior administrators tasked with reflecting on how to restructure and reform the Organisation. The proposals of this working group will form the basis for the reform proposals to be submitted by the Secretary General to the Committee of Ministers in 2019.
- Take note that the current financial challenges facing the Council of Europe due to the non-payment of financial contributions by the Russian Federation have yet to be resolved and will therefore continue affecting the staffing and budgetary situation for the Committee in 2018.

## **4. Information concerning the Sub-Groups**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat about the current meeting schedule for the Sub-Groups. The Working Group of Experts on Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime held its first meeting on 10 October (Paris, France); the Sub-Group on "Definition of Terrorism" will hold its first meeting on 16 and 17 October (Strasbourg, France), and the Working Group on the Establishment of a Set of Indicators for Assessing the Risk that a Terrorist Attack may be Carried Out by Radicalised Individuals will hold its first meeting on 29 and 30 October (Zagreb, Croatia).
- Instruct the Working Group of Experts on Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime to take a holistic approach to the links between terrorism and transnational organized crime, by focusing its work on thematic areas, such as, but not limited to, the involvement of terrorist groups in organised crime through trafficking of

small arms and weapons, trafficking of human beings and smuggling of migrants, as well as trafficking in drugs.

- Appoint Mr Gábor HORVÁTH (Hungary) as Chair of the Working Group on the Establishment of a Set of Indicators for Assessing the Risk that a Terrorist Attack may be Carried Out by Radicalised Individuals, and of the Working Group of Experts on Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime.

## **5. Thematic session – terrorism and the internet**

- Examine and exchange views on the draft programme for the thematic session prepared by the Secretariat and on the basis the examination amend it.
- Approve the draft programme as amended and instruct the Secretariat to distribute it to all Delegations of the CDCT.

## **6. Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT**

- Examine and approve the draft agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT.
- Instruct the Secretariat to invite Ambassador Emil RUFFER (Czech Republic) to attend either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT for an exchange with the Committee.
- Instruct the Secretariat to approach Ms Michèle CONINSX, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, and Mr Vladimir VORONKOV, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Counter-terrorism Office, to invite them both to attend one of the next Plenary Meetings of the CDCT for an exchange with the Committee.
- As regards item 4 of the agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT (“Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy – Future work and activities of the CDCT”), propose to the Committee to postpone the International Conference on the Roles of Women and Children in Terrorism (activity 3.5 of the Strategy) from 2019 to 2020.
- Bearing in mind the immediate urgency of, and high political priority attached to, the subject, instruct the Secretariat to organise a workshop on the conduct of criminal trials against, and the prosecution of, foreign terrorist fighters, including returnees and relocators (activity 2.3 of the Strategy) to take place in the first half of 2019. The workshop should include a specific component on the prosecution of female foreign terrorist fighters, including returnees and relocators.
- Express its gratitude to Spain for its kind offer to host this workshop in Madrid.
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for a media strategy on presenting the counter-terrorism cooperation in the framework of the Council of Europe to be submitted to the Bureau for further discussion.

## **7. Items for information**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) and its Additional Protocol (CETS No. 217) since the last meeting of the Bureau, notably that Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Sweden and Turkey have ratified the Additional Protocol, and that the European Union has ratified both the Convention and the Additional Protocol.
- Note that Portugal will submit an update of its Country Profile at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT.

- Call on all Delegations, who have not recently done so, to submit or update their Country Profiles.

**8. Any other business**

- Note that no issues were raised under this agenda item.

**9. Date and place of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CDCT Bureau**

- Hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CDCT Bureau on 9 April 2019.

**10. Adoption of Abridged Report and List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken**

- Adopt the Abridged Report and List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken.