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## **Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)**

### **Meeting Report**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting**

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*Videoconference*

*Prepared by the Children's Rights Division*

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# Meeting report

## 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) held its second meeting in Strasbourg from 16-18 November 2020 via videoconference. The CDENF Chair, Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Attorney at Law, Supreme Court (Greece), opened the meeting and welcomed the CDENF members and observers.

## 2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

2. The agenda was adopted as it appears in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

## 3. Statement by the Chair and the Secretariat

3. The CDENF took note of the introductory statement by Ms Maria Andriani Kostopoulou, Chair of the CDENF, about the contribution sent in the preparation process of a Council of Europe's four-year Strategic Framework, underlining the important role of the CDENF as a good practice policy forum in the area of the rights of the child, the need for this Framework to have a dedicated focus on children and their families, and of the invitation extended to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to attend the CDENF's plenary meeting in May 2021.

4. Ms Regina Jensdottir, Council of Europe Co-ordinator on the Rights of the child and Head of Division, informed the Committee on Greece's Chairmanship's focus on children's rights and related events, on the Political declaration on the education response to the COVID crisis adopted by the Informal Conference of Ministers of Education,<sup>1</sup> on the Athens Declaration on "Effectively responding to a public health crisis in full respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law"<sup>2</sup> deploring the rise in violence against women and children and underlining the role of the Lanzarote Convention, on the importance of child safeguarding and protection against abuse in sport, as highlighted during the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport<sup>3</sup>, and on the substantive contribution of the Council of Europe during the European Union's Forum for the rights of the child<sup>4</sup> as part of a wider collaboration between the two Organisations in the field of children's rights.

## 4. CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress, evaluation of completed activities and next steps

### 4.1 Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) (CDENF specific task (i))

5. The CDENF:

- reviewed and took note of the Action Plan as updated to reflect the state of implementation of the Strategy;

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<sup>1</sup> [Political declaration](#) adopted by the Informal Conference of Ministers of Education.

<sup>2</sup> The [Athens Declaration](#) by the Committee of Ministers Chairmanship on: "Effectively responding to a public health crisis in full respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law".

<sup>3</sup> [Link](#) to webpage.

<sup>4</sup> [Report](#) of the 13th European Forum on the rights of the child (29 September – 1 October 2020).

- reviewed and approved the draft outline of the final implementation report on the Strategy agreed, taking note that it could require updates in the process of finalisation of the report by October 2021; and
- heard an update on the work undertaken on child participation to further Priority Area 2 of the Strategy and the implementation of the Child Participation Assessment Tool (work cycle III) by member States and welcomed the launching of a new joint Council of Europe and European Union project “CP4Europe” as of 2021, to further child participation in member states.

#### **4.2 Preparation of the draft Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific task (ii) and (vi))**

6. The Committee held an exchange of views with Mr Adrien Taquet, Secretary of State for Children and Families with the Minister of Solidarity and Health, following his presentation of France’s national strategies and framework for the protection of children against violence, of challenges and responses taken in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, inter alia on issues related to the age of consent to sexual activities, actions to address peer to peer online violence and welcomed France’s reiterated commitment to implementing Council of Europe standards and priorities in the area of the rights of the child and its support for the preparation of a new Strategy in this area.

7. The CDENF was also addressed by Ms Najat Maalla, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children (UN SRSG VAC) who commended the current Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child and its priority focus on protecting children against violence, taking duly into account the UNSDGs, underlined the importance of promoting the accession of the Lanzarote Convention globally, the instrumental role of the Council of Europe regarding children deprived of liberty, and the importance of access to justice in fighting violence against children in the context of UN SDG 16.3. The Committee also took note of the Global status report on preventing violence against children (2020)<sup>5</sup> and her Office’s priorities, and warmly welcomed her proposals and suggestions for reinforced common synergies and actions.

8. The presentations were followed by an exchange of views on the basis of a preliminary analysis of key priorities and areas for action put forward by member States and other stakeholders in their responses to the questionnaire on the new Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027), which ranked high in the list of priorities so far analysed in particular a need for continued action to prevent and combat violence against children, child participation, the rights of the child in the digital environment and equal opportunities.

9. The Committee welcomed the work launched by the secretariat in preparation of the next Strategy for the Rights of Child (2022-2027), approved the planned work programme and timetable, as well as the concept note outlining the process proposed for consulting children, taking into account also the ongoing process and child consultations at EU level; and thanked France and Italy whose representatives volunteered to act as Rapporteurs supporting the preparatory process of the new Strategy;

#### **4.3 Work to enhance the implementation of international and Council of Europe standards on the protection of children from violence in member states (CDENF specific task (iii))**

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<sup>5</sup> [Global status report on preventing violence against children 2020.](#)

10. The CDENF took note of the progress made by its Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE) presented by its Vice-Chair, Ms Rosario Farmhouse (Portugal), of the ongoing consultation process through a survey to be responded by the group's experts, and of the Working Group's support for the need to develop a draft recommendation on comprehensive sex and relationship education in the next work cycle;

11. The Committee also examined the draft outline of the feasibility study being prepared and a proposal for a draft Recommendation on the development of effective mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children (working title), and held a substantive exchange on its possible elements, inter alia with respect to relevant definitions, the scope of reporting obligations, applicable thresholds, immunities legal sanctions, required trainings to recognise and address all forms of violence (including mental violence and abuse) underlining the necessity for child protection systems to be effective and holistic in order for reports and interventions to have a positive impact.

12. Finally, information on the 2020 edition of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) was provided, which focused on "preventing risky behaviour by children: child self-generated sexual images and/or videos" and of a wide range of supporting actions, such as the joint statement issued by six member States and supported by additional 41 states;<sup>6</sup> the joint statement issued by the Greek and German Chairmanship;<sup>7</sup> the statement of the Chair of CDENF and of numerous other initiatives from member states and civil society and member states;<sup>8</sup> including a dedicated webinar organised by the EndOCSEA@Europe project<sup>9</sup> and a hearing of experts organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.<sup>10</sup>

#### **4.4 The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings (CDENF specific task (iv) 1)**

13. Mr Seamus Carroll, Chair of the CJ/ENF-ISE, provided an oral update on the reports of the first meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (24-25 September 2020), the meeting of the CDENF Bureau (20 October 2020) and the joint meeting of the Bureaus of the CDENF and of the CDCJ (7 October 2020), on the subordinate committee's ambitious workplan in 2021, on the need of a joint adoption by the CDENF and the CDCJ of its deliverables, and on the planned working methods to ensure close co-operation, coordination and consultations of the two steering committees.

14. The Committee noted the progress made by CJ/ENF-ISE to date, and called for states to respond timely by 30 November 2020 to the questionnaires on parental separation situations and child-care proceedings in order to avoid delays in the analysis of responses and the preparation of the reviews of policy and practice; noted the need for member States to provide input on the voice of the child in parental separation and care proceedings in order to identify good practices which allow the child to participate while protecting him/her from undue influence or duress, that further consultations and involvement of judges, prosecutors, child rights advocates and civil society in the work of the CJ/ENF-ISE is being planned for the finalisation of its deliverables.

15. The CDENF also agreed the criteria to be applied for any requests for observer status with the CJ/ENF-ISE, examined the request for observer status of Missing Children Europe,

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<sup>6</sup> [Joint statement](#) issued by six member States and supported by 41.

<sup>7</sup> [Joint statement](#) by Greek and German Chairmanship.

<sup>8</sup> [Webpage](#) compiling initiatives.

<sup>9</sup> [Webpage](#) on the webinar.

<sup>10</sup> [Webpage](#) on the hearing.

agreed unanimously to grant them with this status and instructed the Secretariat to inform the CDCJ and Missing Children Europe of its decision.

#### **4.5 The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field (DH-BIO) (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 2 and (vi))**

16. Dr Ritva Halila (Finland), Chair of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), presented the work of the Committee, the fundamental principles of the Oviedo Convention, the four pillars of the Strategic Action Plan on Human Rights and Technologies in Biomedicine (2020-2025),<sup>11</sup> the planned work on the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health and need for establishing a joint drafting group between the DH-BIO and the CDENF; and called on CDENF delegations to reply to the questionnaire on the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health by 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021.

#### **4.6 Children's rights in the digital environment (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 3 and (v))**

17. The CDENF welcomed the keynote intervention by Professor Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics, United Kingdom), expert on the rights of the child in the digital age, who underlined the leading role of the Council of Europe on children's rights in the digital environment as a result of its work on CM/Rec(2018)7, stressed that the rights of the child were currently insufficiently addressed in measures related to data protection, highlighted the different contexts in which children interact with data in the digital environment, which are the interpersonal, institutional and commercial contexts, noted the importance to teach children about digital literacy; and concluded that societies should not place the responsibility on children to protect their own data.

18. The presentation was followed by a discussion on the balance between the need to protect children from harm and the need to safeguard children's rights to privacy, on the role of social media platforms in protecting children from harm online.

19. The Committee also underlined the importance for member states to promote and implement the measures included in the Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)7 of the Committee of Ministers on guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment, taking into account the guidance provided through its related Handbook, and noted the recent secretariat's contribution to the draft UN Committee on the Rights of the Child General Comment 25;

20. The text of the draft Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on the need to intensify efforts to respect and protect children's privacy in the digital environment was examined in the light of comments received, noting the Russian Federation's position that they are unable to implement and promote instruments for which they are not yet Parties. The Committee instructed the Bureau of the CDENF jointly with the Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Data (T-PD) to discuss and finalise the text, taking into account the changes approved by both Committees, with a view to communicating it to the Committee of Ministers for examination and approval in 2021.

#### **4.7 Contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018- 2022): addressing welfare and child protection**

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<sup>11</sup> [Strategic Action Plan on Human Rights and Technologies in Biomedicine \(2020-2025\)](#).

### **challenges related to child returnees thematic exchange with experts and next actions (CDENF specific task (iv) 3)**

21. The CDENF heard a presentation by Adrian Shtuni (CEO of Shtuni Consulting) on an overview of the data and information available about the experiences and roles of children within the strategic framework of Daesh and the harmful implication of these experiences for their well-being, on the initial repatriation and rehabilitation efforts and encouraging approaches of a number of European states, and specific observations for future engagements, including the need for interventions in the wider community (including family and school professionals), and of effective partnerships.

22. Fatima Ahdash (Lecturer in Law, Goldsmith, University of London), specialised in counterterrorism, family law and human rights, also gave an overview of the treatment of child returnees by UK family courts; observed the lack of specific legislation on care arrangements for child returnees; noted the practice of courts to order children's removal from their mother based on the general welfare of the child principle; and underlined the insufficient hearing of children in such cases; followed by a third presentation by Daphne Bogo, Deputy Director, Directorate of children and family, Departmental Council of Seine-Saint-Denis (France) on the arrangements for child returnees in France and practical aspects and challenges faced by social services.

23. The Committee exchanged views with the aforementioned experts on the role of and space for the child returnee's parents and extended families, of gaps in current legal frameworks and the need for a holistic approach and clear guidelines of engagement in order to protect and promote the rights and welfare of child returnees, of the needs for training of professionals with due regard to the legal and security related considerations, of holistic psychosocial support strategies for child returnees, of the principles of child-friendly justice in this context and the child's right to be heard.

24. The CDENF decided to continue at its next meeting the discussion on possible follow up and work on this issue, building also on the planned contribution to the Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT) Conference on the Roles of Women and Children Returnees Involved in Terrorism-related Offences to be held in 2021; and noted with interest that the CDCT is currently examining a preliminary draft Recommendation on measures aimed at protecting adolescents against radicalisation for the purpose of terrorism and underlined the need for an adequate process of consultation with the CDENF on the draft text prior to its finalisation.

### **4.8 Review of relevant Committee of Ministers' Recommendations: examination of the Review of CM/Rec(2007)09 on life projects for unaccompanied migrant minors (CDENF main task (viii))**

25. The Committee agreed to provide written comments to the draft Report and factual updates, in order to circulate the draft report for approval through a written procedure by the CDENF and instructed the secretariat to communicate the report to the Committee of Ministers following its adoption.

### **5. Co-operation and synergies with relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society (CDENF main task (ix))**

26. The Committee welcomed the information on the main areas of collaboration between the Children's Rights Division and the relevant services of the European Union, in particular the joint upcoming launch of a video on age assessment for children in migration developed jointly with EASO; the contributions made to the European Commission's consultations with

respect to the EU Strategy for the rights of the child (2021-2024) and the EU Strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse; the collaboration between the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), the Children's Rights Division and the European Court of Human Rights for the update of the Handbook on European law related to the rights of the child; the new Council of Europe project CP4Europe to further child participation with the financial support of the European Commission.

27. Sebastien Renaud, Deputy Head of Unit for Governance and Public Administration, DG Reform (European Commission) held an informative presentation of the priorities and opportunities for financing of joint projects for member states for structural reforms in this area, and noted the good collaboration with the Council of Europe particularly in the implementation of a *Barnahus* (Children's House) in Slovenia.

28. The CDENF decided to contribute to the 2021 UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Day of General Discussion on children's rights and alternative care, possibly through a regional discussion on one (or several) themes (ie. strengthen families and prevent separation of children from families, provision of high quality alternative care including by protecting children from violence and abuse, engagement and participation of children, preventing and phasing out institutionalisation of children, and issues related to complaints, interdisciplinary and judicial oversight, monitoring, accountability and remedies) and instructed the secretariat to liaise with the OHCHR secretariat responsible for the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child with a view to receiving further information on timelines and possible joint actions.

29. Representatives of Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society also provided updates on possible future co-operation and synergies. The Committee took note of a concern expressed regarding insufficient follow-up to the Global study on children deprived of liberty<sup>12</sup>, the launch of a child friendly justice European network, of a smartphone application "COVID 4P" to measure the impact of COVID-19 on children's lives; of the appreciation expressed by UNICEF for the Council of Europe's participation to the Access to Justice Conference in Bosnia-Herzegovina and its related publication of a regional review of progress and challenges of children as victims and witnesses in the justice system, children with disabilities and access to justice, and children affected by migration and their access to legal aid.

## 6. COVID-19 responses and actions by the CDENF

30. The CDENF **noted** with satisfaction the publication of the policy paper « [Challenges, responses and policy implications](#) » which takes stock of the results of the survey and the CDENF's exchange of views on "Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons learnt from management and adaptation to ensure that children are treated as rights holders during the pandemic and beyond" of June 2020<sup>13</sup> and **instructed** the Secretariat to keep it up to date on the basis of regular updates from members and observers.

31. The Committee also decided to organise several webinars for 2021 on the identified most urgent challenges to children's rights in the context of the pandemic, so that the CDENF can have focused exchanges on national good practices and increase awareness of relevant stakeholders on specific child rights issues and the management of the pandemic, topics to

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<sup>12</sup> [Webpage](#) of the Global study on children deprived of liberty.

<sup>13</sup> For a full account, see the [Summary report](#), the policy paper on « [Challenges, responses and policy implications](#) » and more generally the webpage dedicated to resources on Protecting and empowering children during the COVID-19 pandemic at : [www.coe.int/en/web/children/covid-19](http://www.coe.int/en/web/children/covid-19)



be covered are: education health policies, supporting child victims of domestic violence and mental health.

32. Dr Martin Weber, Programme manager of Child and Adolescent Health (World Health Organisation), provided a presentation on schooling in the times of COVID-19, who outlined the negative effects of measures taken to control the pandemic on children's rights which lead to disrupted schooling, social contact and exposure to poverty. CDENF delegations agreed to continue exploring opportunities for possible joint actions and synergies.

33. A second presentation was held by Professor Jennifer Davidson, Executive Director, Institute for Inspiring Children's Future (University of Strathclyde) and Project Director, Justice for Children, Justice for all SDG 16+ Global Initiative on the smartphone application "COVID 4P" and her call to disseminate information about this application to professionals working for and with children from CDENF member states;

34. The CDENF heard an update by a representative of UNICEF, who presented their work on identification of particularly vulnerable groups of children during the pandemic, on protection of children deprived of liberty and placed in alternative care, and on digital opportunities during the pandemic;

## **7. Working methods and evaluation of completed activities (CDENF main task (xi))**

### **7.1 CDENF working methods and work programme for 2020 – 2021**

35. The Committee reviewed and approved the updated work programme for 2020-2021, duly noting any possible adjustment where appropriate to take due account of the continued context of the pandemic and related constraints, the need for a dedicated separate plenary session to complete its work on age assessment standards and the planning of relevant follow-up actions on guardianship, that the 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting will be held in May 2021 where a first draft of the new Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) will be examined.

### **7.2 Annual exchange of views to evaluate its activities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued**

36. The members expressed their satisfaction with the activities carried out by the CDENF in 2020 and their appreciation of the active role of the Bureau members in preparation of the numerous online meetings and sessions held this year. It noted the delays being experienced in the preparation of its migration related deliverables, due to the adjustments of the work programme to address as a priority the COVID pandemic prioritised activities, and the impact of the online setting when examining and adopting legal instruments, especially for delegations which experience technical difficulties, likely to create delays in the workplan for 2021.

## **8. Election of the Vice-Chair**

37. The CDENF elected Ms Rosario Farmhouse (Portugal) as Vice-Chairperson to complete the mandate of the previously elected Vice-Chair until the next plenary meeting, and with the possibility of renewal.

## **9. Dates of next meetings**

38. The CDENF reviewed the schedule of activities and meetings for 2021.



## **10. Any other business**

39. The CDENF expressed its warmest thanks to:

- Mrs Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary of the CDENF, who will leave the Children's Rights Division to take up the function of Head of Division for Legal Co-operation. The Chair thanked her for her outstanding support and contribution to the work of the CDENF;
- all members, experts and observers for their active involvement in the activities and exchanges of the CDENF in 2020, despite the difficult context at national level and increased workload to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and their rights, as well as the constraints of online meetings, which have nevertheless enabled the CDENF to accomplish its tasks in an efficient manner.

## **Appendix 1: Agenda of the second plenary meeting of the CDENF**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business
3. Statement by the Chair and the Secretariat
4. CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress, evaluation of completed activities and next steps
  - 4.1 Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) (CDENF specific task (i))
    - a) Review of the updated action plan
    - b) Preparation of the final report on the implementation of the Strategy – approval of the draft outline and process
    - c) Update on the Child participation assessment tool project and latest assessments undertaken (work cycle III)
  - 4.2 Preparation of the draft Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific task (ii) and (vi))
    - a) Address by Mr Adrien Taquet, Secretary of State for Children and Families with the Minister of Solidarity and Health, France
    - b) Exchange of views with Ms Najat Maalla, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children (UN SRSG VAC)
    - c) Preliminary analysis of key priorities and areas for action put forward followed by an exchange of views, including any reflections on considerations arising from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
    - d) Child participation
  - 4.3 Work to enhance the implementation of international and Council of Europe standards on the protection of children from violence in member states (CDENF specific task (iii))
    - a) Progress on work on systems for professionals to report violence against children, and on measures and interventions aimed at preventing peer violence and sexual abusive behaviour by children: development of non-binding instruments and guidance on the proposals of the Working Group on responses to violence (CDENF-GT-VAE)
    - b) European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November)
  - 4.4 The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings (CDENF specific task (iv) 1))
    - a) Oral update by Mr Seamus Carroll, Chair of the CJ/ENF-ISE on progress made, working methods and workplan
    - b) Request by Missing Children Europe for observer status to CJ/ENF-ISE (vote procedure)
  - 4.5 The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field (DH-BIO) (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 2 and (vi))
    - a) Presentation by Dr Ritva Halila (Finland), Chair of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)

b) Working methods and next steps

4.6 Children's rights in the digital environment (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 3 and (v))

a) Keynote intervention by Prof. Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics)

b) For examination and approval - Draft declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the need to intensify efforts to respect and protect children's privacy in the digital environment (jointly with the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Data)

4.7 Contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018- 2022): addressing welfare and child protection challenges related to child returnees thematic exchange with experts and next actions (CDENF specific task (iv) 3)

4.8 Review of relevant Committee of Ministers' Recommendations: examination of the Review of CM/Rec(2007)09 on life projects for unaccompanied migrant minors (CDENF main task (viii))

4.9 CDENF opinions (if appropriate) (CDENF main task (iv))

5. Co-operation and synergies with relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society (CDENF main task (ix))

a) European Union's priorities 2020-2022 for its co-operation with the Council of Europe

b) Proposal for a possible contribution to the 2021 UN General day of discussion on children's rights and alternative care

c) Oral updates by representatives of CoE bodies, committees, international organisations and civil society

6. COVID-19 responses and actions by the CDENF

a) Approval of the concept note for CDENF's webinars and next actions

b) Updates by invited guests, CDENF delegations and observers on developments of concern, good practices and initiatives in this area

7. Working methods and evaluation of completed activities (CDENF main task (xi))

7.1 CDENF working methods and work programme for 2020 - 2021

7.2 Annual exchange of views to evaluate its activities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued

8. Election of the Vice-Chair

9. Dates of next meetings

10. Any other business

11. Adoption of the abridged meeting report and list of decisions

## **Appendix 2: List of Participants**

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