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Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Abridged report of the plenary session dedicated to the follow-up to the declaration on the situation of children of Ukraine

(Strasbourg, 20 June 2023)

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) held its plenary session dedicated to the follow-up to the declaration on the situation of children of Ukraine in an online format on 20 June 2023, with Rosário Farmhouse (Portugal) in the Chair.

The agenda of the meeting is contained in the Appendix to this report. The full meeting report including the list of participants will be available on the CDENF website.¹

At its plenary session, the CDENF:

- **took note** of the information provided by Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination (DGII), regarding the proposed steps towards the implementation of the strategic decisions contained in the Declaration on the situation of children of Ukraine (Appendix II of the Reykjavik Declaration adopted at the 4th Council of Europe summit of Heads of State and Government) in view of the setting up of the Consultative Group of Children of Ukraine (CGU);
- **held an exchange with** Nazar Tanasyshyn, Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine, on key areas for multilateral exchange regarding the situation of children of Ukraine currently residing in other member States;
- **took note of** the information provided by Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees and the willingness of the Council of Europe Focal Point Network on Migration to provide information for the attention of CGU;
- **took note of** the information document “Towards setting up a Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU)” and confirmed its readiness to follow and to provide support to the work of the Group;
- **agreed** with the methods and modalities outlined in the information document;
- **agreed** that its members (CDENF) will facilitate the designation of the national experts in CGU in respect of their states and that the Secretariat will contact them to this end;
- **invited** the Secretariat to consult with the Bureau as needed on the further steps in the setting up and operation of the Consultation Group and to report on progress at its forthcoming meeting, as well as to keep the Committee of Ministers informed of developments regarding the CGU;

¹ www.coe.int/cdenf

- **observed** that the opinion on PACE Recommendation 2253(2023) on “Deportations and forcible transfers of Ukrainian children and other civilians to Russian Federation or to Ukrainian territories temporarily occupied: create conditions for their safe return, stop these crimes and punish the perpetrators”, as adopted by the CDENF in written procedure, has been submitted to the Committee of Ministers;
- **agreed** to an extension of the deadline for the questionnaire for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)11 on Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration until 29 September 2023;
- **agreed** to carry out targeted child consultations in selected member States in the framework of the implementation review of CM/Rec(2019)11, and **instructed** its Secretariat to launch a call for expression of interest among national Delegations;
- **entrusted its Bureau** to review the questionnaire on the Rights of the Child and Artificial Intelligence prior to its circulation with the CDENF for replies by the end of August 2023;
- **took note** of the date of the 8th CDENF plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 14-16 November 2023);
- **adopted** the abridged report at the end of the meeting.

Appendix

Agenda

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- 1. Opening of the meeting**

 - 2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business**

 - 3. Statement of the Chair and Secretariat**

 - 4. Preparations towards setting up a Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU)**

 - 5. Opinion(s) requested by the Committee of Ministers**

 - 6. Any other business**

 - 7. Date and place of next meeting**

 - 8. Approval of the abridged meeting report**

The detailed agenda and order of business is available at: www.coe.int/cdenf