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Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Working group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)

7th Meeting by videoconference

22 September: <https://bluejeans.com/528528307> - Room B5.06.C

23 September 2022: <https://bluejeans.com/452559659>

Draft Agenda

Proposed meeting times:

Day 1:

Thursday 22 September
9:30-12:00 / 14:00-16:30 hrs

Day 2:

Friday 23 September
9:30-12:00 / 14:00-16:30 hrs

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Thursday 22 September 2022– 9:30 – 12:00 hrs

1. Opening of the meeting

Opening by the Chairperson of the Working Group

Rosário Farmhouse, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Information by the Secretariat

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

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3. State of play of CDENF-GT-VAE activities in the context of the new Strategy for the Rights of the Child

Activities relating to violence against children, as envisaged in 2022/2023

General update on CDENF developments and activities

4. Contribution to the development of non-binding instruments or tools containing guidance for member states

4.1 Draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on the Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children

Introduction on the state of play of the activity by the Secretariat

Introduction of the latest comments received, and subsequent changes made to the Draft Recommendation and Guidelines

Further revision of the Draft Recommendation and Guidelines

NB: The discussion on the draft Recommendation and the Guidelines will be pursued in the afternoon; the related Explanatory Memorandum is planned to be considered on Day 2 of the meeting.

Working documents:

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(202\)04rev5](#)

Draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2022\)01rev](#)

Draft Explanatory Memorandum completing the draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children

[CDENF\(2021\)19rev](#)

Reporting mechanisms and practices concerning violence against children in several Council of Europe Member States

Reference documents:

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2021\)02](#)

Reporting mechanisms and practices concerning violence against children in selected Council of Europe Member States – summary report of the CDENF-VAE-GT survey

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2021\)03](#)

Draft survey on national reporting mechanisms on violence against children

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2020\)02](#) – Study on Strengthening Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse in Europe (Prof. Mathews)

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2020\)03](#) – Discussion paper on mandatory reporting of violence against children (Prof. Bruning)

Lunch break from 12:00 to 14:00

Thursday 22 September 2022 – 14:00 – 16:30 hrs

4.1 Draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children (continued)

Exchange of views with external experts on specific issues covered by the draft Recommendation:

- Legal and/or policy duty to report
- Anonymity of reporters
- Sanctions for non-reporting
- Others

Invited experts:

- Ms Robinetta de Roode, Advisor for Health Law at the Royal Dutch Medical Association
- Ms Caroline Jordan, Irish Child and Family Agency (Tusla), National Policy Manager for Family Support & Social Inclusion
- Ms Joan Mullan, Tusla, National manager for Domestic, Sexual & Gender Based Violence Services
- Mariëlle Bruning, Professor of Child Law, Leiden University

Continued revision of the draft Recommendation and Guidelines

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2021\)04rev5](#)

Draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children

Reference documents:

See above

Friday 23 September 2022 – 9:30 – 12:00 hrs

4. 4.1 Draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children (continued)

Continued revision of the draft Recommendation and Guidelines (if needed)

Continued revision of the Explanatory Memorandum

Working documents:

[CDENF-GT-VAE\(2022\)01rev](#)

Draft Explanatory Memorandum completing the draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children

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Lunch break from 12:00 to 14:00

4. 4.1 Draft Recommendation containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children (continued)

Continued revision of the Explanatory Memorandum

Working documents:

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5. Conclusion and outlook

Conclusion of the work of the CDENF-GT-VAE and outlook to next matters of violence to be addressed by the CDENF and its upcoming new sub-committee on violence prevention (as of 2023)

Exchange of views on CDENF activities already envisaged and any new proposals for issues to be addressed coming from participants

6. Any other business

7. Closing the meeting
