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86th Plenary meeting

Strasbourg, 20-22 November 2024

LIST OF DECISIONS

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by its Chair, Mr Fritz ZEDER, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday 20 November 2024.

The opening remarks were done by Gianluca ESPOSITO, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe. In them, he highlighted:

- The importance of the draft Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law.
- The Council of Europe's mandate and need for adequate instruments and action on Smuggling of Migrants (SoM), drawing parallels to the Council of Europe's success with the Trafficking in Human Beings Convention, based on but setting higher standards than existing UN instruments.
- The Council of Europe's leadership on emerging issues such as Artificial Intelligence and further action in this field (e.g., penological work, criminal liability).
- The relevance of the draft Third Additional Protocol to the Mutual Assistance Convention, highlighting the need for enhancing and potentially consolidating international cooperation legal frameworks.
- Advanced work by CDPC sub-committees like the PC-CP, PC-OC or PC-RAC.

2. Adoption of the draft agenda and order of business

The CDPC adopted the draft agenda and the order of business of the meeting.

3. Information by the Chair, members of the CDPC Bureau and the Secretariat

The CDPC Chair, Mr Fritz ZEDER, informed participants on activities undertaken since the last CDPC Plenary meeting, including about the outcomes of the last CDPC Bureau meeting on 14-15 October 2024.

The CDPC Secretary, Eva PASTRANA, briefed participants on events and developments of relevance to the work of the CDPC, including the Vilnius Informal Conference of Ministers of Justice on 5 September 2024 organised under the Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

4. Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP)

The CDPC took note of the oral information and had an exchange of views with Ms Laura NEGREDO, PC-CP Chair and Ms Ilina TANEVA, Secretary to the PC-CP regarding the PC-CP WG meetings held so far in 2024 and their outcomes. The CDPC also noted Ms TANEVA's upcoming retirement in the summer of 2025 and thanked her for the commitment to the excellent quality of the work and achievements of the PC-CP since 2004.

a. Mental health

The CDPC took note of the draft CM Recommendation regarding the promotion of the mental health of prisoners and probationers and the management of their mental disorders (Doc. PC-CP(2024)8) and its Explanatory Memorandum (Doc. PC-CP(2024)9), which were considered and finalised at the PC-CP plenary meeting on 5-7 November 2024.

The CDPC examined and approved the draft texts and decided to forward the draft Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers for adoption and the draft Explanatory Memorandum for information.

b. SPACE Statistics

The CDPC noted that the latest Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics SPACE I and SPACE II were published in June 2024 and, as usual, attracted significant media attention. The CDPC expressed its appreciation and support for the excellent and thorough work carried out by Prof Marcelo AEBI and his team of researchers since 2003.

c. Updating of Recommendation (89)12 on education in prison

The CDPC took note that work on the updating and replacing of CM Recommendation Rec(89)12 on education in prison is underway. A first draft of the text, expected to be finalised by the end of 2025, was considered at the PC-CP plenary meeting in November. At this stage, it is not yet accompanied by an explanatory memorandum, which will be ready for consideration at the next PC-CP WG meeting in February 2025.

d. Use of AI by prison and probation services

The CDPC noted that the Committee of Ministers adopted on 9 October 2024 the CM Recommendation (2024)5 to MS on the Ethical and Organisational Aspects of the Use of AI and Related Digital Technologies by Prison and Probation Services.

e. 29th Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services (CDPPS) “Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law at the heart of Prisons and Probation” (Sofia, Bulgaria, 24-25 June 2024)

The CDPC noted the excellent organisation of the Conference in Sofia, which was confirmed by all participants, who greatly appreciated its content and the quality of presentations and speakers.

The CDPC also noted that, at the Conference, the Polish State Secretary officially announced that Poland will host the 2025 Conference. The dates, recently agreed upon, are 24-25 September 2025 and the location will be Krakow. The title, content and possible speakers will be discussed at forthcoming PC-CP meetings.

f. Other PC-CP forthcoming work

The CDPC noted the forthcoming work of the PC-CP in accordance with its mandate, namely:

- The revision and updating of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)12 on foreign prisoners and its explanatory memorandum which will start at the beginning of 2025, to be finalised by December 2026. This work will be undertaken in liaison with the joint CEP/EuroPris Foreign Nationals in Prison & Probation Expert Group.
- The revision of the Council of Europe Probation Rules, with a deadline in December 2027. This task will be carried out in close cooperation with the Confederation of European Probation (CEP). A survey will be undertaken jointly by the PC-CP and CEP regarding which specific Rules need to be revised or complemented. This survey will be the starting point for the revision work.

5. Committee of Experts on the operation of European conventions on co-operation in criminal matters (PC-OC)

The CDPC held an exchange of views with the Chair of the PC-OC, Mr Adil ABILOV (Azerbaijan) (online), and took note of the list of decisions of the 86th plenary meeting of the PC-OC (12-14 November 2024).

The CDPC examined and approved the draft Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters as proposed by the PC-OC. It also examined and amended the draft Explanatory Report to the Third Additional Protocol. The CDPC decided to transmit the Protocol, along with its Explanatory Report, to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

In the course of its discussion relating to the Third Additional Protocol, the CDPC noted difficulties faced by certain delegations in applying the provisions of the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and its additional protocols regarding hearing of victims by video conference. It instructed the PC-OC to discuss this issue at its forthcoming meetings and to produce practical guidance on this matter as necessary.

The CDPC considered the PC-OC's opinion on the possible accession of Kazakhstan to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters. This opinion had been adopted at the PC-OC's 86th plenary meeting in accordance with the PC-OC policy paper on accession approved by the Committee of Ministers in March 2023. The CDPC endorsed this opinion and instructed the Secretariat to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers when Kazakhstan formally requests to be invited to accede to this Convention and to inform the Kazakh authorities of its decision. It welcomed the continuing successful application of the policy paper.

The CDPC also took note of other discussions held by the PC-OC, including on the issue of confidentiality in MLA proceedings, a questionnaire on the application of the Convention on the transfer of sentenced persons, the supervision of conditionally released offenders, the ongoing negotiations within the PC-RAC, as well as exchanges by practitioners on experiences relating to international co-operation in criminal matters, including with non-member States. In this connection, the CDPC noted that a delegation from the United Arab Emirates participated in the 86th plenary meeting of the PC-OC for an exchange on common challenges regarding international co-operation in criminal matters.

The CDPC also took note of a presentation made by the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law to the PC-OC followed by a discussion, regarding consultations within the Core Group regarding a Special Tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine, with a particular focus on aspects relating to international co-operation in criminal matters and the question of the applicability of conventions under the PC-OC's purview in this context.

The CDPC congratulated the PC-OC on its excellent work.

6. Environment and Criminal Law

The CDPC heard a comprehensive presentation on the development process and content of the draft Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law by the Chair of the Committee of Experts on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV), Mr Šimon Pepřík. The CDPC also heard an address from Mr Mikael Poutiers, Secretary of the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats and Co-Secretary of the Ad-hoc Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME).

Following this, a detailed article-by-article presentation of the Convention was conducted. The delegations did not raise any comments or objections regarding its provisions, and the Convention was unanimously approved by the CDPC.

A similar procedure was applied to the Explanatory Report, which was likewise approved by the CDPC without further discussion or comments.

The CDPC decided to transmit the draft Convention, along with its Explanatory Report, to the Committee of Minister for adoption.

This Convention will be the first legally binding instrument with global impact to address environmental crime, covering a broad range of criminal acts that aggravate the triple planetary crisis. It will help states prevent, prosecute and sanction the most serious criminal offences, such as pollution, hazardous waste, illegal logging, trading in wildlife species, mining and the disruption of protected habitats. A provision entitled “particularly serious offence” has been included.

The CDPC Secretary outlined the timeline of the internal adoption procedure. The Convention is expected to be opened for signature in May 2025.

7. Smuggling of Migrants

The CDPC examined the final report assessing the need for and feasibility of a possible Council of Europe (CoE) instrument in the field of migrant smuggling prepared by the independent experts Mr Andreas SCHLOENHARDT and Mr Calogero FERRARA as well as the **CDPC Secretariat’s note** outlining proposals and options for decisions to be taken at the CDPC Plenary, both on the report and on the implementation of the Action Plan on Fostering International Cooperation and Investigative Strategies in Fighting the Smuggling of Migrants (SoM).

There was a broad recognition of the high quality of the experts’ report, which was applauded for its clarity, in-depth analysis and actionable proposals.

The CDPC heard statements from representatives of the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) and the UNHCR, both holding **observer status** with the CDPC, and the intervention from the representative of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Refugees and Migrants.

The CDPC Chair highlighted the need to balance political realities with the CoE’s mandate in the field of SoM, reinforced in the Reykjavik Declaration and reflected in the expected deliverables entrusted by the Committee of Ministers to the CDPC.

The CDPC delegations engaged in **detailed debate and deliberations** on the instrument options and the best course of action regarding the SoM.

A large number of delegates from EU MS highlighted the ongoing **negotiations of an EU Directive** laying down minimum rules of a criminal law nature on the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and stay in the Union, and raised concerns about parallel negotiating processes on the same topic.

Taking into account, however, that the scope under discussion in the **CoE is broader** both in terms of the **content and geographical reach** than that covered by the EU Directive, a large number of CDPC delegates expressed support for the **drafting of a recommendation** in this field. Even delegations that favoured the development of a convention did not oppose the

proposal for a recommendation as an initial step. Some delegations expressed the view that a recommendation could serve as the foundation for a longer-term process potentially leading to the drafting of a convention.

After examining the independent experts' report, in conjunction with the Secretariat's note, the CDPC assessed the feasibility of a CoE instrument in the field of SoM and decided to propose to the Committee of Ministers the **drafting of a recommendation**.

To achieve this, the CDPC recommends the establishment of a **sub-committee/expert working group**, or drafting committee, to assist the CDPC and the Secretariat in the preparation of the recommendation. Synergies with the CoE Network of Prosecutors on the SoM should be ensured. The drafting process could be completed within a period of two years. In the preparation of the recommendation, the CDPC agreed that the content of Appendix 1 to the independent experts' Report should be considered. The criminal law aspects of the SoM should be postponed to a later stage to avoid parallel negotiation processes for some CoE MS, and better accommodate the outcomes of the negotiations on the EU Directive. Human rights, victims' protection issues and international cooperation should be prioritised in the initial stages of the drafting of the recommendation. Lessons learned from the exercise of the drafting of the CoE instrument on action against trafficking in human beings, rooted in legal UN instruments (UNTOC and its Protocol) could inspire the recommendation drafting process, including avoiding the creation of conflicting standards.

Based on the Secretariat's note section on "**Possible steps to integrate countering migrant smuggling into the broader work of the CoE**", the CDPC agreed that the implementation of the **CoE Action Plan on Fostering International Cooperation and Investigative Strategies in Fighting the SoM**, approved by the CDPC in 2020, requires renewed commitment and reinforcement. The CDPC suggested that the above-mentioned sub-committee/working group could also provide assistance in this regard. To date, of the five actions foreseen, three have been launched. To strengthen the CoE Network of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling, the CDPC invited all MS to appoint a prosecutor to the Network. Key priorities include improving communication within the Network, enhancing collaboration with EUROJUST and EUROPOL, enhancing international cooperation, and providing specialised training. Additionally, efforts should focus on completing and updating migration country profiles and expanding outreach to third countries, particularly those covered by the CoE Neighbourhood Policy, especially in the Southern Mediterranean.

The CDPC took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the **2nd International Conference on Migrant Smuggling** in September 2024 and of the Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2283(2024) on a shared European approach to address migrant smuggling.

8. Combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls

The CDPC heard an intervention by the Chair of the GEC/PC-eVIO, Ms Venus MAHMOOD and took note of the report of the 1st meeting of the Committee of Experts on Combating Technology-Facilitated Violence against Women and Girls, which includes a draft Recommendation to be finalised by the end of 2025. Ms Venus Mahmood provided an overview of the working methods, and the next steps, including potential engagement with digital partners.

The expected Recommendation will align with existing CoE instruments, including the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, and the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, as well as GREVIO General Recommendation No.1. Members of this committee emphasised the need for a holistic, technology-neutral approach to prevent TFVAWG and to ensure accountability of digital platforms. The GEC/PC-eVIO Secretariat will prepare the first

draft of the Recommendation, based on these discussions, for review at its second meeting in January 2025.

9. Artificial Intelligence and criminal law

The CDPC was reminded that during its last Plenary meeting, delegates had emphasised the lack of sufficient information needed to make an informed decision on the scope of a future **legal instrument addressing criminal liability related to the use of artificial intelligence**. To address that issue, the Secretariat engaged an additional expert, Judge Alfonso PERALTA, who is also a member of the AI Advisory Board of the CEPEJ, to collaborate with Professor Sabine GLESS on drafting a discussion paper outlining key regulatory issues and the potential scope of the future instrument. The **discussion paper**, prepared by the two experts, was shared with CDPC delegates ahead of the Plenary meeting and subsequently presented by Professor Gless during the meeting.

It was noted that in the November 2022 Plenary, the CDPC had agreed to postpone the drafting process of the CDPC-AICL (initially focused on the drafting of an instrument on automated driving vehicles) until further progress was made by the CAI (the adoption of the Framework Convention on AI was then expected for 2023). With the **Framework Convention on AI** adopted in May 2024 and **opened for signature in September 2024**, the CDPC acknowledged the **likely unfeasibility of completing its task by the end of 2025** and suggested that an extended timeframe may be required.

Following Professor Gless' presentation, delegates discussed various views, ranging from whether the scope of the future instrument should extend beyond vehicles and automated driving to encompass broader issues related to AI and criminal liability (as the original mandate back in 2021 may be deemed outdated), to whether a legal instrument on AI and criminal law is needed at all.

The CDPC concluded that it was **premature to determine the scope and the nature of the future legal instrument**. A decision on this matter would require a more **detailed version of the discussion paper**, -which should also address whether a legal instrument on AI and criminal law is necessary. This advanced paper/text should include or be accompanied by a brief **mapping exercise on existing legal gaps**. Ideally, this mapping exercise should be conducted by an expert group in collaboration with the experts, and consider ongoing related initiatives within the Council of Europe, such as the mapping mentioned by the Secretary of Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), looking into impact of AI on collection of evidence, and/or work by the CAI.

For this, the CDPC decided to **reconvene the Drafting Committee** (CDPC-AICL) and tasked the Secretariat with identifying the most effective approach to reviving and reassembling the CDPC-AICL. If reconvened, countries might have to update their nominations as the last meeting of the CDPC-AICL took place more than two years ago.

10. Election of two members of the Bureau and renewal of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The CDPC elected Ms Marie-Charlotte AUBRY (France) and Mr Klemen PRINCES (Slovenia) to fill in the two vacant positions in its Bureau. The terms of the current Chair Mr Fritz ZEDER (Austria) and Vice-Chair, Mr Lorenzo SALAZAR (Italy) were renewed.

11. Information points

a. Asset recovery

The CDPC heard a presentation by the Chair of PC-RAC, Mr Cornel CĂLINESCU and took note of the fact that the Committee of Experts on Criminal Asset Recovery (PC-RAC) held its first three meetings in May, September and October of 2024.

The CDPC was invited to consider a working version of the draft additional protocol supplementing the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism (CETS no. 198) which is a subject of the PC-RAC discussions, and to make any comments and suggestions in this respect as it considers relevant.

The CDPC took note that that PC-OC will also formulate its own comments on the provisions on international cooperation and will report to the CDPC.

b. Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI)

Mr Kristian BARTHOLIN, Secretary of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), briefed the CDPC on recent developments and actively participated in above-mentioned related discussions on AI and criminal law. The CDPC noted that the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law was adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 17 May 2024 and opened for signature in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 5 September 2024. It also noted that 11 States or Parties (including the EU) have already signed it.

The CDPC also took note of the ongoing work within the CAI on the Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law =Impact Assessment (HUDERIA), a non-binding legal instrument, currently under development.

c. Combatting organised crime relating to drug trafficking (Pompidou Group)

The CDPC heard an address by a representative of the Pompidou Group, Ms Ardita ABDIU and took note of the fact that, following the July letter from the President of the Pompidou Group to the CDPC Chair, the CDPC had been invited to appoint one or two experts to the drafting expert group tasked with the preparation of policy guidelines in the area of combatting organised crime related to drug trafficking, based on the case-law of the ECtHR.

The CDPC Vice-Chair, Lorenzo SALAZAR, expressed his interest and was confirmed during the CDPC Plenary.

d. Terrorism

The CDPC took note of the information on the activities of the Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT) and had an exchange with the Secretary of that Committee, Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE.

e. Medicrime

The CDPC took note of the information provided by Mr Oscar ALARCON, the Executive Secretary of the MEDICRIME Convention, concerning the meeting of the Bureau of the MEDICRIME Committee of September (26-27 September 2024) during which it was discussed, *inter alia*, the final draft report of the 1st Monitoring round, and the 8th Plenary

meeting of the Committee of the Parties which will take place on 21-22 November 2024. He also informed to the CDPC members on the activities implemented by the MEDICRIME Committee in 2024.

The CDPC also took note of the fact that the MEDICRIME Convention was signed by the Republic of Chad on 11 September 2024.

f. Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property

The CDPC took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the meeting organised in Zaragoza (19-20 June) to set-up an Advisory Group to enhance the establishment, operation and development of National Platforms pending the set-up of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property. This Advisory Group is called "Aragon Group".

g. Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs

The CDPC took note of the information provided by Mr Oscar ALARCON, the Executive Secretary of the Santiago de Compostela Convention on the meeting of the Bureau of the Santiago de Compostela Committee held on 10-11 October 2024, during which discussions were mainly about the evaluation made to the answers received to the Country profile questionnaire provided by the Parties.

h. Hate Crime

The CDPC noted the adoption of CM/Recommendation (2024)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on combating hate crime on 7 May 2024 and its Explanatory memorandum, developed by the Committee of Experts on Hate Crime (PC/ADI-CH), subordinated to the CDPC and the Steering Committee for Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), with translations available on a dedicated information page. CDPC delegates were invited to raise awareness of this new standard in their countries and to contribute to the Recommendation's implementation.

The CDPC also took note of the CDADI working group on mapping existing resources (tools/ guidelines/ manuals for implementation) from the CoE, EU, OSCE-ODIHR to support national authorities, law enforcement, judiciary, National Human Rights Institutions and CSO's of MS. A Survey will be sent to the CDPC and CDADI members to review the draft mapping, add national resources that can be used internationally, namely tools and manuals. The submitted survey responses will be reviewed by the Secretariat of the CDADI Working Group on combating hate speech and hate crime. Members are encouraged to coordinate their answers to the survey at the national level, involving relevant departments and in particular the CDADI member of their country to avoid overlaps.

Based on the mapping and survey results, the CDADI working group will prioritise tools and initiatives to support the implementation of the Recommendation. The CDPC noted that its representative in this field, Ms Kalliopi THEOLOGITOU, designated at the last June CDPC Plenary, will be kept informed and invited to subsequent working meetings/events.

Finally, CDPC took note of the fact that the CDADI secretariat, in collaboration with of CDPC secretariat, is planning to organise a Conference on the Recommendation on combating hate crime for 19-20 June. The conference will be held close to the CDPC plenary dates and the No Hate Speech Week. The No Hate Speech Week, held from 18 to 20 June 2025, invites CSO from all MS engaged in initiatives on combating hate speech in connection to the International day to Counter hate speech on 18 June.

i. Child Friendly Justice

The CDPC Secretariat updated delegates on the status of the ongoing revision of the Child-friendly Justice Guidelines led by the Children's Rights Division, a task to be completed by 2027. This review is being conducted by the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) in cooperation with relevant Committees, including the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and the CDPC. The objective is to align the Guidelines with recent standards and the evolving case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) since their adoption in 2010.

The CDENF has commissioned two key experts to prepare a comprehensive thematic report, which is expected by 31 December 2024.

The CDPC decided to include an update on this initiative as a point of information during the next CDPC Bureau meeting in April 2025 and to invite a representative from the CDENF to provide updates on the progress of the review.

j. Restorative Justice

The CDPC took note of the information presented by Ms Laura HEIN from the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) and held an exchange with her.

The CDPC, tasked with drafting guidelines to implement Recommendation CM/Rec (2018)8 by 2026, acknowledged the EFRJ's study mapping restorative justice in CoE member states and its significance as highlighted in the Venice Declaration.

During the June Plenary, the CDPC considered the EFRJ's suggestions to support the study's dissemination, including summarising the 2,000-page study by December 2024, and preparing it for wider distribution. The CDPC Secretariat confirmed that additional (promotional) actions are foreseen for 2025 and 2026.

The CDPC expressed interest in continued collaboration with the EFRJ, welcomed their availability for discussions, and appreciated the support from the PC-CP and its partners (Europris and CEP) reaffirming their commitment to advancing restorative justice across member states.

11. Any other business

The CDPC members were invited to inform the Secretariat of any issues they may wish to raise under this agenda item. However, no issues were raised.

During the CDPC Plenary, the secretariat distributed to delegates the presentation previously delivered by Mr Jörg Polakiewicz, Director of the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (DLAPIL), at the PC-OC Plenary on the Council of Europe's involvement in ongoing discussions regarding a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

This presentation, originally shared as part of the PC-OC's discussions on international cooperation and judicial assistance, follows the Vilnius Informal Conference of Ministers of Justice on 5 September 2024, where the CDPC Vice-Chair intervened, focusing on international cooperation and legal assistance in connection with the current discussions on the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Ukraine. It reflects the CoE's ongoing engagement in addressing legal responses to the aggression against Ukraine.

12. Dates of the next meetings

The CDPC decided to hold its next Plenary meetings from 17 to 19 June 2025 (Strasbourg) and 25 to 27 November 2025 (Strasbourg). The next CDPC Bureau meeting will take place in Vienna from 28 to 29 April 2025.

Appendix I – List of participants

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