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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CRIME PROBLEMS (CDPC)

LIST OF DECISIONS

Bureau Meeting

Teleconference, 29 June 2020

The Bureau, meeting remotely via videoconference, on 29 June 2020, under the Chairmanship of Mr Jesper Hjortenberg (Denmark), took the following decisions:

1. Opening of the meeting by Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate

- to take note of the introductory remarks by Mr Kleijssen who
 - 1) congratulated the CDPC for having finalised and approved the text of the revised and updated European Prison Rules and the Recommendation on the practical application of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, which will be both adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 1 July;
 - 2) underlined the importance of different activities carried out by the Council of Europe regarding AI, and emphasised in particular the work that is being conducted by the CDPC in the field of AI and criminal law;
 - 3) underlined that the recent presidencies of the Committee of Ministers (Georgia, Greece and Germany) have placed or are placing great emphasis on issues related to the protection of the environment;
 - 4) stated that environment is a priority for all European States and also for the European Union and highlighted the positive effect that the work of the Council of Europe in the criminal law field could have for the European Union's roadmap (Green Deal).

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

- to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

3. Information by the Secretariat and the Chair and exchange of views with the Bureau members

- to take note of the information provided by Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Secretary to the CDPC, on progress made in recent CDPC activities, notably the developments realised by the Working Group on AI and criminal law.

4. Environment and Criminal Law

- to have an exchange of views with Mr Gianluca Esposito, Head of the Action against Crime Department, on this item. Mr Esposito explained that Ms Veronique Jaworski, Professor at the University of Strasbourg, was the expert chosen to prepare a working document ("non-paper") for this Bureau meeting presenting a preliminary analysis of the Convention on the protection of the environment through criminal law with a view to facilitate the discussion on this topic by the Bureau and that the only objective of this document prepared by the expert is to provide a basis to stimulate a strategic discussion on the future work of the CDPC on the subject;
- to thank the Secretariat for presenting the document, to discuss and examine it, to make comments on its content and to express some concerns about certain parts of this non-paper;
- to support the general idea that a binding instrument should be considered by the CDPC;
- on that basis, to agree on the need to carry out further steps and explore possible options for action in the field of environmental protection and criminal law, taking into consideration the previous work already developed by the CDPC in this area.

5. Planning of future work of the CDPC

- to instruct the Secretariat to prepare a document structured on the following points: 1) why the Convention of 1998 was not successful 2) what topics could be included in a possible new Convention; areas of interest and general principles; 3) make use of the "Model provisions" 4) take account of the ongoing work of the European Union in this area;
- to examine this document at its next meeting with a view to then presenting it at the next CDPC Plenary meeting in November;
- to hold its next meeting towards the end of September.