



STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CDENF)

Ad-hoc Bureau meeting

Tuesday, 30 May 2023,

online

9.00 am – 11.00 am

Meeting report

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair, Rosário Farmhouse (Portugal), opened the meeting and welcomed the other participating Bureau members (Belgium, Norway and Slovenia).

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

The Bureau **adopted** the agenda as it appears in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

3. Information by the Secretariat

The Bureau **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat on the strategic decisions adopted at the 4th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (Reykjavik, 16-17 May 2023) and observed that the proposed future priorities for 2024-2027 as developed under the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) and examined during the 7th CDENF plenary meeting (Reykjavik, 28-29 March 2023), inscribed themselves under several of the key strategic objectives highlighted in the [Reykjavík Declaration “United around our values”](#), notably the promotion of the rights of the child, including in the areas of education, youth participation, the protection of human rights linked to the protection of the environment, and safeguarding human rights in the digital era.

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

The Chair **welcomed** Alla Perfetska from the Ukrainian CDENF Delegation and Iryna Postolovska, Adviser to the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine, and **thanked** them for having joined the meeting for this agenda item.

The Bureau **took note of** the information provided by Irena Guidikova, Head of Children's Rights and Sport Values Department, on the information document “Towards setting up a Consultation Group on Children of

Ukraine (CGU)” and on the proposed follow-up to the Declaration on the situation of children of Ukraine as adopted as Appendix II of the Reykjavík Declaration.

The Bureau members **endorsed** the proposal as outlined in the information document and **exchanged** on the scope, methodology and the human and financial resources needed for the proposed group, together with the Ukrainian Delegation.

The Bureau **instructed** its Secretariat to finalise the information document, including any relevant information stemming from the upcoming meeting of the Network of Focal Points on Migration (1 June 2023), and circulate it to all CDENF members.

5. CDENF Plenary session (online, 20 June 2023)

The Bureau **agreed** to the proposal to hold a CDENF Plenary session dedicated to the preparation towards setting up a Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU) in an online format on Tuesday, 20 June 2023 (morning), and **examined** a draft agenda as shared by the Secretariat on the screen.

6. Draft opinion to PACE Recommendation 2253(2023)

The Bureau **examined** a draft Opinion to 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” and **instructed** its Secretariat to circulate the draft Opinion to all CDENF members for tacit approval by 9 June 2023.

7. Any other business

Participants did not raise any other issue.

8. Date and place of next meeting

The Bureau members **recalled** the following upcoming dates of meetings:

- 1 June 2023, online: Joint CDENF/CDCJ session on the draft recommendation on the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings;
- 20 June 2023, online CDENF Plenary session;
- 28/29 September 2023, Strasbourg, next regular Bureau meeting.

9. Approval of the meeting report

The meeting report was circulated shortly after the meeting and approved by all Bureau members via written procedure.

Appendix I - Agenda

1.	Opening of the meeting	
2.	Adoption of the agenda and order of business	CDENF/Bu(2023)OJ2
3.	Information by the Secretariat <i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the information provided on the strategic decisions adopted by the Heads of States and Governments</i>	Reykjavik Declaration “United around our values”
4.	Preparations towards setting up a Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU) <i>The Bureau is invited to take note of/examine/exchange on an information document (and timeline) prepared by the Secretariat in view of its presentation to the CDENF</i>	Towards setting up a Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU) (information note)
5.	CDENF Plenary session (online, 20 June 2023)	CDENF(2023)OJ2prov Draft agenda of the CDENF plenary session
6.	Draft opinion to PACE Recommendation 2253(2023)	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”. CDENF(2023)18 Draft CDENF opinion to Rec 2253(2023) (restricted document)
7.	Any other business	
8.	Date and place of next meeting	
9.	Approval of the meeting report	

Appendix II – List of participants

Bureau Members

Rosário Farmhouse (Chair)
President of the National Commission for the Promotion of the Rights and Protection of Children and Young People, Portugal

Ružica Boškić (Vice-Chair)
Secretary
Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia

Solvor Bäcklund
Senior Advisor
The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs

Alfredo Ferrante
Chief of Service
Department for Family Policies
Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Apologised

Joost van Haelst
Children's Rights Policy Officer
Department for Culture, Youth and Media, Flemish Government

Ukrainian Delegation (agenda item 4 only)

Alla Perfetska
State Expert of the Expert Group on Support for Vulnerable Populations of the Directorate for Digital Development and Social Services of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine

Iryna Postolovska
Adviser to the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine

DGII – Directorate General of Democracy – Children's Rights Division

Irena Guidikova, Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department

Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children's Rights Division

Katrin Uerpmann
Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Zeynep Usal-Kanzler
Co-Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Maria Asensio-Velasco
Assistant Lawyer