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Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Abridged report

Strasbourg, 14-15 June 2021

Videoconference

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Abridged report

Meeting details

The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF; here-after “the Committee”) held a plenary session dedicated to the review of the Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) in an online format on 14 and 15 June 2021 with Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou (Greece) in the Chair.

The agenda of the meeting can be found in Appendix I.

The full report of the meeting including the list of participants will be made available soon.

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair **opened** the meeting and welcomed the CDENF members, participants and observers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

The Committee **adopted** its agenda and order of business as it appears in Appendix I.

3. Statement of the Chair and the Secretariat

Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of the Anti-discrimination Directorate, welcomed the participants and outlined the relevance of the new Strategy within the Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe (CM/Del/Dec(2021)131/2a).

4. Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))

The Committee

- **pursued the examination and revision** of the draft Strategy, as started during its 3rd plenary meeting, based on written comments submitted by members, participants and observers in advance of the dedicated session;
- following a request made by several delegations, **took the view** that the follow-up to the Strategy should be based, to the greatest extent possible, on existing data, so as to avoid heavy reporting obligations;
- **examined and included** a number of editorial and substantial changes to the text as reflected in the revised draft Strategy (CDENF(2021)05rev3);
- **noted** the following reservations expressed by certain national Delegations, relating to specific aspects of the text:

Reservations applicable to the entire draft text:

- **reservations** by four Delegations (Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation), with regard to the use of the terms “gender”, “gender-sensitive” and “gender-based violence” throughout the draft Strategy (notably in the tables following paragraphs 27, 30, 34, 37, 40, 44, 46);
- **reservations** by six Delegations (Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation) with regard to any reference made to “LGBTI” children as a

specific vulnerable group as well as to “LGBTI families” (notably in the table following paragraphs 27,30, 34, 46 and in paragraph 33);

- **reservations** by one Delegation (Russian Federation), with regard to reference to documents of other regional organisations that they are not a member of, including the EU strategy for the Rights of the Child and other EU documents (notably in paragraphs 29, 32, and 43);

Reservation applicable to the introduction:

- **reservation** by two delegations (Hungary, Russian Federation) to the inclusion in paragraph 3 of a direct quote from the Strategic Framework as prepared by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (SG/Inf(2020)34);

Reservation applicable to the introduction and priority area 1:

- **reservation** by two Delegations (Hungary, Russian Federation) with regard to the reference to the Istanbul Convention (notably in para. 4 and point 1.1.8) – in respect of one Delegation (Russian Federation) pending confirmation by the Delegation of the compromise solution proposed by the Chair.

5. Any other business

None.

6. Date and place of next meetings

- Joint CDCJ/CDENF Bureau meeting: 24 June 2021 (online)
- 6th CDENF Bureau meeting: 10 September 2021 (online)
- CDENF Plenary session on migration: 16-17 September 2021 (online)
- 4th CDENF Plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021 (online/hybrid)

12. Approval of the abridged report

Due to time constraints at the end of the meeting, the abridged report was sent to Delegations after the session, for approval by written procedure.

Appendix I

Agenda

1.	Opening of the meeting	
2.	Adoption of the agenda and order of business	CDENF(2021)OJ3 CDENF(2021)OJ3ANN CDENF(2021)LOP3
3.	Statement of the Chair and Secretariat	
4.	Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) - Review of the draft Strategy	CDENF(2021)05rev (draft Strategy – restricted – as sent out for comments after the 3 rd CDENF plenary meeting) CDENF(2021)05rev2 (draft Strategy – restricted – including comments with drafting proposals submitted by Delegations) CDENF(2020)17Rev3 (work programme and timetable as revised at the 3 rd CDENF plenary meeting)
5.	Any other business	
6.	Date and place of next meetings - Joint CDCJ/CDENF Bureau meeting: 24 June 2021 - 6 th CDENF Bureau meeting: 10 September 2021 - Plenary session on migration: 16-17 September 2021 - 4 th CDENF Plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021	CDENF(2020)21Rev4 (schedule of CDENF meetings)
7.	Approval of the abridged meeting report	

Order of business

Monday, 14 June 2021		
Timing	Working Document reference ¹	Agenda item
9.30 am		1. Opening of the meeting
9.35 am	CDENF(2021)OJ3 CDENF(2021)OJ3ANN CDENF(2021)LOP3	2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to consider and adopt the draft agenda and order of business.
9.40 am		3. Statement of the Chair and the Secretariat <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat.
10:00 am	CDENF(2021)05rev (draft Strategy – restricted – as sent out for comments after the 3 rd CDENF plenary meeting) CDENF(2021)05rev2 (draft Strategy – restricted – including comments with drafting proposals submitted by Delegations) CDENF(2020)17Rev3 (work programme and timetable as revised at the 3 rd CDENF plenary meeting)	4. Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the draft Strategy – Introduction (continued from third plenary meeting); <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to review the draft text of the Strategy in the light of the comments submitted by Delegations <i>Time for discussion and procedure: 1 hour</i>
11:00 am		Coffee break
11:15 am		4. (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the draft Strategy – Priority area 1 (Freedom from violence for all children) <i>Time for discussion: 1h15 minutes</i>
12.30 pm		Lunch break
2:00 pm		4. (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))

¹ Meeting documents will not be screened during the videoconference. CDENF members and observers are invited to have either printed their own copies of the working or reference documents or access those on the Committee's public website www.coe.int/cdenf.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft Strategy – Priority area 2 (Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children) <p><i>Time for discussion: 1h</i></p>
3:00 pm		Coffee break
3:15 pm		<p>4. (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft Strategy – Priority area 3 (Access to and safe use of technologies for all children) <p><i>Time for discussion: 1h15 minutes</i></p>
4:30 pm		End of first day
Tuesday, 15 June 2021		
Timing	Working Document reference	Agenda item
9:30 am		<p>4. (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft Strategy – Priority area 4 (Child-friendly justice for all children) <p><i>Time for discussion: 1h</i></p>
10:30 am		Coffee break
10:45 am		<p>4. (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft Strategy – Priority area 5 (Giving a voice to every child) <p><i>Time for discussion: 1h</i></p>
11:45 am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft Strategy – Priority area 6 (Children’s rights in crisis and emergency situations) <p><i>Time for discussion: 45 minutes</i></p>
12.30 pm		Lunch break

2:00 pm		<p>4. (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the draft Strategy – Chapter 3 (Delivering the Strategy. How to get there?) and 4 (Keeping track of the Strategy's implementation) <p><i>Time for discussion: 1h15 minutes</i></p>
3:15 pm		<p>Coffee break</p>
3:30 pm		<p>5. Any other business</p>
3:45 pm	<p>CDENF(2020)21Rev4 (schedule of CDENF meetings)</p>	<p>6. Date and place of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint CDCJ/CDENF Bureau meeting: 24 June 2021 6th CDENF Bureau meeting: 10 September 2021 CDENF Plenary session on migration: 16-17 September 2021 4th CDENF Plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021 <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the dates of the next meetings.</p>
4:00 pm		<p>7. Approval of the abridged meeting report</p>
4:30 pm		<p>End of the meeting</p>

Reference and other documents for information

Terms of reference	CDEFN Terms of reference 2020-2021
CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods	

Recent meeting reports and other CDEFN documents

CM(2020)74	Abridged report of the first meeting of the CDEFN (4-6 February 2020)
CDEFN-BU(2020)PV01	Report of the first meeting of the Bureau (25-26 May 2020)
CDEFN(2020)PV2	Summary report of the first thematic exchange of the CDEFN (26 June 2020)- COVID 19 Pandemic responses: lessons learnt from management and adaptation to ensure that children are treated as rights holders during the pandemic and beyond
CDEFN-GT-VAE(2020)PV1rev	Report of the first meeting of the CDEFN-GT-VAE (23-24 June 2020)
CDEFN-BU(2020)PV02	Report of the second meeting of the Bureau (1 July 2020)
CJ/ENF-ISE(2020)PV1	Report of the first meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (24-25 September 2020)
CDEFN-GT-VAE(2020)PV2	Report of the second meeting of the CDEFN-GT-VAE (5-6 October 2020)
CDCJ&CDEFN/Bu(2020)PV1	Report of the first joint meeting of the Bureaux of the CDCJ and CDEFN (7 October 2020)
CDEFN/Bu(2020)PV3	Report of the third meeting of the Bureau (20 October 2020)
CM(2021)24	Abridged report of the second meeting of the CDEFN (16-18 November 2020)
CDEFN-GT-VAE(2020)PV3	Report of the third meeting of the CDEFN-GT-VAE (1-2 December 2020)
CJ/ENF-ISE(2020)PV2	Report of the second meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (14 and 18 December 2020)
CDEFN/Bu(2021)PV1	Report of the fourth meeting of the Bureau (2 February 2021)
CDEFN/Bu(2021)PV2	Report of the fifth meeting of the Bureau (12-13 April 2021)
CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)PV1	Report of the third meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (14-15 April 2021)

CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)PV1	Report of the fourth meeting of the CDENF-GT-VAE (22-23 April 2021)
CDENF(2021)PV1	Report of the third meeting of the CDENF (18-20 May 2020)