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

## **BUREAU**

**9<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Paris, 4 - 5 October 2022**

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### **Abridged Report and List of Decisions**

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The CDCT Bureau, having met on 4 - 5 October 2022 under the Chairmanship of Ms Päivi KAIRAMO (Finland), decided to:

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

- Open the meeting.

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

- Adopt the agenda.

### **3. Communication by the Chair, other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair regarding recent developments and activities on counter-terrorism within the framework of the Council of Europe, in particular on the presentation by Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE (Council of Europe Counter-terrorism Coordinator) on Council of Europe work in counter-terrorism at the European Union's COTER meeting in September 2022, which the Chair attended in her capacity as a representative of Finland, as well as the current status of the Report on Emerging Terrorist Threats which was taken note of by the Committee of Ministers on 5 October 2022.

### **4. Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy: Completed, ongoing and future activities of the CDCT**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the current state of implementation of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy.
- Discuss the current calendar of CDCT activities, and express satisfaction on the implementation of the items remaining in the current Strategy by the end of 2022 and the continuation of a few items into 2023.

### **5. Preparing the next Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

- Take note of the information provided by Ms Päivi KAIRAMO, Chair of the Working Group to prepare a new Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (CDCT-ST), on the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of CDCT-ST, which were held on 30 June – 1 July and 3 - 4 October 2022, respectively, in Paris and that the draft Strategy will be submitted for consideration and approval at the 9<sup>th</sup> CDCT Plenary.
- Express satisfaction at the completion of the Strategy document by the Working Group and thank all participants for their good cooperation in preparing and revising the Strategy.

### **6. Definition of Terrorism**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair and Secretariat regarding recent engagement with European Union bodies on the ongoing developments relating to the definition of terrorism.
- Take note of the information provided by Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Vice-Chair) regarding the outcome of the discussion held on this item during the 8<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT.
- On the basis of the current terms of reference of the CDCT on drafting a legal instrument relating to the definition of terrorism, consider the possible procedural steps concerning the opening of negotiations on the definition and the legal options available to accomplish this objective.

- Propose to the 9<sup>th</sup> CDCT Plenary to make a final decision on the feasibility of having a pan-European definition of terrorism and consequently opening negotiations on a draft legal instrument in this respect.

### **7. Compilation of Best Practices with regards to Deradicalisation, Disengagement and Social Reintegration (Activity 3.1 of the Strategy)**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the current status of the Compilation of Good Practices, in particular that this item has experienced a delay and is currently planned to be completed in time for the 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the CDCT in May 2023.
- Encourage the organisation of a final meeting of the Working Group in order to finalise the report in time for adoption by the CDCT Plenary in May 2023.

### **8. Financing of Terrorism**

- Hold an exchange of views online with the member nominated by the CDCT to participate in the Joint expert group, Mr Martynas DOBROVOLSKIS (Lithuania), on the draft analysis and provide guidance on revising the suggested recommendations in the draft analysis ahead of its distribution to other members of the Joint expert group.
- Express its satisfaction with the work carried out on this item and give thanks to the nominated member.

### **9. Bioterrorism**

- Propose to postpone the proposed half-day thematic session on this item to the 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the CDCT in May 2023 in light of the constraints on the agenda of the 9<sup>th</sup> Plenary.

### **10. Follow-up to Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)8 on the use of information collected in conflict zones as evidence in criminal proceedings related to terrorist offences**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair and Secretariat on the outcomes of the first meeting of the Working Group on 4-5 June 2022, and the current plans for the second meeting to take place on 14 October 2022.
- Encourage further discussion on this item and the potential drafting of guidelines at the 9<sup>th</sup> CDCT Plenary.

### **11. Countering Terrorist Communications, Recruitment and Training (Activities 1.1, 1.2, and 2.2 of the Strategy)**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding the organisation of the Conference to implement Activities 1.1, 1.2, and 2.2 of the Strategy in December 2022 or early 2023.

### **12. International Conference on the Transnational Terrorist Threats from Emerging and Re-Emerging Violent Extremist Movements**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the International Conference on the Transnational Terrorist Threats from Emerging and Re-Emerging Violent Extremist Movements, co-organised with the German Federal Foreign Office, which is scheduled to take place in Strasbourg on 3 - 4 November 2022, and express its satisfaction on the progress and preparations made in advance of the Conference.

### **13. Network of Contact Points for the exchange of information regarding the legal standing of victims of terrorism (Activity 3.3 of the Strategy)**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the current status of the Network of Single Contact Points for Victims of Terrorism, namely that its fifth meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in early 2023 and will include thematic presentations by several States on national structures for victims of terrorism and the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

### **14. 24/7 Network of Contact Points on Foreign Terrorist Fighters**

- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the results of the Ping-Test carried out by the Secretariat in September 2022, and that the next meeting of the Network is currently scheduled for early 2023.

### **15. Elections**

- Discuss the filling out of the remaining vacancies in the Bureau, in view of the elections which will be held during the next Plenary meeting in November 2022.

### **16. Any other business**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair on the forthcoming ratification by Finland of the Additional Protocol (CETS No. 217) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196).
- Take note of the report by The Soufan Center on the “Securing the Future Initiative” (SFI) to be circulated as suggested by Mr Pascal-Hervé BOGDANSKI (Switzerland).

### **17. Preparation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT**

- Hold an exchange of views on the organisation and priority of items for the 9<sup>th</sup> CDCT Plenary.
- Advise the Secretariat to extend an invitation to the new Chair of the GR-J (Legal-Coordination) to address the next Plenary meeting, as well as to the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, Mr Ilkka SALMI, at one of the forthcoming CDCT Plenary meetings.
- Hold the Plenary meeting for two and a half days between 30 November - 2 December 2022, beginning the morning of 30 November and ending mid-day on the 2 December.

### **18. Adoption of the Abridged Report and List of Decisions**

- Examine and adopt the Abridged Report and List of Decisions taken.