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# **STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CDENF)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting (by videoconference)**

**2 February 2021 (2:30 pm – 5 pm)**

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## **AGENDA**

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## Agenda

### 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the revised agenda

### 2. Update by the Secretariat

### 3. CDENF 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting

Required action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the CDENF 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary draft meeting report to be forwarded to the CDENF and finally adopted by the plenary at its forthcoming meeting.

For information:

[CDENF\(2020\)PV3](#) – Draft meeting report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting

### 4. State of implementation of CDENF activities

#### 4.1 Draft Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)

Required action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral update by the Secretariat about the preparation of the draft Strategy, the child consultation process that has been initiated in January 2021, as well as the work process envisaged for the next months, and comment as appropriate.

#### 4.2 CDENF Updated workplan

Required action: The Bureau is invited to examine and approve the updated CDENF Workplan.

Working documents:

[CDENF\(2020\)21Rev2](#) – Schedule of CDENF activities and thematic priorities

#### 4.3 Organisation of a regional discussion as a contribution to the 2021 UNCRC Day of General Discussion on children's rights and alternative care

Required action: The Bureau will hear an update on the organisation of a regional discussion on alternative care to contribute to the 2021 UNCRC Day of General Discussion and will be invited to decide on next steps.

Working documents:

[CDENF\(2020\)24](#) - Proposal for a possible contribution by the CDENF to the 2021 UN Day of General Discussion on "Children's Rights and Alternative Care"  
Letter received from the CRC on priority themes (restricted)

#### 4.4 CDENF Opinion on PACE Recommendation 2190 (2020) – "Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children"

Required action: The Bureau is invited to revise the draft Opinion prepared by the Secretariat on the PACE Recommendation 2190 (2020) – "Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children" and decide on the procedure to follow to circulate the draft Opinion to CDENF delegations to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers by 12 March 2021.

Working documents:

[PACE Recommendation 2190 \(2020\)](#) Provisional version

[CDENF/Bu\(2021\)01](#) - Draft Opinion on PACE Recommendation 2190 (2020) on effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children

#### **4.4 Bis Committee of Ministers adopted replies to PACE Recommendations**

Required action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the replies adopted by the Committee of Ministers to PACE Recommendations 2169(2020) on “International obligations concerning the repatriation of children from war and conflict zones” and 2175 (2020) on “Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe”

For information:

[Committee of Ministers reply to PACE Recommendation 2169 \(2020\) on “International obligations concerning the repatriation of children from war and conflict zones”](#)

[Committee of Ministers reply to PACE Recommendation 2175 \(2020\) on “Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe”](#)

#### **4.5 Addressing welfare and child protection challenges related to child returnees**

Required action: The Bureau is invited to examine the paper resulting from the thematic exchange with experts that took place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting on the issue of addressing welfare and child protection challenges related to child returnees and to decide on next actions to be taken by the CDENF, including on the procedure to follow to provide written comments on the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)XX of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures aimed at protecting children against radicalisation for the purpose of terrorism currently being prepared by the CDCT.

For information:

[CDENF/Bu\(2021\)02](#) - Report on the CDENF 1<sup>st</sup> thematic exchange on addressing welfare and child protection challenges related to child returnees

Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)XX of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures aimed at protecting children against radicalisation for the purpose of terrorism (restricted)

#### **4.6 New priorities for the next CDENF Terms of Reference**

Required action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the new format for the programme and budget related to intergovernmental committees, and to hold a first discussion on the priorities to be included into the next CDENF terms of reference for the next four years, to provide guidance to the Secretariat for the draft to be prepared for the CDENF.

### **5 Work of the subordinate committee of experts and working group**

#### **5.1. Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)**

Required action: The Bureau will hear an update on the outcome of the second meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE and take note of the conclusions of the meeting and the updated workplan.

For information:

[CJ/ENF-ISE\(2020\)PV02](#) – Meeting report

[CJ/ENF-ISE\(2021\)01](#) – Working methods and workplan

## 5.2. Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)

Required action: The Bureau will hear an update on the outcomes of the third meeting and further developments since, notably the fact that Matthew Vella, CDENF and Bureau member and Chair of the CDENF-GT-VAE working group has resigned from all its functions.

The Bureau is invited to discuss the replacement of Mr Vella in the function as Chair of the VAE working group and take a decision in conformity with [CM/Res\(2011\)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods](#). It is also invited to discuss proposals for action to be taken by the CDENF to review progress made under the UNSDGs, and next steps envisaged for the preparation of a draft Recommendation on reporting violence against children.

For information:

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2020\)PV3](#) - Meeting report

[CDENF/Bu\(2021\)03](#) - Action proposed to support the CDENF in reviewing progress made towards the UNSDGs

## 6. Update on recent implementation and co-operation activities and partnerships

Required action: The Bureau will hear an update on:

- Recent implementation activities related to the current Strategy and new tools produced;
- New co-operation activities supporting the implementation of Council of Europe standards;
- Current partnerships with other international organisations (e.g. UNICEF, OECD etc.);

## 7. Upcoming events

- 1<sup>st</sup> CDENF online webinar to address challenges met under the Covid-19 pandemic: “Overcoming education challenges: from the right to education to implementation during the pandemic and planning long term improvements”, 22 March 2021;

Required action: The Bureau is invited to make any proposals for issues to be discussed at this first seminar and approve the call for national good practices to be sent out;

For information:

[CDENF/Bu\(2021\)04](#) – Call for national good practices in response to challenges met under the Covid-19 pandemic (1<sup>st</sup> edition: “Overcoming education challenges”)

- [2<sup>nd</sup> plenary meeting of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion \(CDADI\)](#) to be held online on 2-4 February 2021;

Required action: The Bureau is invited to appoint the Chair as CDENF representative at the 2<sup>nd</sup> CDADI meeting, for a contribution to be provided on 4 February 2021 (morning);

## 8. Date of the next Bureau meeting

Required action: The Bureau is invited to agree on the dates of its next meeting, provisionally foreseen in an online format in April 2021.

## 9. Any other business