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CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)OJ1ANN

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

9th Meeting

20 March 2024 9:30 – 18:00

21 March 2024 9:00 – 17:30

22 March 2024 9:00 – 17:00

Agora Room G02, Strasbourg, France

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday, 20th March 2024

1. Opening of the meeting	9.30 am
Reference document	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of participants - CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)LoP1 	

Chair: Thomas Knoll-Biermann (Germany)

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business	9.35 am
Working documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda - CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)OJ1 • Annotated agenda - CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)OJ1ANN 	

The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to review and adopt the agenda and order of business.

3. Statement by the Chair and the Secretariat	9.40 am
Reference documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the 101st CDCJ plenary meeting – CDCJ(2023)32 • Report of the 8th CDENF plenary meeting – CDENF(2023)PV03 	

The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat, including on the results of the joint session of CDCJ and CDENF on 17 November 2023.

4. Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum (deliverable (1) of the terms of reference)	9.50 am
<u>Working documents</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and best interests of the child in care proceedings (version 2) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)02 (<i>restricted</i>) • Draft Explanatory Memorandum (version 2) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)03 (<i>restricted</i>) • Compilation of comments received on the draft recommendation and its draft EM (version 1) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)04 Mos (<i>restricted</i>) • Compilation of comments received on the draft recommendation and its draft EM (version 2) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)06 Mos (<i>restricted</i>) <u>Reference documents</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and best interests of the child in care proceedings (version 1) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2023)09 (<i>restricted</i>) • Draft Explanatory Memorandum (version 1) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2023)10 (<i>restricted</i>) • Compilation of comments received on the draft recommendation and its draft EM (version 1) – CJ/ENF-ISE(2023)11 Mos (<i>restricted</i>) • Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings – CDCJ(2023)28/CDENF(2023)25 (<i>restricted</i>) • Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings - CDCJ(2023)29/CDENF(2023)26 (<i>restricted</i>) 	

The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to review the draft legal instrument and its draft explanatory memorandum in light of the written comments submitted by CJ/ENF-ISE, in view of the submission of both documents for written consultation to CDCJ, CDENF and selected stakeholders.

Coffee break	11.00 am
4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	11.20 am
Lunch break	1.00 pm
4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	2.30 pm
Coffee break	4.00 pm
4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	4.20 pm
End of 1st day	6.00 pm

Thursday, 21st March 2024

4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	9.00 am
<i>Coffee break</i>	10.30 am
4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	10.50 am
<i>Lunch break</i>	12.30 pm
4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	2.00 pm
<i>Coffee break</i>	3.30 pm
4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	3.50 pm
End of 2nd day	5.30 pm

Friday, 22nd March 2024

4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	9.00 am
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Coffee break	10.30 am
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<p>5. Implementation tools on the protection of the rights and best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (deliverable (2) of the terms of reference)</p> <p><u>Working document</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary draft implementation tools on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings – CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)05 (<i>restricted</i>) <p><u>Reference documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial reflections on practical tools to be developed for practitioners (CJ/ENF-ISE(2022)09) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings – CDCJ(2023)28/CDENF(2023)25 (<i>restricted</i>) Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings - CDCJ(2023)29/CDENF(2023)26 (<i>restricted</i>) 	10.50 am
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The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to examine the preliminary draft implementation tools on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings, prepared by Nuala Mole, consultant, and to exchange views with Daja Wenke, consultant, on the draft implementation tools still to be prepared on the protection of the rights and the best interest of the child in care proceedings.

The CJ/ENF-ISE is also invited to exchange views with representative(s) of the CEPEJ Working Group on quality of justice (CEPEJ GT-QUAL) on the development of a toolkit on access to justice for vulnerable people, starting with guidelines for legal professionals on participation of children in judicial proceedings aimed at contributing to operationalising child-friendly justice.

Lunch break	12.30 pm
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4. (Continued) Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum	2.00 pm
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Coffee break	3.30 pm
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6. Exchange of views on the future work programme and implementation of tasks in 2024	3.50 pm
<p><u>Working document</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working methods and workplan for 2024 – CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)01 prov. 	

<u>Reference document</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference of the CJ/ENF-ISE 2024 	

The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to examine and approve the updated work programme and timetable of the Committee for 2024.

7. Update on key developments and other events by members and observers	4.10 pm
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The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to take note of the information provided orally by members, participants and observers on key developments and other events.

8. Any other business	4.30 pm
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9. Date and place of next meeting	4.40 pm
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The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to agree on the dates of the next meeting of CJ/ENF-ISE, which will be held in person in Strasbourg (France) during the third quarter of 2024.

10. Approval of the meeting report	4.45 pm
<u>Working document</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting report - CJ/ENF-ISE(2024)PV01 	

The CJ/ENF-ISE is invited to adopt the meeting report.

End of the meeting	5.00 pm
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