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**REPORT**

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## SUMMARY

### Information on the meeting

The Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) held its 96th meeting in a hybrid format, from 14 to 17 June 2022, with Ms Kristine LICIS (Latvia) in the Chair.

### The agenda of the meeting appears in the Appendix.

### Items for decision by the Committee of Ministers

The CDDH adopted the following draft instruments and decided to transmit them to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption:

- draft Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the prevention and remedying of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights;
- draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on human rights and the protection of the environment;
- draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation;

The CDDH also adopted the following text and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers for its consideration:

- Comments on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations 2230(2022), “Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by law enforcement officers”, and 2231(2022), “The Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine: ensuring accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law and other international crimes”.

### Items for information of the Committee of Ministers

Regarding the system of the European Convention on Human Rights, the CDDH:

- exchanged views on the work of the Drafting Group on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (DH-SYSC-IV);
- designated the Czech Republic as a member State whose expert could participate in the DH-SYSC-IV with their expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe, following the cessation of the Russian Federation’s membership of the Council of Europe;
- exchanged views on the consequences of the cessation of the Russian Federation’s membership of the Council of Europe for the system of the European Convention on Human Rights;
- exchanged views on issues to be examined by the new Drafting Group on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights (DH-SYSC-JC) and on that basis, adopted terms of reference for this group;
- designated 10 member States whose experts could participate in the DH-SYSC-JC with their expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom); and elected by acclamation the Chair of the DH-SYSC-JC (Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)).

As regards the other items on its agenda, the CDDH:

- exchanged views with Mr Robert SPANO, President of the European Court of Human Rights;
- exchanged views on the work of the CDDH ad hoc negotiation group on European Union accession to the European Convention on Human Rights (“46+1” Group);
- exchanged views on the future work of the Drafting Group on human rights and the environment (CDDH-ENV) concerning the need for and feasibility of a further instrument or instruments in this field;
- designated Armenia as a member State whose expert could participate in the CDDH-ENV with their expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe, following the cessation of the Russian Federation’s membership of the Council of Europe;
- exchanged views on the results of the first meeting and the future work of the Drafting Group on human rights in situations of crisis (CDDH-SCR);

- exchanged views with its Rapporteur on Human Rights and Business, Ms Nicola WENZEL (Germany), and took note of her participation and that of Mr Morten RUUD (Norway) in the International Workshop on Business and Human Rights, organised by the Italian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (Rome, 28 March 2022);
- exchanged views with the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) on its preparation of a baseline study on the implementation of the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)1 to member States on the development and strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions;
- took note of the information concerning the Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No. 205 - Tromsø Convention) provided by the Secretariat, notably on the election of ten experts to the Council of Europe Access Info Group by the Consultation of the Parties and on the future work of this Group;
- exchanged views with its Rapporteur on gender equality, Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium), on the evaluations carried out by its subordinate groups of the gender equality aspects of their activities, and on the possible use of the expression “*droits humains*” in the French version of documents of the CDDH and its subordinate bodies; decided to ask the chairpersons of its subordinate bodies to complete the CDDH’s thematic form on gender equality and transmit it to the Rapporteur on gender equality at the conclusion of work on each deliverable;
- exchanged views on the status of signatures and ratifications of the conventions for which the CDDH is responsible; exchanged views with Ms Alina OROSAN, chairperson of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), on the situation of the Russian Federation with respect to conventions for which the CDDH is responsible;
- took note of the information provided by its representatives in outside activities; appointed Ms Susan DICKSON (UK) as its representative to the Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT);
- exchanged views with Mr Thomas SCHNEIDER, chairperson of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), on the work of the CAI and the future work of the CDDH on human rights and artificial intelligence; appointed Mr Vahagn PILIPOSYAN (Armenia) as its representative to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI);
- decided to leave to its Bureau the decision on whom to invite to its next meetings;
- took note of the recent publications of the work of the CDDH and decided on the forthcoming publications by the end of 2022;
- adopted its calendar of meetings during the second semester of 2022 and took note of a provisional calendar of meetings during the first semester of 2023.

### **Resource implications**

The CDDH noted the recent reinforcement of its Secretariat, following the inclusion of work on European Union accession to the European Union within the responsibilities of the Human Rights Intergovernmental Co-operation Division of the Directorate-General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

### **Evaluation of completed activities**

The CDDH completed work on three of the deliverables foreseen under its terms of reference for 2022-2025, namely deliverable 1 (draft Recommendation on human rights and the environment; deadline 30/06/2022), deliverable 2 (draft Recommendation on measures against trafficking in human beings for the purposes of labour exploitation; deadline 30/06/2022), and deliverable 10 (Guidelines to prevent and remedy violations of the Convention at the national level; deadline 31/12/2023). Deliverable 10 corresponds to deliverable 2 in the DH-SYSC terms of reference for 2022-2025.

Work on all three deliverables was completed within the expected deadlines.

With the completion of work on these three deliverables, the CDDH considered that its DH-TET and DH-SYSC-V drafting groups had fulfilled their mandates.

## MEETING REPORT

1. The Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) held its 96th meeting in a hybrid format from 14 to 17 June 2022 in Strasbourg under the Chairmanship of Ms Kristine LICIS (Latvia) (see list of Participants in [Appendix II](#) below).

### ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The CDDH adopted its agenda as it appears in [Appendix I](#) below and agreed to the order of business proposed by the Secretariat.

### ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

3. The CDDH examined and adopted the draft comments prepared by the Bureau regarding the following recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly (see Addendum 1 to the present meeting report):
  - [Recommendation 2230\(2022\)](#) “Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by law enforcement officers”
  - [Recommendation 2231\(2022\)](#) “The Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine: ensuring accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law and other international crimes”
4. The CDDH also took note of information from the Secretariat concerning transmission to the Committee of Ministers of the opinions that the CDDH had adopted by written procedure on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations 2219(2022), “Inaction on climate change – a violation of Children’s rights”, and 2223(2022), “Ending enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe”, and of information on the Committee of Ministers’ adoption of a reply to Recommendation 2223(2022).

### ITEM 3: WORK ON THE SYSTEM OF THE CONVENTION

#### 3.1. Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)

5. The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC, Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany), informed the CDDH of the DH-SYSC’s written consultations on the draft Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the prevention and remedying of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights, as prepared by the DH-SYSC-V drafting group (see item 3.1.2. below). The DH-SYSC Chairperson had made further proposals on outstanding questions concerning gender equality and the role of national human rights institutions in the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (see document DH-SYSC(2022)01REV). These proposals had not achieved the necessary consensus and so the Bureau had made further compromise proposals at its 107<sup>th</sup> meeting (5-6 May 2022), which had been transmitted to CDDH members for comment.
6. The CDDH proceeded to an examination of the draft Guidelines in the light of the comments received. It made some amendments and adopted the draft Guidelines as they appear in

Addendum 2 to the present meeting report. The CDDH decided to transmit the draft Guidelines to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption.

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### **3.1.1 Drafting Group on effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)**

7. The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-IV, Mr Alain CHABLAIS, informed the CDDH that the Group at its 5th meeting (5-7 April 2022) had held an exchange of views on the possible consequences of the cessation of the Russian Federation's membership of the Council of Europe for the work of the Group. The DH-SYSC-IV agreed that, pending publication by the Court of a strategy for handling cases against the Russian Federation, it should formulate its proposals regarding the processing of cases relating to inter-State disputes on the basis of the current caseload and the present working methods of the Court.
8. Mr CHABLAIS provided an overview of the structure of the draft CDDH report on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes, as examined by the DH-SYSC-IV at its 5th meeting. After the meeting, a full draft report had been prepared by the Co-rapporteurs for examination by the DH-SYSC-IV using a written procedure. The Group will examine the draft report at its 6th meeting (20-22 September 2022) in the light of possible comments received, with a view to its adoption and transmission to the DH-SYSC for possible adoption at the latter's 7th meeting. The CDDH noted that the structure of this draft CDDH report provides a good overview and encouraged the DH-SYSC-IV to continue with its balanced, general approach.
9. The CDDH designated the Czech Republic as a member State whose expert could participate in the DH-SYSC-IV with its expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe, following the cessation of the Russian Federation's membership of the Council of Europe.

### **3.1.2 Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)**

10. The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-V, Mr Vit SCHORM, informed the CDDH that the Group had finalised draft Committee of Ministers' Guidelines at its 4th meeting (24-25 March 2022) and transmitted them to the DH-SYSC. The final text had significantly improved compared to previous versions, taking into account the guidance given by DH-SYSC at its 6th meeting (26-28 October 2021).
11. The CDDH noted that the DH-SYSC-V had been able to deliver the draft Guidelines to the Committee of Ministers before the deadline of 31 December 2023 set out in its terms of reference. It congratulated the DH-SYSC-V and its Chair for the successful completion of the Group's mandate.

### **3.1.3 Drafting Group on the effectiveness of the system for the selection and election of Court's judges and the means to ensure due recognition for judges' status and service on the Court and providing additional safeguards to preserve their independence and impartiality (DH-SYSC-JC)**

12. The CDDH recalled that the under the terms of reference of the CDDH and DH-SYSC, a "Report evaluating the effectiveness of the system for the selection and election of the Court's judges and the means to ensure due recognition for judges' status and service on the Court and providing additional safeguards to preserve their independence and impartiality" should be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers by 31 December 2024. The CDDH considered that work on this deliverable could start in the second half of 2022, given that DH-SYSC-V had fulfilled its mandate ahead of schedule.

13. Whilst recalling the comprehensive analysis contained in the CDDH's 2017 report on the process of selection and election of judges of the European Court of Human Rights (document CDDH(2017)R88\_Addendum1), the CDDH noted that the new report would allow for a fresh look at certain issues. The breadth of the mandate would imply a need for the DH-SYSC-JC to prioritise, in the light of recent experience and developments, including the entry into force of the new criterion for the age of candidates under Protocol No.15, and bearing in mind the guidance suggested by the CDDH. The CDDH considered in particular that the proposal by the President of the Court to extend the term of office of judges of the Court from nine to twelve years (see item 13 below) will be examined as relevant to their independence and impartiality and was related to the issue of recognition for judges' status and service on the Court.
14. The CDDH then adopted terms of reference establishing the Drafting Group on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights (DH-SYSC-JC; see Addendum 3 to the present meeting report). The CDDH designated 10 member States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom) whose experts could participate in DH-SYSC-JC with their expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe. The CDDH elected by acclamation Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany) as the Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-JC.

### **3.2. CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group on the EU accession to the ECHR ("46+1" Group)**

15. The Vice-chairperson of the "46+1" group, Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland), provided information on the results of the Group's 12th (7-10 December 2021) and 13th (10-13 May 2022) meetings. He noted that a meeting planned for March 2022 had been cancelled due to circumstances relating to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. As an immediate result of its expulsion from the Council of Europe on 16 March 2022, the Russian Federation no longer participated in the Group's work.
16. The most notable results were that at the 12th meeting, the Group had reached provisional agreement on Basket 3 (mutual trust between EU member States); and at the 13th meeting, it had reached provisional agreement, subject to one delegation's reservation, on the remaining issues under Basket 1 (the co-defendant mechanism and prior involvement of the Court of Justice of the EU). At the 12th meeting, the Group had also posed a series of questions concerning an EU proposal under Basket 4 (the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy); at the 13th meeting, the representative of the EU indicated that he was not yet in a position to provide answers to these questions. The Group had also examined proposals presented by one delegation concerning the participation of the European Parliament in the Parliamentary Assembly for the election of judges of the Court, the majorities required for the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of certain decisions concerning the execution of judgments in cases involving the EU, and the EU's contribution to the budget of the Council of Europe following its accession to the Convention.
17. The Group would hold its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting on 5-7 July 2022, when it would examine revised proposals concerning Basket 2 from the Secretariat, on inter-Party cases under article 33 of the Convention, and the EU, on advisory opinions under Protocol no. 16; and continue examining the proposal relating to voting in the Committee of Ministers.

### **ITEM 4: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

18. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV), Ms Kristīne LĪCIS (Latvia), reported to the CDDH on the progress of work carried out during the fourth meeting of the Drafting Group (6-8 April 2022).



19. Following in-depth examination of certain of its provisions, notably operative paragraph 1 dealing with recognition of a right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the CDDH amended and adopted the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on human rights and the protection of the environment (see Addendum 4 to the present meeting report) and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption.
20. The CDDH then exchanged views on the future work of the Drafting Group on human rights and the environment (CDDH-ENV) concerning the need for and feasibility of a further instrument or instruments in this field. The CDDH-ENV Chairperson explained that during its fifth meeting in the autumn, the Group would hold a two-day exchange of views with independent outside experts and representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly and the European Committee of Social Rights. The purpose of this exchange would be to identify any gaps in the status and enforcement of existing standards, how environmental aspects of human rights law relate to environmental law, and what could be the implications of any additional instruments in this field on the workload of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights. The Group would then appoint a rapporteur, to whom it would give guidance with a view to preparing a document for examination at the following meeting.
21. The CDDH congratulated the Drafting Group on the work accomplished so far and agreed on the need to proceed carefully when examining the need for a further instrument or instruments in this field.
22. The CDDH designated Armenia as a member State whose expert could participate in the CDDH-ENV with their expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe, following the cessation of the Russian Federation's membership of the Council of Europe.

#### **ITEM 5: HUMAN RIGHTS IN SITUATIONS OF CRISIS**

23. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on human rights in situations of crisis (CDDH-SCR), Mr Jan SOBCZAK (Poland), informed the CDDH about the first meeting of the Group (8-10 March 2022). He stressed that the first deliverable (the report on member States' practice in relation to derogations from the ECHR in situations of crisis) could not be completed without the member States' replies to the CDDH questionnaire. The CDDH encouraged its members to send their replies by 30 June 2022, in order that they might be reflected in the draft report that would be sent to the Group's members in advance of its next meeting (11-13 October 2022).
24. The CDDH noted that its terms of reference required the Drafting Group to produce three substantial texts by June 2023, which was clearly not realistic. Whilst welcoming the commitment of the Chairperson of the Group to ensuring efficiency and expedition in its work, and the Secretariat's announcement that it should be possible for the Group to meet three times in 2023, the CDDH accepted that the deadlines set out in the terms of reference for the Group's deliverables would not be met.

#### **ITEM 6: MEASURES AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF LABOR EXPLOITATION**

25. The Chairperson of the Drafting Committee on trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation (DH-TET), Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), informed the CDDH about the finalisation of the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation during the last meeting of the Drafting Committee (26-28 April 2022). The text of draft Recommendation was kept general with further details contained in the appendix. The structure of the text was

based on the four Ps approach – integrated policy and data, prevention, protection and prosecution.

26. The CDDH agreed to retitle the “Appendix” as an “Explanatory memorandum”, in line with guidance from the Committee of Ministers and the approach taken by, for example, the CDDH-ENV. One member State raised concerns regarding the labour market regulation and considered that the draft Recommendation was not yet ready for adoption. No amendment was proposed concerning this issue. The CDDH amended and adopted the draft Recommendation (see Addendum 5 to the present meeting report) and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption. It congratulated the DH-TET and its Chair for the successful completion of the Drafting Committee’s mandate.

#### **ITEM 7: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS**

27. On behalf of the CDDH Rapporteur on Human Rights and Business, Ms Nicola WENZEL (Germany), Mr Hans-Jorg BEHRENS (Germany) provided information on the International Workshop on Business and Human Rights, organised on 28 March 2022 by the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. Ms WENZEL had presented the Council of Europe’s activities in this field, including Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3. Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), the Chair of the DH-TET, had presented this Drafting Committee’s work on action against trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation. Mr Tigran KARAPETYAN, Head of Division, Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Taskforce, had made a presentation on a proposed new Council of Europe project in this field. A second session was dedicated to national experiences and exchanges with representatives of stakeholders. The Secretariat informed the CDDH that a link to the organisers’ recording of the event was available on the CDDH’s webpages.<sup>1</sup>

#### **ITEM 8: CIVIL SOCIETY AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS**

28. Ms Katrien MEUWISSEN of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) provided information on the preparation of a baseline study on the implementation of the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)1 to member States on the developing and strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions. The project is scheduled to be carried out between 2022 and 2025 and will cover (i) Data collection, (ii) Tool development and (iii) Tailored implementation. The actions contained in the project would be implemented through cooperative approaches including state authorities, civil society and the Council of Europe. ENNHRI was currently exploring the possibility of organising a conference in this area, potentially within the framework of a forthcoming presidency of the Committee of Ministers.
29. The CDDH thanked Ms MEUWISSEN for this information and expressed its readiness to continue its cooperation with ENNHRI on follow-up to Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)1, as foreseen in the CDDH’s mandate.

#### **ITEM 9: ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

30. The Secretariat informed the CDDH about the 2nd meeting of the Consultation of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS. No. 205 – the Tromsø Convention), which had taken place on 31 March 2022. With all Parties having submitted their candidates for the Access Info Group, the Consultation of the Parties elected the minimum number of 10 members of the Group. The first meeting of the Group is planned

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<sup>1</sup> <https://youtu.be/DaX16f1zAgA>.

for 16 and 17 November 2022, when the Group should establish its working methods, notably the evaluation procedure for the reports on implementation of this convention that all Parties had now submitted.

31. The CDDH was also informed of the entry into force of the Convention in respect of Armenia on 1 September 2022; the Consultation of the Parties' acceptance of a request from the Philippines to be granted ad hoc observer status at its next meeting; and the potential interest of Tunisia in joining the Convention.

#### **ITEM 10: GENDER EQUALITY**

32. The CDDH exchanged views with the Rapporteur on Gender Equality, Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium). Mr WERY expressed his appreciation for the reports submitted by the CDDH subordinate bodies on how they had taken the gender equality dimension into account during their work. The CDDH decided that in the interests of consistency, the chairpersons of its subordinate bodies should in future complete the CDDH 'thematic form on gender equality' at the completion of work on each deliverable and transmit it to the Rapporteur on Gender Equality, who would compile these reports for presentation to the CDDH.
33. The CDDH exchanged views on the possible use of the expression "droits humains" instead of "droits de l'homme" in the French versions of its documents. One member recalled the historical significance of the expression "droits de l'homme". Several members noted that the expression "droits humains" was increasingly used at both national and international levels, including by civil society. Recognising the complexities and sensitivities involved, the CDDH decided to return to the issue at a future meeting on the basis of further information on practice within the Council of Europe and other international organisations.

#### **ITEM 11: CONVENTIONS**

34. The CDDH took note of information provided by the Secretariat on recent signatures and ratifications of Council of Europe conventions under the responsibility of the CDDH, as contained in document [CDDH\(2022\)05](#).
35. The CDDH exchanged views with Ms Alina OROSAN, Chairperson of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), following her presentation of CAHDI's 'Guidance Note to the Committee of Ministers on continued participation of the Russian Federation in 'open' conventions elaborated in the framework of the Council of Europe' (restricted document). Ms OROSAN addressed issues including the possibilities of Russia ratifying treaties that it had signed prior to the cessation of its membership of the Council of Europe, the possible application of Articles 62 and 60 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, the negotiation of amendments to 'open' conventions to which Russia remains a party, and Russia's participation in the various bodies set up under different conventions. Discussions focused amongst other things on the need for a case-by-case approach and for collective action by the other states parties to these conventions, with decisions taken by the appropriate body.

#### **ITEM 12: REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

36. In the absence of a CDDH representative to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), the CDDH exchanged views with the CAI Chairperson, Mr Thomas SCHNEIDER (Switzerland), on the results of its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (4-6 April 2022). Mr SCHNEIDER presented the two main limbs of the CAI's mandate, namely the elaboration of an "Appropriate legal instrument on the development, design, and application of artificial intelligence systems based on the Council of Europe's standards on human rights, democracy and the rule of

law, and conducive to innovation”, and the facilitation of AI-related work across the Council of Europe. Mr Schneider recalled that the CAI worked on a transversal basis, whereas other sectors, including the CDDH, worked on specific aspects. A ‘zero draft’ text of the expected legal instrument would be circulated for comment in advance of the CAI’s September meeting. The CDDH agreed with Mr SCHNEIDER that it would be useful for each committee to be represented by one of its members at the other’s meetings, in addition to the intra-secretariat AI coordination group.

37. The CDDH took note of written reports and supplementary oral reports from certain of its representatives in outside activities (see further document [CDDH\(2022\)04REV](#)). It also heard summary oral reports from Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg) on the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO, 31 May – 3 June 2022) and 2nd Plenary Session of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF, 1-3 February 2022), and from Ms Maria de Fátima GRAÇA CARVALHO (Portugal) on the 98th meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ, 1-3 June 2022). The CDDH thanked its representatives for their participation in these meetings and encouraged them to continue submitting written reports for consideration by the CDDH.
38. The CDDH appointed Mr Vahagn PILIPOSYAN (Armenia) as its representative to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) and Ms Susan DICKSON (UK) as its representative to the Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT).

### ITEM 13: INVITEES

39. The CDDH exchanged views with Mr Robert SPANO, President of the European Court of Human Rights. (The text of President SPANO’s intervention appears at [Appendix III](#) below.) During the ensuing discussions, in addition to questions relating to the issues covered in the intervention, participants asked about the Court’s view of the negotiations on EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights, procedural issues relating to the *Duarte Agostinho* case pending before the Court, third party interventions by States party to the Convention, the new procedures used by the Court to communicate applications to respondent States, and the recent increase in the number of cases pending before the Court. The CDDH congratulated President SPANO on his successful term of office, during which the Court had continued to function effectively throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, and thanked him for his participation in its meeting.
40. The CDDH left to its Bureau the decision on whom to invite to future meetings.

### ITEM 14: PUBLICATIONS

41. The CDDH noted with satisfaction that the updated 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Manual on Human Rights and the Environment is now available both on its website and in hard copy. It thanked Germany for financing the printing of the proceedings of the ‘Conference on interstate cases under the European Convention on Human Rights - experiences and current challenges’, organised in Berlin (12 – 13 April 2021) under the aegis of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers.

### ITEM 15: CALENDAR

42. The CDDH adopted its calendar for the second semester 2022 and took note of the provisional dates of meetings scheduled for the first semester 2023. On this basis, the calendar appears in [Appendix V](#) below.

**ITEM 16: OTHER BUSINESS**

43. The CDDH noted that this would be the last meeting attended by Ms Maris KUURBERG (Estonia) following her appointment as a judge on the Tallin Court of Appeal. It thanked her for her long and valuable contribution to its work and wished her well in her future career.
44. The CDDH noted that this would be the last meeting attended by Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), amongst other things the outgoing chairperson of the DH-TET drafting committee and former chairperson of the CDDH. It thanked him for his decades of service to the CDDH and wished him well for the future.
45. Mr Jan SOBCZAK (Poland) recalled his government's general understanding that the expression 'gender equality' referred to equality between women and men, in particular as regards agenda items 3.1, 4, 6 and 10.

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## Appendix I

## Annotated agenda

<b>1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<b>1 : OUVERTURE DE LA RÉUNION, ADOPTION DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR ET DE L'ORDRE DES TRAVAUX</b>
<a href="#">CDDH(2021)R95</a> - Report of the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting <a href="#">CDDH-BU(2022)R107</a> – Report of the 107 <sup>th</sup> meeting	<a href="#">CDDH(2021)R95</a> – Rapport de la 95 <sup>e</sup> réunion <a href="#">CDDH-BU(2022)R107</a> – Rapport de la 107 <sup>e</sup> réunion
<p><i>The Chair of the CDDH, Ms Kristine LIČIS (Latvia), will open the meeting and invite the CDDH to adopt the agenda and order of business.</i></p>	<p><i>La Présidente du CDDH, Mme Kristine LIČIS (Lettonie) ouvrira la réunion et invitera le CDDH à adopter l'ordre du jour et l'ordre des travaux.</i></p>
<b>2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>2 : RECOMMANDATIONS DE L'ASSEMBLEE PARLEMENTAIRE</b>
<a href="#">CDDH(2022)01</a> – CDDH Comments on PACE Recommendations	<a href="#">CDDH(2022)01</a> – Commentaires du CDDH sur des recommandations de l'APCE
<p><i>The Secretariat will provide information on the Committee of Ministers' consideration of the comments that the CDDH had adopted by written procedure on the following Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendation <a href="#">2219(2022)</a> "Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights"</li> <li>- Recommendation <a href="#">2223(2022)</a> "Ending enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe"</li> </ul>	<p><i>Le Secrétariat fournira des informations sur l'examen par le Comité des Ministres des commentaires que le CDDH a adoptés par procédure écrite sur les Recommandations de l'Assemblée parlementaire suivantes :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommandation <a href="#">2219(2022)</a> « Inaction face au changement climatique – une violation des droits de l'enfant »</li> <li>- Recommandation <a href="#">2223(2022)</a> « En finir avec les disparitions forcées sur le territoire du Conseil de l'Europe »</li> </ul>
<a href="#">CDDH(2022)06</a> – Draft CDDH comments on PACE Recommendations	<a href="#">CDDH(2022)06</a> – Projets de commentaires du CDDH sur des recommandations de l'APCE
<p><i>The CDDH will be invited to adopt comments on the Recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly referred to below on the basis of proposals made by the Bureau with the support of the Secretariat:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendation <a href="#">2230(2022)</a> "Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by law enforcement officers"</li> <li>- Recommendation <a href="#">2231(2022)</a> "The Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine: ensuring accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law and other international crimes"</li> </ul>	<p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à adopter les commentaires sur les Recommandations de l'Assemblée parlementaire mentionnées ci-dessous sur la base des propositions du Bureau préparées avec le soutien du Secrétariat :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommandation <a href="#">2230(2022)</a> « Combattre et prévenir l'usage excessif et injustifié de la force par les forces de l'ordre »</li> <li>- Recommandation <a href="#">2231(2022)</a> « L'agression de la Fédération de Russie contre l'Ukraine : faire en sorte que les auteurs de graves violations du droit international humanitaire et d'autres crimes internationaux rendent des comptes »</li> </ul>
<b>3: WORK ON THE SYSTEM OF THE CONVENTION</b>	<b>3 : TRAVAUX RELATIFS AU SYSTÈME DE LA CONVENTION</b>
<b>3.1. Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention of Human rights (DH-SYSC)</b>	<b>3.1 Comité d'experts sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC)</b>
<a href="#">DH-SYSC(2022)01Rev</a> – draft Guidelines on the prevention and remedying of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights	<a href="#">DH-SYSC(2022)01Rev</a> - Projet de lignes directrices pour prévenir et remédier aux violations de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme



<p><a href="#">CDDH(2022)08</a> – Compilation of comments on the draft Guidelines on the prevention and remedying of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights <a href="#">CDDH-BU(2022)R107 Appendix III</a></p>	<p><a href="#">CDDH(2022)08</a> – Compilation des commentaires sur le projet de lignes directrices pour prévenir et remédier aux violations de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme <a href="#">CDDH-BU(2022)R107 Annexe III</a></p>
<p><i>The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC will provide information on developments since the last CDDH meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The CDDH will be invited to examine the comments submitted by members of the DH-SYSC and to adopt the draft Committee of Ministers' Guidelines on the prevention and remedying of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.</i></p>	<p><i>Le Président du DH-SYSC informera sur les développements depuis la dernière réunion du CDDH.</i></p> <p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à examiner les commentaires soumis par les membres du DH-SYSC et à adopter le projet de Lignes directrices du Comité des Ministres pour prévenir et remédier aux violations de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme, pour transmission au Comité des Ministres.</i></p>
<p><b>3.1.1. Drafting Group on effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)</b></p>	<p><b>3.1.1. Groupe de rédaction sur le traitement et la résolution efficace d'affaires concernant des conflits interétatiques (DH-SYSC-IV)</b></p>
<p><a href="#">DH-SYSC-IV(2022)R5 Report of the 5th meeting</a></p>	<p><a href="#">DH-SYSC-IV(2022)R5 Rapport de la 5<sup>e</sup> réunion</a></p>
<p><i>The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-IV will provide information on the results of its 5th meeting, notably its approval of elements for a draft CDDH report.</i></p> <p><i>The CDDH will be invited to designate a member State whose expert could participate in meetings of the DH-SYSC-IV at the expense of the Council of Europe, following the cessation of the Russian Federation's membership.</i></p>	<p><i>Le Président du DH-SYSC-IV informera des résultats de sa 5<sup>e</sup> réunion, notamment concernant l'approbation d'éléments relatifs à un projet de rapport du CDDH.</i></p> <p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à désigner un État membre dont l'expert pourra participer aux réunions du DH-SYSC-IV aux frais du Conseil de l'Europe, à la suite de la cessation de l'adhésion de la Fédération de Russie.</i></p>
<p><b>3.1.2. Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)</b></p>	<p><b>3.1.2. Groupe de rédaction sur le renforcement de la mise en œuvre au niveau national du système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC-V)</b></p>
<p><a href="#">DH-SYSC-V(2022)R4 Report of the 4th meeting</a></p>	<p><a href="#">DH-SYSC-V(2022)R4 Rapport de la 4<sup>e</sup> réunion</a></p>
<p><i>The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-V will provide information on the results of its 4th meeting.</i></p>	<p><i>Le Président du DH-SYSC-V informera des résultats de sa 4<sup>e</sup> réunion.</i></p>
<p><b>3.1.3. Creation of a new Drafting Group on the effectiveness of the system for the selection and election of Court's judges and the means to ensure due recognition for judges' status and service on the Court and providing additional safeguards to preserve their independence and impartiality (DH-SYSC-JC)</b></p>	<p><b>3.1.3. Etablissement d'un nouveau Groupe de rédaction sur l'efficacité du système de sélection et d'élection des juges de la Cour et des moyens d'assurer la reconnaissance du statut et de l'ancienneté des juges de la Cour et offrant des garanties supplémentaires pour préserver leur indépendance et leur impartialité (DH-SYSC-JC)</b></p>
<p><a href="#">Terms of Reference of the CDDH and the DH-SYSC 2022-2025</a> <a href="#">CDDH(2022)02 Draft terms of reference of the DH-SYSC-JC</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Mandats du CDDH et du DH-SYSC 2022-2025</a> <a href="#">CDDH(2022)02 Projet de mandat du DH-SYSC-JC</a></p>
<p><i>The CDDH will be invited to adopt terms of reference for a new drafting Group on this issue, which corresponds to deliverable number 14 of the CDDH Terms of Reference 2022 – 2025/ number 3 of the DH-SYSC Terms of Reference 2022 – 2025.</i></p> <p><i>The CDDH will then be invited to appoint the chairperson of the new drafting Group and to nominate</i></p>	<p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à adopter le mandat d'un nouveau Groupe de rédaction sur ce sujet, conformément au livrable numéro 14 du mandat du CDDH 2022 – 2025 / numéro 3 du mandat du DH-SYSC 2022 – 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Le CDDH sera ensuite invité à désigner la présidence de ce nouveau Groupe de rédaction et à nommer 10</i></p>

<p>10 member States of which the representatives to the new group would have their expenses reimbursed by the Council of Europe.</p> <p>The CDDH will further be invited to hold a preliminary exchange of views on the work of the new Group.</p>	<p>États membres pour lesquels les frais de participation des Représentants de ce nouveau Groupe seront pris en charge par le Conseil de l'Europe.</p> <p>En outre, le CDDH sera invité à tenir un échange de vues préliminaire sur les travaux de ce Groupe.</p>
<p><b>3.2 CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group on the EU accession to the ECHR ("46+1" Group)</b></p>	<p><b>3.2 Groupe de négociation ad hoc du CDDH sur l'adhésion de l'UE à la CEDH (Groupe « 46+1 »)</b></p>
<p><a href="#">47+1(2021)R12 Report of the 12th meeting</a> <a href="#">46+1(2022)R13 Report of the 13th meeting</a></p>	<p><a href="#">47+1(2021)R12 Rapport de la 12<sup>e</sup> réunion</a> <a href="#">46+1(2022)R13 Rapport de la 13<sup>e</sup> réunion</a></p>
<p>The Vice-Chairperson of the "46+1" Group will provide information on the results of its 12th and 13th meetings.</p>	<p>Le Vice-Président du Groupe « 46+1 » informera des résultats de ses 12<sup>e</sup> et 13<sup>e</sup> réunions.</p>
<p><b>3.3 Consequences of the cessation of the Russian Federation's membership of the Council of Europe for the system of the European Convention on Human Rights</b></p>	<p><b>3.3 Conséquences de la cessation de la qualité de membre du Conseil de l'Europe de la Fédération de Russie pour le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme</b></p>
<p><a href="#">Resolution CM/Res(2022)3</a> on legal and financial consequences of the cessation of membership of the Russian Federation in the Council of Europe.</p> <p><a href="#">Resolution</a> of the European Court of Human Rights on the consequences of the cessation of membership of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe in light of Article 58 of the European Convention on Human Rights</p>	<p><a href="#">Résolution CM/Res(2023)3</a> sur des conséquences juridiques et financières de la cessation de la qualité de membre du Conseil de l'Europe de la Fédération de Russie.</p> <p><a href="#">Résolution</a> de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme sur les conséquences de la cessation de la qualité de membre du Conseil de l'Europe de la Fédération de Russie à la lumière de l'article 58 de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme</p>
<p>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views with on the consequences of the cessation of the Russian Federation's membership of the Council of Europe for the system of the European Convention on Human Rights, including the processing of cases and the supervision of the implementation of judgments of the Court.</p>	<p>Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues sur les conséquences de la cessation de la qualité de membre du Conseil de l'Europe de la Fédération de Russie au Conseil de l'Europe, sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme, y compris sur le traitement des affaires et la supervision de la mise en application des arrêts de la Cour.</p>
<p><b>4: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS</b></p>	<p><b>4 : ENVIRONNEMENT ET DROITS DE L'HOMME</b></p>
<p><a href="#">CDDH-ENV(2022)R3 – Report of the 3rd meeting</a> <a href="#">CDDH-ENV(2022)R4 – Report of the 4th meeting</a> <a href="#">CDDH-ENV(2022)R4 Addendum – Draft recommendation on human rights and the protection of the environment</a> <a href="#">CDDH(2022)09 – Compilation of comments on the draft recommendation on human rights and the protection of the environment</a></p>	<p><a href="#">CDDH-ENV(2022)R3 – Rapport de la 3<sup>e</sup> réunion</a> <a href="#">CDDH-ENV(2022)R4 – Rapport de la 4<sup>e</sup> réunion</a> <a href="#">CDDH-ENV(2022)R4 Addendum – Projet de recommandation sur les droits de l'homme et la protection de l'environnement</a> <a href="#">CDDH(2022)09 – Compilation des commentaires sur le projet de recommandation sur les droits de l'homme et la protection de l'environnement</a></p>
<p>The Chairperson of the CDDH-ENV will provide information on the results of its 3rd and 4th meetings.</p> <p>The CDDH will be invited to adopt the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on human rights and the protection of the environment, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.</p> <p>The CDDH will be invited to designate a member State whose expert could participate in meetings of the CDDH-ENV at the expense of the Council of Europe,</p>	<p>La Présidente du CDDH-ENV informera des résultats de ses 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> réunions.</p> <p>Le CDDH sera invité à adopter le projet de Recommandation du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur les droits de l'homme et la protection de l'environnement, pour transmission au Comité des Ministres.</p> <p>Le CDDH sera invité à désigner un État membre dont l'expert pourra participer aux réunions du CDDH-ENV aux frais du Conseil de l'Europe, à la suite de la cessation de l'adhésion de la Fédération de Russie.</p>



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<b>5: HUMAN RIGHTS IN SITUATIONS OF CRISIS</b>	<b>5 : DROITS DE L'HOMME EN SITUATIONS DE CRISE</b>
<a href="#">CDDH-SCR(2022)R1</a> – Report of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	<a href="#">CDDH-SCR(2022)R1</a> – Rapport de la 1 <sup>ère</sup> réunion
<i>The Chairperson of the CDDH-SCR will provide information on the results of its 1st meeting.</i> <i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the organisation of the future work of the CDDH-SCR.</i>	<i>Le Président du CDDH-SCR informera des résultats de sa 1<sup>ère</sup> réunion.</i> <i>Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues sur l'organisation des futurs travaux du CDDH-SCR.</i>
<b>6: MEASURES AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF LABOUR EXPLOITATION</b>	<b>6 : MESURES CONTRE LA TRAITE DES ÊTRES HUMAINS À DES FINS D'EXPLOITATION PAR LE TRAVAIL</b>
<a href="#">DH-TET(2022)R3</a> – Report of the 3rd meeting <a href="#">DH-TET(2022)R4</a> – Report of the 4th meeting <a href="#">CDDH(2022)10REV</a> – Compilation of comments on the draft recommendation on trafficking for the purposes of labour exploitation	<a href="#">DH-TET(2022)R3</a> – Rapport de la 3 <sup>ème</sup> réunion <a href="#">DH-TET(2022)R4</a> – Rapport de la 4 <sup>ème</sup> réunion <a href="#">CDDH(2022)10REV</a> – Compilation des commentaires sur le projet de recommandation sur la traite des êtres humains à des fins d'exploitation par le travail
<i>The Chairperson of the DH-TET will provide information on the results of its 3rd and 4th meetings.</i> <i>The CDDH will be invited to adopt the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on trafficking for the purposes of labour exploitation, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.</i>	<i>Le Président du DH-TET informera des résultats de ses 3<sup>ème</sup> et 4<sup>ème</sup> réunions.</i> <i>Le CDDH sera invité à adopter le projet de Recommandation du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur la traite des êtres humains à des fins d'exploitation par le travail, pour transmission au Comité des Ministres.</i>
<b>7: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS</b>	<b>7 : DROITS DE L'HOMME ET ENTREPRISES</b>
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS - <a href="#">PROGRAMME</a>	ATELIER INTERNATIONAL SUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET LES ENTREPRISES - <a href="#">PROGRAMME</a>
<i>The CDDH Rapporteur on human rights and business will provide information on the International Workshop on Business and Human Rights, organised by the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (Rome - 28 March 2022).</i>	<i>La Rapporteuse du CDDH sur les droits de l'homme et les entreprises fournira des information sur l'Atelier international sur les droits de l'homme et les entreprises, organisé par la Présidence italienne du Comité des Ministres (Rome - 28 mars 2022).</i>
<b>8: CIVIL SOCIETY AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>8 : SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE ET INSTITUTIONS NATIONALES DES DROITS DE L'HOMME</b>
<i>The CDDH will receive information from the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) on the preparation of its baseline study on the implementation of Committee of Ministers Recommendation <a href="#">CM/Rec(2021)1</a> to member States on the developing and strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions.</i>	<i>Le CDDH recevra des information de la part du Réseau européen des institutions nationales des droits de l'homme (ENNHRI) sur la préparation de son étude de référence sur la mise en œuvre de la Recommandation <a href="#">CM/Rec(2021)1</a> du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur le développement et le renforcement d'institutions nationales des droits de l'homme efficaces, pluralistes et indépendantes.</i>
<b>9: ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>9 : ACCÈS AUX DOCUMENTS PUBLICS</b>
<a href="#">TC-CP(2022)R2</a> – Report of the 2nd meeting	<a href="#">TC-CP(2022)R2</a> – Rapport de la 2 <sup>e</sup> réunion
<i>The Secretariat will provide information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Consultation of the Parties to the Convention on access to official documents (Tromsø</i>	<i>Le Secrétariat informera au sujet de la 2<sup>e</sup> réunion de la Consultation des Parties à la Convention sur l'accès aux documents publics (Convention de Tromsø) (31 mars 2022) et d'autres développements pertinents.</i>

<i>Convention) (31 March 2022) and on other relevant developments.</i>	
<b>10: GENDER EQUALITY</b>	<b>10 : ÉGALITE DE GENRE</b>
<a href="#">CDDH(2022)03</a> - The gender equality dimension in the work of the CDDH and its subordinated bodies  <a href="#">CDDH(2020)13</a> - Thematic Form on Gender Equality	<a href="#">CDDH(2022)03</a> - La dimension d'égalité de genre dans les travaux du CDDH et de ses instances subordonnées  <a href="#">CDDH(2020)13</a> - Fiche thématique sur l'égalité de genre
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views with its Rapporteur on gender equality in relation to the activities of its subordinate bodies since the last meeting.</i>	<i>Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues avec son Rapporteur sur l'égalité de genre sur les activités de ses instances subordonnées depuis la dernière réunion.</i>
<b>11: CONVENTIONS</b>	<b>11 : CONVENTIONS</b>
<a href="#">CDDH(2022)05</a> - Chart of signatures and ratifications of certain treaties under the responsibility of the CDDH - Information provided by the Secretariat  <a href="#">CDDH(2022)07</a> – The status of the Russian Federation with respect to conventions for which the CDDH is responsible  CM/Inf(2022)17-rev CAHDI Guidance Note to the Committee of Ministers: Continued participation of the Russian Federation in 'open' conventions elaborated in the framework of the Council of Europe	<a href="#">CDDH(2022)05</a> - État des signatures et ratifications de certains traités sous la responsabilité du CDDH - Informations fournies par le Secrétariat  <a href="#">CDDH(2022)07</a> – La situation de la Fédération de Russie par rapport aux conventions dont le CDDH est responsable  CM/Inf(2022)17-rev Note d'orientation du CAHDI au Comité des Ministres : Poursuite de la participation de la Fédération de Russie aux conventions « ouvertes » élaborées dans le cadre du Conseil de l'Europe
<i>The Secretariat will provide information on developments in relation to Council of Europe treaties under the responsibility of the CDDH, including those to which the Russian Federation was a party prior to the cessation of its membership of the Council of Europe.</i>	<i>Le Secrétariat informera sur les développements relatifs aux traités sous la responsabilité du CDDH, y compris ceux pour lesquels la Fédération de Russie était partie avant la cessation de son adhésion au Conseil de l'Europe.</i>
<b>12: REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>12 : REPRÉSENTANTS DANS DES ACTIVITES EXTERNES</b>
<a href="#">CDDH(2022)04</a> – Information provided by experts	<a href="#">CDDH(2022)04</a> – Informations fournies par des experts
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on possible information provided by members representing the Steering Committee in other bodies / events, and to appoint new representatives if necessary. The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the ongoing work of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) and the Committee on Counterterrorism (CDCT), for both of which the position of CDDH representative is currently vacant. The list of current focal points appears in <u>Appendix II</u> below.</i>	<i>Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues sur les éventuelles informations fournies par les membres qui représentent le Comité directeur dans d'autres instances / événements et à désigner, le cas échéant, de nouveaux représentants. Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues sur les travaux en cours du Comité sur l'Intelligence Artificielle (CAI) et du Comité de lutte contre le terrorisme (CDCT), pour lesquels des positions de représentants du CDDH sont actuellement vacantes. La liste des points focaux actuels figure à <u>l'Annexe II</u> ci-après.</i>

<b>13: INVITEES</b>	<b>13 : INVITÉS</b>
<p><i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views with President Robert Spano of the European Court of Human Rights.</i></p> <p><i>The CDDH will then be invited to exchange views on possible invitees to forthcoming CDDH meetings.</i></p>	<p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues avec le Président Robert Spano de la Cour européenne des droits de l'Homme.</i></p> <p><i>Le CDDH sera ensuite invité à échanger des vues d'éventuels invités aux prochaines réunions du CDDH.</i></p>
<b>14: PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>14 : PUBLICATIONS</b>
<p><a href="#">CDDH Publications' website</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Site internet des publications du CDDH</a></p>
<p><i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on publications related to its work in the light of the information provided by the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à échanger des vues sur les publications relatives à ses travaux à la lumière des informations fournies par le Secrétariat.</i></p>
<b>15: CALENDAR</b>	<b>15 : CALENDRIER</b>
<p><i>The CDDH will be invited to adopt the draft calendar for the second semester 2022, in the light of the suggestions put forward by the Bureau at its 107<sup>th</sup> meeting, and to take note of the provisional draft calendar for the first semester 2023.</i></p>	<p><i>Le CDDH sera invité à adopter le projet de calendrier pour le second semestre 2022, à la lumière des suggestions du Bureau lors de sa 107<sup>e</sup> réunion, et à prendre note du projet provisoire de calendrier pour le premier semestre 2023.</i></p>
<b>16: OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<b>16 : QUESTIONS DIVERSES</b>

Appendix II**List of participants****MEMBERS**

<b>ALBANIA</b>	<b>Ms Monika LAMCE</b> Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Albania
<b>ANDORRA</b>	<b>M. Marc CASADEVALL TOUSEIL</b> Juriste, Troisième secrétaire, Département des Affaires juridiques internationales et des Ressources humaines, Ministère des Affaires étrangères
<b>ARMENIA</b>	<b>Mr Vahagn PILIPOSYAN</b> Head of International Treaties and Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>Ms Brigitte OHMS</b> Deputy Government Agent, Division for European and International Law, Human Rights Protection (dpt. V 7), Federal Chancellery
<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>	<b>Mr Şahin ABBASOV</b> Senior consultant of the Human Rights Division, Department for Work with Law Enforcement Bodies, Administration of President
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>Mr Philippe WERY</b> Chef du Service des droits de l'homme, SPF Justice, Service des Droits de l'Homme  <b>Mme Isabelle NIEDLISPACHER</b>
<b>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b>	<b>Ms Monika MIJIĆ</b> Acting agent of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina before the European Court of Human Rights  <b>Ms Jelena CVIJETIĆ</b> Acting agent of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina before the European Court of Human Rights
<b>BULGARIA</b>	<b>Ms Aleksandra DIMITROVA</b> Second Secretary, Human Rights Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>Mrs Romana KUZMANIĆ OLUIĆ</b> Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Directorate General for Multilateral Affairs and Global Issues, Division for Human Rights and Regional International Organisations and Initiatives
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<b>Ms Theodora CHRISTODOULIDOU</b> Counsel of the Republic, Office of the Attorney-general
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>Mr Vít A. SCHORM</b> Government Agent before the ECtHR, Ministry of Justice

<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>Ms Lea ELKJÆR TARGÅRD</b> Head of section, Constitutional and Human Rights Law Division, Ministry of Justice
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Appendix III**Exchange of views with the Steering Committee for Human Rights**

*Strasbourg, 16 June 2022*

**Speech of Mr Robert Spano,  
President of the European Court of Human Rights**

Dear Chair,  
Dear CDDH members,

Thank you for this invitation to address the 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of your Steering Committee, to answer your questions and to hold an exchange of views.

I find this face-to-face dialogue essential because the work of the Steering Committee for Human Rights ("CDDH") is at the very heart of improving the effectiveness of the control mechanism of the Convention.

The Court is committed to cooperating with you in this joint endeavour. As I stated in my opening address for your on-line seminar on the execution of judgments in June last year, you can count on the Court's full support.

Our cooperation is strong, practical and continuing. Here I could cite the input from the Court's Registry in the ongoing work of the DH-SYSC-IV, and the Registry's participation in the *ad hoc* negotiation Group on the EU accession to the ECHR, as well as the newly created Drafting Group on Human Rights in situations of crisis.

We all know that there are still challenges facing the Convention system, and these must be addressed, despite the formal closing of the Interlaken reform process. This is one of the reasons for the creation of the new Drafting Group on the effectiveness of the system for the selection and election of Court judges (DH-SYSC-JC). I will come back to that point a little bit later in my intervention.

As agreed, I would like to use the short time for my intervention to cover three points. Firstly, I will give you a very short review of my mandate as President so far. Secondly, I will outline the consequences of the expulsion of Russia for the work of the Court and thirdly an issue which I consider of importance to the Convention system, the length of mandate of Court judges. This ties in directly with the work of your new Drafting Group.

Turning now to review briefly my mandate so far as President of the Court which coincided with a number of transformative moments in the Convention's history. Why do I say that?

My mandate began just a couple of months into the global COVID-19 pandemic in May 2020. Responding to that pandemic was a major challenge for our Court, as well as for all courts within the Council of Europe legal space and beyond. I am proud that the Court adapted to the unprecedented situation by taking exceptional measures to extend the time-limits for bringing cases before the Court; ensuring the continuity of its case-processing and in particular dealing with requests for interim measures under Rule 39; we also maintained public hearings by way of videoconferencing, which the outside world was able to watch online.

My mandate also saw the closing of the Interlaken reform period in November 2020 – another transformative moment. An important aspect of shared responsibility is the fact that the Court

must function as efficiently and effectively as possible. This is the motivation behind the new case “impact” processing strategy which I launched in January 2021. The new case-processing strategy responds to the most important challenge currently facing the Court: dealing with Chamber cases which are particularly important for the development of the Convention system and which raise new issues regarding the interpretation and application of the Convention. This strategy, coupled with the use of summary-formula judgments, is directly in line with the Copenhagen Declaration adopted by the Member States in 2018. It aims to ensure “A Court that matters/Une Cour qui compte”.

The impact strategy is essential when we take a look at the current Court figures. We have approximately 72,000 pending applications which is a 11 % increase on this time last year. The ten high case-count countries account for almost 90 % of these applications, are in this order: Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Romania, Italy, Poland, Greece, Azerbaijan, Serbia and Armenia. The first three alone account for 64 % of applications on our docket. Out of those 72,000 applications, 23,550 have been earmarked as category IV – they do not concern core rights but some of them raise very important issues which must be dealt with as speedily as possible. In the last months, the Court has tackled some complex issues of great importance for the European legal order relating, for instance, to the comprehensive judicial reforms in some member States,<sup>2</sup> the issue of immigration,<sup>3</sup> and freedom of expression on the internet,<sup>4</sup> just to mention a few.

This brings me to the second point I wished to raise with you today, which has been called “a tectonic shift in European history”.<sup>5</sup> Here of course, I am speaking of Russia’s war in Ukraine and its expulsion from the Council of Europe as from 16 March this year. In addition to the violence and human misery which this war is causing, we are also facing an existential challenge to our liberal democratic order.

Once again, the lessons of history have proven to be correct. When the fundamental principles of the Convention system – democracy, the rule of law and the protection of human rights – are set aside, the consequences are catastrophic.

Of course, some fundamental questions must be asked on the nature and role of the Council of Europe and its judicial enforcement mechanism, the European Court of Human Rights.

In spite of our shock at the conflict, the Court has not remained a powerless witness.

As early as 1 March, in the context of the interim measures provided for in our Rules of Court, I personally called on the Russian Government to refrain from launching military attacks against civilians and civilian objects. Very quickly, our Court received applications from people who feared for their lives as a result of the bombing. Moreover, Ukraine lodged an inter-State application against the Russian Federation. I therefore decided to indicate to the Russian Federation that it should guarantee free access for the population to safe evacuation routes, medical care and food. Finally, on 1 April, the Court indicated that the evacuation corridors should allow civilians to seek refuge in safer areas within Ukraine.

It is of immense importance that the Council of Europe and the Court reacted with speed, determination and clarity since the beginning of the war. The Court, having regard to the decisions of the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly and in unison with those bodies, drew the consequences of the Russian Federation’s cessation of membership of

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<sup>2</sup> For instance, *Grzęda v. Poland* [GC], no. 43572/18, 15 March 2022.

<sup>3</sup> For instance, *Savran v. Denmark* [GC], no. 57467/15, December 2021.

<sup>4</sup> For instance, *Standard Verlagsgesellschaft mbH v. Austria (no. 3)*, no. 39378/15, 7 December 2021.

<sup>5</sup>

the Council of Europe and decided that, as from 16 September 2022, the Russian Federation would cease to be a High Contracting Party to the Convention.

This means that the Court will continue to have jurisdiction to deal with applications concerning actions and omissions by the Russian Federation which may constitute a violation of the Convention, provided they occurred before that date.

It seems clear that thousands of applications will have to be dealt with, not to mention those that may be lodged over the coming months.

This is an immense challenge for us, and the Plenary Court is in the process of determining the most appropriate course of action for processing these cases. [The position of Russian Registry staff will also have to be considered. Obviously, the two are linked]. As the situation is continually evolving we cannot expect the Court to take any final decisions yet.

When it comes to Russian cases the current numbers are as follows: There are a total of some 17,000 cases pending in Section III, including: 1,197 Chamber cases. To the above should be added 4 applications in one case pending before the GC (*Fedotova and Others v. Russia*, nos. 40792/10 and 3 others). There are also 8 inter-state cases against Russia and one case introduced by Russia against Ukraine.

Since 25 March (for Chamber cases) and 28 March (for the pending Grand Chamber case), the Russian Government has not communicated with the Court. We have recently learnt that two Russian laws have now come into force according to which Russia will not execute any judgment which enters into force after 15 March 2022.

Many issues are also of a judicial, rather than administrative nature, such as *ratione temporis* scope of the residual jurisdiction. This will have to be decided by the Court's judicial formations in time.

Last but not least, I would like to address the situation of our Court judges: in particular the length of their mandate and post-mandate recognition of service.

It is clear that the Court stands at the centre of the societal upheavals we are witnessing and the challenges we are facing, including the war in Ukraine. It is precisely in times such as these that the Court and its judges must withstand the pressures of the times we live in and continue to deliver justice independently and impartially.

For these reasons, financial stability and continuity in the Court's work, as well as increased safeguards surrounding the status of the judges, are vital. This will increase the Court's independence as a judicial institution.

As you are aware, the non-renewable nine-year term of office for the Court's judges was introduced by Protocol No. 14 in order to reinforce independence and impartiality. However, some years of implementation and reflection, the Court has come to the conclusion that this length of mandate raises serious concerns and that a number of important arguments militate in favour of extending the mandate to 12 years. This issue has already been discussed within the CDDH in recent years. In particular, when comparing the Strasbourg Court to other International Courts, we see that a single nine year term does not provide sufficient stability to the Court's functioning, including its governance structure, and importantly the continued coherence and consistency of its jurisprudence which often requires a long-term vision on the interaction between the Convention and day-to-day realities.

If we compare the length of the mandates of Judges at the International Court of Justice and at the Court of Justice of the European Union, it can be seen that, through renewals, their mandates are invariably much longer. A 12-year term would create the necessary stability and continuity that is essential for a judicial institution navigating a challenging international environment. This is also one of the reasons that whilst there are some variations the mandates of Justices of national constitutional courts is very often 12 years.

Your new Drafting Group on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights (DH-SYSC-JC) is to be instructed to prepare, under the authority of the DH-SYSC, a “Report evaluating the effectiveness of the system for the selection and election of the Court’s judges and the means to ensure due recognition for judges’ status and service on the Court and providing additional safeguards to preserve their independence and impartiality”. If your Group were to evaluate within the context of its mandate a possible extension of the Judges’ mandate from nine to twelve years, we consider that this would be extremely beneficial.

Former judges should be given reasonable and practical opportunities to pursue their previous domestic careers post-mandate (whether as a national judge, as a civil servant, a lawyer at the Bar, a university professor, or in another profession) with due regard to the length of their service at the Court. Career advancement domestically should take into consideration the exceptional nature of the post of judge at the Court. This should be the very minimum to be expected after spending many years in the high judicial post of judge at the Court.

If we wish to attract candidates of the highest calibre to the Court, these issues are absolutely crucial.

Dear Committee Members, the time has come for me to conclude my intervention today.

The Convention system has many challenges before it: the decline in the rule of law and challenges to the independence of the judiciary; the environmental crisis coupled with climate change litigation, and, critically, a new war in Europe which brings to the Court individual applications and inter-state litigation.

Only through cooperation and dialogue can we surmount these challenges together. Close cooperation with your Committee is essential in this respect.

Thank you.

Appendix IV**CDDH focal points and representatives in other fora**

*(List as revised by the CDDH at its 96th meeting, 14 – 17 June 2022)*

1. Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
2. Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria)
3. European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ): Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic)
4. Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI): Ms Zinovia STAVRIDIS (Greece)
5. European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ): Ms Maria de Fátima GRAÇA CARVALHO (Portugal)
6. Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI): Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)
7. Committee of experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM): Ms Romana KUZMANIĆ-OLUIĆ (Croatia)
8. Advisory Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD): Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria)
9. Council of Europe Committee on Counterterrorism (CDCT): Ms Susan DICKSON (United Kingdom)
10. Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse ("Lanzarote Committee"): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
11. Steering Committee for the rights of the child (CDEF): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
12. European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG): Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland)
13. Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI): Mr Elias KASTANAS (Greece)
14. Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI): Mr Vahagn PILIPOSYAN (Armenia)
15. Gender Equality Commission (GEC): *Vacant*
16. Ad hoc Working Party on improving the European Social Charter system (GT-CHARTE): Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic)

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Appendix V**Composition of the Bureau, Chairmanships, Rapporteurs and Drafting Groups**

<b>BUREAU OF THE CDDH</b>	<b>END OF THE MANDATE</b>	<b>REFERENCES</b>
Ms Kristine LIČIS (Latvia) Chair	31 December 2022 (elected for 1 year, renewable once)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)
Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland) Vice-Chair	31 December 2022 (elected for 1 year, renewable once)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)
Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria) Member	31 December 2022 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	93rd meeting of the CDDH (December 2020)
Ms Nicola WENZEL (Germany) Member	31 December 2023 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)
Ms Babette KOOPMAN (the Netherlands) Member	31 December 2022 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	93rd meeting of the CDDH (December 2020)
Mr Jan SOBCZAK (Poland) Member	31 December 2023 (elected for 2 years, not renewable)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)
Mr Alfonso BREZMES (Spain) Member	31 December 2023 (elected for 2 years, not renewable)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)
Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland) Member	31 December 2023 (elected for 2 years, not renewable)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)
<b>CHAIRS</b>		
<b>DH-SYSC</b> Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)	31 December 2022 (elected for 1 year, not renewable)	95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2020)
<b>DH-SYSC-IV</b> Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland)		92nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
<b>DH-SYSC-V</b> Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic)		92nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
<b>DH-SYSC-JC</b> Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)		96th meeting of the CDDH (June 2022)
<b>"46 + 1"</b> Ms Tonje MEINICH (Norway)		92nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
<b>CDDH-ENV</b> Ms Kristine LIČIS (Latvia)		93rd meeting of the CDDH (December 2020)
<b>CDDH-SCR</b> Mr Jan SOBCZAK (Poland)		95th meeting of the CDDH (November 2021)



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GERMANY	UNITED KINGDOM		Ms Annabel CANZIAN (France)
GREECE			Prof. Zbigniew LASOCIK (Poland)
NORWAY (Chair)			Ms Caroline ROBINSON (United Kingdom)
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Azerbaijan	Estonia	Azerbaijan	
Croatia	Finland	Belgium	
Czech Republic	France	France	
Georgia	Italy	Germany ( <i>Chair</i> )	
Germany	Norway	Italy	
Greece	Poland	Netherlands	
Netherlands	Portugal	Poland	
Serbia	Spain	Switzerland	
Slovenia	United Kingdom	Türkiye	
Switzerland ( <i>Chair</i> )		United Kingdom	
<b>CDDH-SCR</b>		<b>CDDH-ENV</b>	
Armenia		Armenia	
Azerbaijan		Austria	
Estonia		Finland	

<sup>6</sup> 10 member States + Chair (Switzerland)

Georgia	France
Montenegro	Germany
Netherlands	Latvia ( <i>Chair</i> )
Norway	Poland
Poland ( <i>Chair</i> )	Romania
Portugal	Spain
Türkiye	Switzerland
	Türkiye

Appendix VI

**Calendar for the second semester 2022  
as adopted at the 96th CDDH meeting 14 – 17 June 2022  
and provisional calendar for 2023**

28/01/2022	Opening of the Judicial Year / <i>Ouverture de l'Année Judiciaire</i>
26 – 28/01/2022	<a href="#"><u>3rd meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment / 3<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme et l'environnement (CDDH-ENV)</u></a>
22 – 24/02/2022	<a href="#"><u>3rd meeting of the Group on Trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation / 3<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité de rédaction sur la traite aux fins d'exploitation par le travail (DH-TET)</u></a>
8 – 10/03/2022	<a href="#"><u>1st meeting of the Drafting Group on human rights in situations of crisis / 1<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme en période de crise (CDDH-SCR)</u></a>
24 – 25/03/2022	<a href="#"><u>4th meeting of the Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights / 4<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur le renforcement de la mise en œuvre de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC-V)</u></a>
5 – 7/04/2022	<a href="#"><u>5th meeting of the Drafting Group on effective Processing and Resolution of cases relating to inter-State Disputes / 5<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur le traitement et la résolution efficace d'affaires concernant des conflits interétatiques (DH-SYSC-IV)</u></a>
6 – 8/04/2022	<a href="#"><u>4th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment / 4<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme et l'environnement (CDDH-ENV)</u></a>
26 – 28/04/2022	<a href="#"><u>4th meeting of the Drafting Committee on Trafficking for the Purpose of Labour Exploitation / 4<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité de rédaction sur la traite aux fins d'exploitation par le travail (DH-TET)</u></a>
5 – 6/05/2022 (Paris)	<a href="#"><u>107th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 107<sup>e</sup> réunion du Bureau du Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme (CDDH-BU)</u></a>
10 – 13/05/2022	<a href="#"><u>13th meeting of the CDDH <i>ad hoc</i> negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 14<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation <i>ad hoc</i> du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (« 46+1 »)</u></a>
31/05 – 3/06/2022	1st meeting of the Steering Committee on Human Rights in the fields of biomedicine and health / <i>1<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité directeur sur les droits de l'homme dans les domaines de la biomédecine et de la santé (CDBIO)</i>
13/06/2022	Meeting of the Government's Agents with the Court's Registry / <i>Réunion des Agents du Gouvernement avec le Greffe de la Cour</i>
14 – 17/06/2022	<a href="#"><u>96th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 96<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme (CDDH)</u></a>
5 – 7/07/2022	<a href="#"><u>14th meeting of the CDDH <i>ad hoc</i> negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 14<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation <i>ad hoc</i> du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (« 46+1 »)</u></a>

- 13 – 15/09/2022 | [5th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment / 5<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme et l'environnement \(CDDH-ENV\)](#)
- 20 – 22/09/2022 | [6th meeting of the Drafting Group on the effective Processing and Resolution of cases relating to inter-State Disputes / 6<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur le traitement et la résolution efficace d'affaires concernant des conflits interétatiques \(DH-SYSC-IV\)](#)
- 28 – 30/09/2022 | 1st meeting of the Drafting Group issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights / 1<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les questions relatives aux juges de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC-JC)
- 4 – 7/10/2022 | [15th meeting of the CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 15<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation ad hoc du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme \(« 46+1 »\)](#)
- 11 – 13/10/2022 | [2nd meeting of the Drafting Group on human rights in situations of crises / 2<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme en période de crise \(CDDH-SCR\)](#)
- 25 – 27/10/2022 | [7th meeting of the Committee of experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights / 7<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité d'experts sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme \(DH-SYSC\)](#)
- 2 – 4/11/2022 | 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee on Human Rights in the fields of biomedicine and health / 2<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité directeur sur les droits de l'homme dans les domaines de la biomédecine et de la santé (CDBIO)
- 9 – 10/11/2022 | [108th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 108<sup>e</sup> réunion du Bureau du Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme \(CDDH-BU\)](#)
- 16 – 17/11/2022 | [1st meeting of the Council of Europe Access Info Group / 1<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe Accès à l'information du Conseil de l'Europe](#)
- 22 – 25/11/2022 | [16th meeting of the CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 16<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation ad hoc du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme \(« 46+1 »\)](#)
- 5/12/2022 | Meeting of the Government's Agents with the Court's Registry / Réunion des Agents du Gouvernement avec le Greffe de la Cour
- 6 – 9/12/2022 | [97th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 97<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme \(CDDH\)](#)
- 10 – 13/01/2023 | [17th meeting of the CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 17<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation ad hoc du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme \(« 46+1 »\)](#)
- 25 – 27/01/2023 | 2nd meeting of the Drafting Group issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights / 2<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les questions relatives aux juges de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC-JC)
- 1 – 3/02/2023 | [6th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment / 6<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme et l'environnement \(CDDH-ENV\)](#)

- 21 – 24/02/2023 | [18th meeting of the CDDH \*ad hoc\* negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 18<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation \*ad hoc\* du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme \(« 46+1 »\)](#)
- 8 – 10/03/2023 | [3rd meeting of the Drafting Group on human rights in situations of crisis / 3<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme en période de crise \(CDDH-SCR\)](#)
- 22 – 24/03/2023 | [2nd meeting of the Council of Europe Access Info Group / 2<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe Accès à l'information du Conseil de l'Europe](#)
- 3 – 6/04/2023 | [19th meeting of the CDDH \*ad hoc\* negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights / 19<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de négociation \*ad hoc\* du CDDH et la Commission européenne sur l'adhésion de l'Union européenne à la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme \(« 46+1 »\)](#)
- 3 – 5/05/2023 | [7th meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment / 7<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits de l'homme et l'environnement \(CDDH-ENV\)](#)
- 15 – 17/05/2023 | [3rd meeting of the Drafting Group issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights / 3<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les questions relatives aux juges de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme \(DH-SYSC-JC\)](#)
- 1 – 2/06/2023 | [109th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 109<sup>e</sup> réunion du Bureau du Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme \(CDDH-BU\)](#)
- 27 – 30/06/2023 | [98th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 98<sup>e</sup> réunion du Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme \(CDDH\)](#)
- 4 – 6/07/2023 | [3rd meeting of the Council of Europe Access Info Group / 3<sup>e</sup> réunion du Groupe Accès à l'information du Conseil de l'Europe](#)