

**Terms of reference for the CDDH Drafting Group on
Human Rights and Environment
(CDDH-ENV)**

*(adopted by the CDDH
at its 93rd meeting, 14-16 December 2020)*

The CDDH gives the following terms of reference to its Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV):

"On the basis of developments in member States, within the Council of Europe and in other fora, and in the light, in particular, of the *Joint Declaration on Human Rights and the Environment of the outgoing and incoming Chairmanships of the Committee of Ministers* (15 May 2020), the CDDH-ENV is instructed to:

- (i) Update the Manual on Human Rights and the Environment (deadline: 15 May 2021);
- (ii) in the light of the draft updated Manual, prepare a draft non-binding instrument (e.g., recommendation; guidelines) on human rights and the environment (deadline: 31 October 2021);
- (iii) Consider the need for further work in this field, bearing in mind the obligations of the member States under the European Convention on Human Rights and the steady development of the case-law by the European Court of Human Rights and national courts that foster the interconnection between the protection of the environment and human rights".¹

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¹ Cf. recital 2 of the *Joint Declaration on Human Rights and the Environment of the outgoing and incoming Chairmanships of the Committee of Ministers* (15 May 2020).