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Abridged Report and List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken

Secretariat of the Counter-Terrorism Division

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The Bureau of the Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT) meeting in Venice, Italy, on 9 April 2019, under the Chairmanship of Mr Mario JANEČEK (Bosnia and Herzegovina), decided to:

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

- Adopt the agenda.

3. Communication by the Chair and by the Secretariat

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning activities and developments of interest to the CDCT since the 2nd Plenary Meeting, notably that the non-payment of its financial contributions by the Russian Federation is expected to lead to cuts in the ordinary budget of the Council of Europe. Hence some activities of the CDCT may have to be temporarily put to a halt, and others may be postponed. The cuts are not expected to have an impact on activities of the CDCT in 2019.
- Take note that a new Secretary General will be elected in June 2019.
- Take note that the Council of Europe was invited by the ASEAN to present the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018 – 2022) at the occasion of the ASEAN Cross-Sectoral and Cross Pillar Meeting to Develop the Work Plan of the ASEAN Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism (2018 – 2025), in Bali, Indonesia, on 4 – 5 April 2019.
- Take note that Mr Daniil MOKIN (Russian Federation) has officially resigned from the Bureau due to his taking up of new duties in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
- Thank Mr MOKIN for his work for the Committee in the Bureau.
- Elect the new Bureau member replacing Mr Mokin at its Plenary meeting in November 2019 when elections of Bureau composition will take place.

4. Information concerning the Sub-Group/Working Groups

- a) Sub-Group for the purpose of examining the feasibility of elaborating a definition of terrorism (CDCT-DEF)
 - Take note of the written report and the additional oral information provided by the Chair of the Sub-Group, Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy) about the state of the deliberations after the second meeting of the Sub-Group. The final report by the Sub-Group will be submitted to the CDCT for examination at its 4th Plenary meeting in November. The Chair of the Sub-Group will inform the Plenary at its next meeting in May. The next and final meeting of this Sub-Group is scheduled to take place in September.
- b) 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 (CDCT-RI)
 - Take note of the written report prepared by the Secretariat and the additional oral information provided by the Chair of the Working Group, Mr Gabor HORVATH (Hungary), on the state of play regarding the drafting of a handbook containing indicators for assessing the risk that a terrorist attack may be carried out by radicalised individuals. The Working Group composed of experts from member States has held its second (out of three) meeting in Paris on 26 and 27 March 2019. The draft handbook is expected to be submitted to the CDCT for examination at its 4th Plenary Meeting.

- c) Working Group on terrorism and transnational organised crime (CDCT-TTOC)
- Take note of the oral information provided by the Secretariat concerning the elaboration of Guidelines on the links between terrorism and organised crime. The Working Group held its 2nd meeting in Paris on 30 January 2019. On the elements discussed and indications provided by the experts during the two meetings of the Sub-Group, the Secretariat has prepared a text containing the preliminary draft Guidelines. This document will be examined and finalized at the next (3rd and final) meeting of the Sub-Group. The Working Group is expected to submit the results of its work to the CDCT for examination at its 4th Plenary meeting in November 2019.
 - Instruct the Secretariat to present the preliminary draft text of the Guidelines at the next CDCT 3rd Plenary meeting in May 2019 so that the Plenary can make some preliminary general comments on these draft Guidelines that could therefore be considered and taken into consideration by the Sub-Group at its next and final meeting.

5. Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy – future work and activities of the CDCT

- Hold an exchange of views on the state of the implementation of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018 – 2022). So far, Activities 1.3 (Set of indicators for assessing the risk that a terrorist attack may be carried out by radicalised individuals), 2.3 (The conduct of criminal trials against, and the prosecution of, foreign terrorist fighters, including returnees and relocators) and 2.5 (Terrorism and organised crime) have been initiated and are expected to be finalised by the end of 2019. Activity 2.1 (Gathering of evidence from conflict zones for the purpose of criminal prosecution) will be initiated soon (see next indent).
- As regards Activity 2.1, instruct the Secretariat to prepare draft terms of reference for the working group of experts to be set up to be examined and agreed at the 3rd Plenary meeting of the CDCT.
- Propose to the Plenary to initiate Activities 1.4 (Awareness-raising on radicalisation and other preventive measures among frontline practitioners, in particular in schools), 1.5 (Financing of terrorism) and 3.4 (Identification of emerging terrorist threats) of the aforesaid Strategy in 2020.
- As regards Activity 1.5 of the Strategy, propose to the Committee to task Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy) with the assistance of an academic expert and the Secretariat, to be responsible for preparing a report including possible proposals for new provisions to be included in the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198) or in other Council of Europe instruments. This report should be presented at the 5th Bureau meeting first and then to the 5th CDCT Plenary meeting in 2020.
- Agree that invitations to participate in Activity 2.3 of the Strategy (“Workshop on the conduct of criminal trials against, and the prosecution of, foreign terrorist fighters, including returnees and relocators”, Madrid 11-12 June 2019) should be extended to a limited number of interested Members of the CDCT, in particular Members of the Bureau.
- Underline the importance of regularly updating the data base on the case law of the ECtHR relevant for counter-terrorism purposes, and instruct the Secretariat, within the applicable budgetary limitations, to take all necessary measures to this end.

6. Preparation of the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the CDCT

- Examine the preliminary draft agenda for the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the CDCT prepared by the Secretariat.

- Amend it by adding an additional item to the agenda concerning information from the Secretariat on on-going and planned cooperation projects in the area of radicalization of prisons.
- Instruct the Secretariat to disseminate the draft agenda as amended and agreed by the Bureau.

7. Items for information

- a) The Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) and the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 217)
 - Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the number of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) (8 signatures/40 ratifications) and its Additional Protocol (CETS No. 217) (25 signatures/16 ratifications).
- b) The Council of Europe Convention on Offences related to Cultural Property
 - Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the number of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property (CETS No. 221) (9 signatures/2 ratifications).
- c) Council of Europe 24/7 Foreign Terrorist Fighters Network of Contact Points
 - Take note of the oral information provided by the Secretariat on the 24/7 Network, notably that the next meeting of the Network is foreseen for the second half of 2019.
 - Instruct the Secretariat to find ways of involving relevant non-member States in the 24/7 Network, primarily observer States to the Council of Europe and in order to ensure the most efficient cooperation for disseminating warnings about the movements of foreign terrorist fighters.
 - Instruct the Secretariat to gather information from the contact points in order to be able to better assess the efficiency of the 24/7 Network.
- d) Country profiles on counter-terrorism capacity and information on measures taken at national level against terrorism
 - Take note that Portugal has submitted its country profile for examination at the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the CDCT.
 - Call on all member States to submit new or updated country profiles as soon as possible.
- e) European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC)
 - Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat about the outcomes of the 75th Plenary Meeting of the CDPC.
 - Take note that the CDPC is currently working issues related to the smuggling of migrants and underline that the smuggling of migrants appears to be one of the ways some terrorist groups finance their illicit activities.

- f) Conference on the roles of women and children in terrorism
 - Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat about the state of play of the preparation of the international conference and instruct the Secretariat to present an updated concept paper for examination at one of the next two Plenary Meetings of the CDCT.
- g) Victims of terrorism
 - Instruct the Secretariat to prepare a document concerning the possible establishment of a network of contact points for the exchange of procedural information regarding the legal standing of victims of terrorism in the jurisdictions of the member States of the Council of Europe, as well as other relevant States and present it to the Committee for discussion at its 3rd Plenary Meeting.

8. Any other business

- Take note that no issues were raised under the agenda item.

9. Date and place of the 4th Meeting of the CDCT Bureau

- Propose to hold its 4th Meeting on 26 September in Rome (to be confirmed).

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

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