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

### Ad-hoc Bureau meeting

Online, 4 July 2024

### Draft Meeting report

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair, Ružica Boškic (Slovenia), opened the meeting and welcomed all Bureau members (from Finland, Italy, Romania and Norway) to the *ad-hoc* bureau meeting, which was held in an online format with the main aim to approve the agenda of the upcoming plenary meeting, taking place in December, thus allowing the Secretariat to send convocations to all CDENF members to allow them sufficient time to reserve their hotels for the period during the Christmas market in Strasbourg.

#### 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 follow-up to the Declaration on the Council of Europe and the environment (Appendix V to the [“Reykjavik Declaration – United around our values”](#)), notably through the setting up of a Department on the Reykjavik Process and the Environment within the newly formed [Directorate of Social Rights, Health and Environment](#) in the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I). An Inter-Secretariat Task Force on the Environment has been set up to make proposals for a Council of Europe Strategy and Action Plan on the Environment. In this context, Council of Europe Steering Committees will be asked to contribute to this Strategy and Action Plan. In order to facilitate the reflection process, the Secretariat would gather relevant information and possible proposals from a child-rights perspective in a position paper, to be examined by the Bureau during its next meeting in October.

#### **4. 10th CDENF Plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 3 – 5 December 2024)**

The Bureau examined and approved the preliminary draft agenda of the 10th plenary meeting to be held in Strasbourg on 3 – 5 December 2024, and invited the Secretariat to send out an early convocation in order to allow the CDENF members to make timely travel arrangements.

#### **5. PACE Recommendations for CDENF information and possible comments**

The Bureau reviewed and approved the draft opinions prepared by the Secretariat on PACE Recommendations 2276 (2024) on “Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour” and 2278 (2024) on “Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation” and instructed the Secretariat to circulate both draft opinions to all CDENF members for tacit approval following the procedure set out in Article 13 b) of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 with a deadline of 26 July 2024.

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

The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on proposed last editorial adjustments to the Draft Recommendation on the Rights and best Interests of the Child in parental separation proceedings, in view of aligning the structure of the text with the Draft Recommendation on the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and agreed to approve these in written proceedings, jointly with the Bureau of the CDCJ.

#### **7. Committee of Experts on the Prevention of violence (ENF-VAE)**

The Bureau carefully considered all six candidacies of experts nominated by Delegations to fill the vacant position of an expert member to the ENF-VAE, giving due regard to qualifications, geographical representation, different legal systems, periodic rotation of member States and gender balance. Based on these criteria, and, in particular, the complementarity of expertise with regard to the expertise already present among the expert members of ENF-VAE, the Bureau agreed to propose Páll Ólafsson (Iceland) as new member of ENF-VAE. Commending the excellent qualifications of all candidates proposed, the Bureau invited Delegation to consider the option of sending additional representatives to the meetings of the ENF-VAE, without defrayal of expenses from the Council of Europe.

#### **8. Update on topical issues from Bureau members**

The bureau members exchanged on upcoming national activities dedicated to children's rights issues, including child participation.

#### **9. Date and place of next meetings**

The Bureau took note that the next regular Bureau meeting would take place in Strasbourg on 2 – 3 October 2024.

#### **10. Approval of meeting report**

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

## Appendix I - Agenda

<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>	
<b>2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business</b>	CDENF/Bu(2024)OJ2rev2
<b>3. Information by the Secretariat</b>	<a href="#">2024 report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe - Secretary General (coe.int)</a>
<b>4. 10<sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 3 – 5 December 2024)</b> - <i>The Bureau is invited to examine and approve the preliminary draft agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting -</i>	<a href="#">CDENF(2024)OJ2prov</a> Preliminary Draft agenda of the 10 <sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting
<b>5. PACE Recommendations for CDENF information and possible comments</b> - <i>The Bureau is invited to</i> ○ <i>Review and approve the draft opinions prepared by the Secretariat on PACE Recommendation and 2278 (2024) “Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour”, with last amendments included, and PACE Recommendation 2278 (2024) “Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation”;</i> ○ <i>Instruct the Secretariat to circulate both PACE draft opinion(s) with CDENF Delegations for tacit approval following the procedure set out in Article 13 b) of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res(2021)3.</i>	CDENF (2024) 12prov2 (restricted document) Draft opinion on <a href="#">PACE Recommendation 2276 (2024)</a> “Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour”  CDENF (2024) 13prov (restricted document) Draft opinion on <a href="#">PACE Recommendation 2278 (2024)</a> “Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation”
<b>6. Committee of Experts on the Rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)</b> - <i>The Bureau is invited to</i> ○ <i>Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on proposed last editorial adjustments to the Draft Recommendation on the Rights and best Interests of the Child in parental separation proceedings, in view of aligning the structure of the text with the Draft Recommendation on the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings;</i> ○ <i>The revised draft would be sent to the CDENF and CDCJ Bureaus for written approval as of 9 July 2024</i>	Reference documents: CDCJ(2023)28/CDENF(2023)25 Draft Recommendation on the protection of the rights and best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings Version as approved by CDCJ and CDENF at their joint plenary session held on 16 November 2023  CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)02 Draft Recommendation on the Rights and the best interests of the Child in care proceedings

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(version sent for written consultation by 31 July 2024)

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- 7. Committee of Experts on the prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE)**
- *The Bureau is invited to*
    - o *preselect the new expert member among the candidates proposed by Delegations, giving due regard to qualifications, geographical representation, different legal systems, and periodic rotation of member States.*
- CDENF/Bu(2024)04 (restricted document)  
List of nominations received for ENF-VAE  
[Terms of Reference of the ENF-VAE](#)  
[Members of the ENF-VAE](#)
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- 8. Update on topical issues from Bureau members**
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- 9. Date and place of next meeting**
- *Strasbourg, 2 – 3 October 2024*
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- 10. Approval of the meeting report**
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## APPENDIX II – List of participants

### **Bureau Members**

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

Solvor Bäcklund (Vice-Chair)  
Senior Advisor  
The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs  
Norway

Rareş Petru Achiriloaie  
President of the National Authority for the Protection of Children Rights and Adoption  
Romania

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

Marjo Malja  
Senior Ministerial Adviser, Social Affairs  
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health  
Finland

**DGI – Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law – CDCJ Secretariat****Philippe Krantz**

Co-Secretary of the Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)

**DGII – Directorate General of Democracy – CDENF Secretariat**

Katrin Uerpmann

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

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

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