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

## **BUREAU**

13<sup>th</sup> meeting

Council of Europe Office, Venice

Friday, 18 October 2024

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## **List of Decisions**

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The CDCT Bureau, meeting on 18 October 2024, under the Chairmanship of Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), 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 Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE, regarding the new Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Alain BERSET (Switzerland) and his initial activities, appointment of the new Director General of DGI, Mr Gianluca ESPOSITO, the new Chair of GR-J, Ambassador Gabriel REVEL from Monaco, and the new staff member of the Counter-Terrorism Division, selected following the departure of former colleague Mr Jamie BROWN. Mr Chiaromonte also informed the Bureau that the Committee of Ministers took note of the “Comparative practices on the effective use of information collected in conflict zones as evidence for the purpose of criminal prosecution of terrorist offences”, approved by the CDCT in May 2024.

Take note of the information provided by Ms Päivi KAIRAMO (Finland), on the forthcoming Chairmanship of Finland of the OSCE and priorities within that mandate, the last ministerial meetings of the Global Coalition against Daesh, which took place on 30 September 2024 in Washington DC, and the ensuing findings regarding the global terrorist threat posed by ISIL, and the first EU terrorist listing of a violent far-right group, the Base.

In light of the above, take note of the proposal of the Chair, Mr Nicola PIACENTE, to resume the work of the standing CDCT Working Group on the Emerging Terrorist Threats (CDCT-ETT).

### **4. Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2023 – 2027)**

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the current state of implementation of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Propose that the CDCT Plenary:

- initiate Activity 2.4 “draft Recommendation on prosecuting terrorist offences and serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the context of an armed conflict” in 2025;
- postpone Activity 1.8 “Revise or supplement terrorist offences under the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS 196) and its Additional Protocol (CETS 217) to cover the changed terrorist modus operandi”, in light of the expected forthcoming adoption of the Amending Protocol and its opening for signatures, as well as the earlier conclusion of the Bureau to that effect.

### **5. Definition of Terrorism**

Take note of the information provided by the Chair regarding the developments concerning the preparation of the Explanatory Report of the Amending Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196), hereafter the Amending Protocol, and communication by the UN Special

Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

Examine, in detail, and agree with the text of the Explanatory Report of the Amending Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) reflecting a number of changes proposed by the Bureau and instruct the Secretariat to circulate the revised draft to the CDCT requesting written comments by 7 November 2024.

Discuss the communication received from the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism and the draft possible response and instruct the Secretariat to share the two documents with CDCT members who will discuss them at the next Plenary.

#### **6. Roundtable on the implementation of Comparative practices on the effective use of information collected in conflict zones as evidence for the purpose of criminal prosecution of terrorist offences (Activity 2.2 of the 2023 – 2027 Strategy)**

Take note of the information provided by Ms Sarah ZINK (Germany) on the organisation of a Launching event and Roundtable on the implementation of Comparative practices, scheduled for 4-5 February 2025, in Berlin, co-organised by CDCT and IIJ, supported by the U.S. Department of State, and hosted by the German Ministry of Justice.

#### **7. Analysis of emerging patterns of misuse of technology by terrorist actors (Activity 1.4 of the Strategy)**

Have an exchange of views with the consultant, Mr David WELLS, on the findings of the analysis of emerging patterns of misuse of technology by terrorist actors and provide comments and guidance aimed at finalisation of the report in line with recent developments with a view to its presentation at the CDCT Plenary in November.

#### **8. Guidance on strategies for the prosecution of violent extremism conducive to terrorism (Activity 2.5 of the Strategy)**

Have an exchange of views with the Chair of the CDCT-VE Working Group, Mr. Nicola Piacente, on the developments regarding the production of draft Guidelines and the draft text of the Guidelines, with a view towards presenting them to the CDCT Plenary in November.

#### **9. Network of Contact Points for the exchange of information regarding the legal standing of victims of terrorism**

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the current status of the Network.

#### **10. 24/7 Network of Contact Points on Foreign Terrorist Fighters**

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the current status of the Network and its next meeting scheduled to take place on 12 December, in Europol premises.

#### **11. Any other business**

N/A

**12. Preparation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CDCT**

Approve the draft agenda of the 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the CDCT, taking place on 13-14 November 2024, in Strasbourg, starting at 9.30am.

**13. Adoption of the List of decisions**

Adopt the List of Decisions.