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Meeting report

3rd plenary meeting

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1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF, “the Committee”) held its 3rd meeting in Strasbourg from 18-20 May 2021 by videoconference. The CDENF Chair, Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou (Greece), opened the meeting and welcomed the CDENF members, participants and observers, specially greeting Mr **Ásmundur Einar Daðason**, Minister of Social Affairs and Children (Iceland).

2. Ms Elda Moreno, Head of the Children’s Rights and Sports Values Department of the Council of Europe, welcomed the participants and informed them about the main objectives of the meeting, emphasising its importance for shaping the future work of the Council of Europe in the area of the rights of the child over the next 6 years. Delegations would have the opportunity to hold a first in-depth exchange of views on the draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) and its priorities. She commended the progress achieved by intergovernmental bodies in the past year despite the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and informed the CDENF of the new format of the Council of Europe intergovernmental programme characterised by four-year work cycles from 2022.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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

3. Statement of the Chair and the Secretariat

4. Ms Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children’s Rights Division, introduced and thanked the members of the Secretariat, notably the new Secretary of the CDENF, Katrin Uerpmann.

5. The Committee took note of the formalities and reminded of the rules for the upcoming elections of the CDENF Chair, the Vice-Chair and a new Bureau member, to take place on the last day of the plenary meeting.

4. CDENF’s tasks and activities: review of progress and next steps

6. The Committee took note of the updated workplan for the biennium, which encompassed the organisation of meetings in different formats (notably regular plenary meetings, plenary sessions with a thematic focus and additional (online) events, such as the Webinars on COVID-19 and children’s rights).

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

7. Ms Moreno warmly welcomed the Minister of Social Affairs and Children of Iceland, Mr Daðason, and thanked him for providing the CDENF with the opportunity to hear about an innovative way of overhauling national legislation and administrative practices in order to strengthen the protection of children and improve children’s well-being in Iceland.

8. Minister Daðason presented the main characteristics of the Icelandic child protection system based on a multi-stakeholder approach, as recently established by a new set of bills proposed to the Parliament. He further referred to the results of a cost-benefit study commissioned to evaluate the changes proposed, which showed that the impact of the new legislation would, by 2050, not only benefit the children, but also the economy as a whole. Among the most innovative initiatives, the Child-wellbeing Dashboard and Index, containing a

total of 90 wellbeing indicators, had been set up and to comprehensively collect data on the health and wellbeing of children following a holistic approach, and would be employed by all municipalities thus allowing comparison among different regions. It encompassed monitoring and evaluation measures to ensure that the new welfare system was adequate and adjustable to new contexts. These tools would also help to gain more political focus on children which was a fundamental aspect for the advancement of their rights in the society.¹

9. In the subsequent exchange of views, Minister Daðason advised national delegations to focus on aiming at good co-operation among all government levels, agencies and services, along with fostering political support, to introduce new tools like the Dashboard which would be easy to replicate in other countries. Delegations expressed their appreciation, along with the interest in examining the applicability of the presented model in their respective countries.

10. The Committee took note and welcomed the planned events organised under the Hungarian Chairmanship to the Committee of Ministers, namely the conferences entitled “Care, Family, Future. International conference on foster care, and its results and challenges.” on 22 September and “Rights, opportunities and well-being of children and young people in the digital age” on 7-8 October, both to take place in Budapest, Hungary.

11. The Committee took note of the updated action plan, as well as its function in establishing a link between the CDENF and other Council of Europe bodies, and appreciated the progress achieved towards the implementation of the current Strategy. It further took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the progress made towards the preparation of the final implementation report. Finally, the Chair invited all new members of the CDENF to briefly present themselves.

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

12. The Committee was informed of the state of play of the current work process towards the new Strategy, and reminded of the timelines involved in view of its approval at the 4th CDENF Plenary meeting in October 2021, before being presented for adoption to the Committee of Ministers (at the beginning of 2022).

13. The Committee heard a presentation by the Secretariat on the new Strategy’s structure and main features, which saw the five priority areas of the current Strategy unchanged and the addition of a sixth one focusing on children in crisis and emergency situations. The other main new elements were represented by: 1) cross-cutting dimensions including gender sensitive, anti-discrimination and child participation approaches; 2) the open and flexible character of the Strategy expressed by the use of systematic consultations, the promotion of multi-stakeholder co-operation and possibility to host upcoming emerging challenges; 3) the action-oriented structure of the Strategy which encompassed implementation activities for the promotion of existing key standards as well as innovative activities to be newly initiated; 4) a logical framework including a results-chain to increase accountability and keep track of progress made in the Strategy implementation. The Committee agreed on the Strategy’s structure and the 6 priority areas, commending the work of the Secretariat.

14. The Committee revised the Strategy until Section 2.1, notably in the light of comments submitted in advance of the meeting by one Delegation, and further oral proposals presented during the meeting. In particular, Delegations exchanged on the appropriateness of listing examples of specific grounds according to which children could be defined as ‘vulnerable’, and of referring to European Union documents. The Committee agreed on a number of changes to the draft and took note of certain aspects which could see the addition of notes of

¹ [Presentation](#) by Minister Ásmundur Einar Daðason.

reservations by delegations. The Secretariat underlined that it was important for the Council of Europe and its intergovernmental bodies to create synergies and build partnerships with UN bodies and other international and regional organisations, including the EU, and the Strategy should not remain silent on this.

15. The Committee noted that a revised draft of the Strategy would be circulated on Friday, 21 May 2021 and that all delegations would be invited to present written comments in the format of concrete drafting proposals, which had not yet been raised and dealt with during the present meeting, by 4 June 2021. In the light of the number and substantive character of comments made, the Committee decided to pursue the examination and review of the remaining parts of the draft Strategy during its next Plenary session on 14-15 June (replacing the originally foreseen session on migration, which would be postponed until 16-17 September).

16. The Committee heard an update by Mr **Pippo Costella** and Ms **Caterina Parodi** (Defence for Children International (DCI)), consultants, on the state of play of the child consultation process concerning the draft Strategy under way in ten member states, following a methodology and child safeguarding and well-being protocol developed by the consultants, in close collaboration with the Secretariat.

17. The Committee took note of and welcomed the invitation by the upcoming Italian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (November 2021 - May 2022) to host the Launching Conference of the new Strategy for the Rights of the Child in spring 2022 (April/May, exact dates to be confirmed.).

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

18. The Committee took note and commended the progress made by the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE), as presented by its Chair, Mr **Seamus Carroll** (Ireland), and of the proposal to pursue this work by developing a single instrument in the form of a recommendation covering the protection of the best interests of the child in both situations, aimed at: providing practical guidance to states on this issue and ensuring that all relevant actors would be involved in the determination of the best interests of the child, and to accompany this by a checklist of relevant considerations.

19. The Committee was reminded that further comments on the two feasibility studies could be submitted in writing by 4 June 2021. The Committee entrusted its Bureau to examine and adopt the revised feasibility studies in the light of the comments received by delegations and to decide on the instrument(s)/tool(s) to be prepared by the CJ/ENF-ISE, at a joint meeting with the Bureau of the CDCJ on 24 June 2021.

4.4 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))

20. The Committee took note and commended the progress made by the Working Group on Responses to Violence against Children (CDENF-GT-VAE), as presented by its Chair, Ms Rosário Farmhouse (Portugal). Amongst the key items of the last meeting had been an exchange of views with the European Social Network (ESN) and the Office of the UN Special

Representative on violence against children, as well as in-depth work on an all-encompassing definition of violence against children.

21. The Committee heard presentations by Ms **Mariëlle Bruning**, Professor of Child Law, and Ms **Simona Florescu**, Leiden University (NL), consultants, on progress made towards the preparation of a draft recommendation on strengthening mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children (VAC), on the key evidence gathered from the first limited survey amongst nine member states, and on the need to carry out an additional, more succinct survey among all member States to examine specific aspects of national reporting mechanism. The Committee agreed to take part in such exercise and approved a questionnaire related to VAC reporting mechanisms (as revised) to be disseminated by the Secretariat after the meeting with a deadline for replies by 6 September 2021.

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

22. The Committee heard a presentation by Ms **Annagrazia Altavilla** (European Network of excellence for paediatric clinical research (TEDDY)), consultant, on preliminary results of an online survey on the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health carried out by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) among delegations of DH-BIO and CDENF, along with stakeholders, which demonstrated a global lack of awareness on initiatives concerning child participation in decision-making regarding their health and a great heterogeneity of legal frameworks implementing the UNCRC, and in particular Article 12 on the child's right to be heard. Overall, respondents identified a need to strengthen the multidisciplinary approach in working on this topic, as well as the need of stronger engagement and collaboration among all the stakeholders. Ms **Ritva Halila**, Chair of the DH-BIO, gave a brief update on the work of the DH-BIO and encouraged the CDENF to participate.

23. The Committee agreed with the proposal made by the Bureau of the DH-BIO towards the constitution of a joint drafting group, under the authority of the CDENF and the DH-BIO as the two parent committees, to work on the elaboration of a guide, containing principles and good practices on involving children in decision-making in the medical field. This work would start in the second half of 2021 with a view to preparing a draft guide for adoption by the two parent Committees by the end of 2022.

24. The Committee took note of the invitation to make written proposals/expressions of interest, by 30 June 2021, for the designation of the Chair and of two further CDENF members to the drafting group, and entrusted its Bureau with designating the Chair and the two further CDENF members of the drafting group; taking into account, in particular, geographical distribution, gender balance and relevant legal systems.

4.6 COVID-19 related responses and actions

25. The Committee heard an update on the outcomes of the 1st edition of the CDENF webinar series on COVID-19 and children's rights, which focused on educational challenges during the pandemic.² The Committee agreed with the Bureau proposal to combine the next the webinar regarding challenges related to intrafamily violence, with the one on mental health, and to cover both in a joint session on 22 November 2021.

² [Report](#) of the webinar.

5. CDENF priorities 2022-2025

26. The Committee was reminded of the new modalities for all intergovernmental Committees' terms of reference, to cover a four years' cycle, and on the proposal made by the Bureau on the basis of the consultation process on the draft Strategy, for the CDENF priorities for 2022-2025, and subordinate bodies to implement priority actions proposed. Following an exchange of views, the Committee agreed on its key priorities as proposed by the Bureau.

6. Transversal issues

27. The CDENF conducted a review of progress towards Target 16.2 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children), through an exchange of views with representatives of other international organisations, notably Mr **Manus De Barra**, Child Protection Officer at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (UNSRSG), and Ms **Ina Verzivoli**, Child protection specialist at the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia of UNICEF. They respectively underlined that actions taken by states to achieve the UNSDGs and notably Target 16.2 remained as urgent as ever, including by filling the gaps in terms of better coordination in the implementation of laws and policies at the national level and of data collection, and by adopting systemic and holistic approaches when addressing offline and online violence as closely connected phenomena.

28. Ms **Brigitte van den Berg**, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and Congress rapporteur on children rights and SDGs, gave an update on the relevant activities carried out by her body which notably involved the development of an interactive booklet on concrete actions that children could take to contribute to the UNSDGs.

29. The Committee then heard presentations from two national delegations which had respectively prepared Voluntary National Review (VNR) as part of their contribution to the UNSDGs in 2017 (Portugal) or were in the process of doing so in 2021 (Czech Republic), by adopting approaches which were transversal, evidence-based and participative.

30. The CDENF then exchanged with different speakers, who highlighted the Council of Europe's role in supporting member states in their progress towards Target 16.2 through the organisation of exchanges of good practices and through actions targeted at strengthening fragmented child protection systems and at advising on how to better integrate the work of different level of governments.

31. The CDENF agreed to hold further exchanges on good practices concerning progress towards Target 16.2 in the near future and entrusted the Bureau to decide on the specific themes to be addressed in each exchange.

7. Co-operation projects

32. The Bureau was informed on ongoing co-operation activities supporting the implementation of Council of Europe standards, including projects on preventing violence against children through policy-making and addressing priority needs in legislative terms (Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) as well as technical projects to support the establishment of Barnahus institutions as part of child-friendly justice systems (Slovenia and Finland). In addition, an update on the new project in Slovenia on the diversion of children from the justice system was provided. The joint CoE-EU project "CP4Europe" (supported by DG-Just), aimed at strengthening the involvement of children in decision-making in five member states (Czech Republic, Finland, Iceland, Portugal and Slovenia), had recently been launched to develop

innovative tools, next to the use of the existing Council of Europe Child Participation Assessment Tool (CPAT) in further countries. Two further projects had been newly launched with the European Commission's DG-Reform, relating to juvenile justice and Barnahus respectively.

33. The Secretariat recalled that all products developed were available to all delegations and should be taken advantage of. The Secretariat thanked all those delegations funding the action plan and member states contributing to these activities through voluntary contributions, which made a considerable difference in the delivery of quality products and substantive support to other countries.

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

34. The Committee heard a presentation by Ms **Valeria Setti**, European Commission Co-ordinator for the Rights of the Child on the recently launched EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child. Ms **Astrid Podsiadlowski**, Project Manager - Rights of the Child, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) explained the FRA's role in supporting that strategy through evidence-based advice and data collection and announced two events that would be held in the course of 2021, notably the Fundamental Rights Forum (11-12 October) and an event on migration with a focus on guardianship (date tbc).

35. The Secretariat provided an update on the organisation of the Regional Discussion on children's rights and alternative care to take place under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship to the Committee of Ministers in an online format on 1 June 2021. The Committee entrusted the Secretariat with the preparation of a written contribution, based on the responses to the survey conducted among Delegations and the outcome of the Regional Exchange, reflecting the Council of Europe acquis in this area, to be submitted to the UNCRC as contribution to its Day of General Discussion on children's rights and alternative care (to take place on 21 September 2021).

36. Mr **Bruce Adamson**, President of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC), gave an update on the work of the organisation which had recently been focussing on the issues deriving from the COVID-19 pandemic. ENOC had notably been carrying out work to promote comprehensive Child Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) in partnership with UNICEF and found that there was substantial lack of research on the use of CRIA and that ensuring adequate budget allocations was crucial. He appreciated the work of the Council of Europe, particularly by virtue of its links with the work of ENOC on child participation. He announced that climate justice would be the topic of 2022, as young people were leading work in this area.

37. Representatives of further bodies and organisations took the floor for brief updates on their work relating to children's rights, including Mr **Jean-Pierre Grin**, member of the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Vice-Chair of its Sub-Committee on Children; Ms **Elisabeth Gosme**, Director of COFACE Families Europe; and Mr **Michel Grangeat**, from the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe.

9. Elections of the Bureau

38. The Committee, by secret ballot, elected Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou (Greece), as its Chair for a second term of office of one year, and Ms Rosário Farmhouse (Portugal) as its Vice-Chair for a second term of office of one year.

39. The CDENF further elected, by secret ballot, Mr Joost van Haelst (Belgium) as a Bureau member to complete his predecessor's term (until 31 December 2021).

10. Any other business

Participants raised no other issues.

11. Date and place of next meetings

The Committee took note of the dates of the next meetings:

- Regional Exchange on children and Alternative Care: 1 June 2021
- CDENF Plenary session on the Strategy: 14-15 June 2021 (replacing the session on migration)
- Joint Bureau meeting of the CDENF and the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)
- CDENF Plenary session on migration: 16-17 September 2021
- 4th CDENF Plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021
- Webinar on Covid-19 and the rights of the Child: challenges related to intrafamily violence and mental health: 22 November 2021
- 5th meeting of the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE): November/December 2021 (2 days tbc)
- 4th Meeting of the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings the CJ/ENF-ISE: December 2021 (2 days tbc)

12. Adoption of the abridged meeting report

The Committee considered the draft list of decisions and adopted it before the end of the meeting.

Annex I

Agenda

1.	Opening of the meeting	
2.	Adoption of the agenda and order of business	CDENF(2021)OJ1 CDENF(2021)OJ1ANN CDENF(2021)LOP1
3.	Statement of the Chair and Secretariat	
4.	CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress and next steps	CDENF(2020)21rev3
	Review of the updated CDENF workplan for the biennium	
4.1	Examination of the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)	CDENF(2020)02rev (action plan)
	a. Review of the updated action plan	CDENF(2020)25rev (draft outline)
	b. Information on the outline of the implementation report and next steps	
4.2	Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)	CDENF(2021)05 (draft Strategy – restricted)
	a. Examination of the draft Strategy	CDENF(2020)17Rev2 (work programme and timetable)
	b. Update on progress made with child consultations	
	c. Update on the Strategy launching conference in 2022	
4.3	The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings	CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)PV1 (report 3 rd meeting)
	a. Update on progress made by the Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE); working methods and workplan	CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)01rev2 (working methods and workplan)
	b. Delegation to the Bureau of the adoption of the feasibility studies and decision on the instrument/tools to be prepared by the CJ/ENF-ISE	CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)03A (draft feasibility study on parental separation - restricted)
		CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)03B (draft feasibility study on care proceedings - restricted)
4.4	Work to enhance the implementation of international and Council of Europe standards on the protection of children from violence in member states	CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)PV1 (report 4 th meeting)
	a. Update on the progress made by the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE) towards the preparation of a draft	CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)01rev (draft recommendation)

	<p>Recommendation on the Strengthening mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children and discussion of the first draft;</p> <p>b. Approval of a questionnaire to be disseminated via the CDENF.</p>	<p>CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)02rev (summary report)</p> <p>CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)03rev (draft survey)</p>
4.5	<p>The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field</p> <p>a. Presentation of an overview on the results of the survey carried out by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) among Delegations and stakeholders</p> <p>b. Update on working methods and next steps towards the establishment of a joint drafting group.</p>	<p>DH-BIO/INF(2020)20</p> <p>DH-BIO(2021)11</p> <p>(Proposal for setting up of a drafting group for the development of the Guide jointly with the CDENF)</p>
		<p>CDENF(2021)12 (report of the 1st webinar)</p> <p>COVID-19 pandemic and children: challenges, responses and policy implications</p>
4.6	<p>COVID-19 related responses and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st CDENF webinar on COVID-19 and education: presentation of report and conclusions - 2nd CDENF webinar: proposals for the next event 	<p>Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on upholding equality and protecting against discrimination and hate during the Covid-19 pandemic and similar crises in the future</p>
4.7	CDENF opinions for the Committee of Ministers (for information only)	<p>CM/AS(2020)Rec2167-final (CM reply to PACE Recommendation 2167 (2020))</p> <p>CM/AS(2020)Rec2169-final (CM reply to PACE Recommendation 2169 (2020))</p> <p>CM/AS(2021)Rec2175-final (CM reply to PACE Recommendation 2175 (2020))</p>
5.	<p>CDENF priorities 2022 - 2025</p> <p>Exchange on new priorities for the work of the CDENF for the upcoming four years' cycle, taking into account the new priorities and actions defined under the draft Strategy</p>	<p>CDENF(2021)06 (Priorities of the CDENF for 2022-2025-Restricted)</p>
6.	<p>Transversal issues</p> <p>Review of progress towards the UNSDGs through an exchange of views with representatives of other international</p>	<p>CDENF(2021)07 (programme for the exchange of views)</p>

	organisations, notably UNICEF, the UNSRSG office, and the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children and national delegations	
7.	Co-operation projects	
8.	<p>Co-operation and synergies with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society</p> <p>a. <u>European Union</u>: EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>b. <u>UNCRC</u>: Organisation of a Regional Discussion as contribution to the 2021 UNCRC Day of General Discussion on “children’s rights and alternative care”</p> <p>c. <u>ENOC</u>: Child Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA)</p> <p>d. <u>Representatives of further bodies and organisations</u>: Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society organisations</p>	<p>EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024)</p> <p>Draft Programme Regional Discussion on Children’s Rights and Alternative Care</p>
9.	<p>Elections of the Bureau</p> <p>Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and of (a) new Bureau member(s)</p> <p>Nominations/Expressions of interest to be submitted to the CDENF Secretariat by Wednesday, 19 May, 14:00 h</p>	CDENF(2021)INF1
10.	Any other business	
11.	<p>Date and place of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plenary session on migration: 14-15 June 2021 - 4th plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021 	CDENF(2020)21Rev3 (schedule of CDENF meetings)
12.	Approval of the abridged report	

Annex II
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