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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

**Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and
Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of
Terrorism (CETS no. 198)**

7th MEETING

Strasbourg, 5 – 6 November 2015

MEETING REPORT

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat
Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law

SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Council of Europe's Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS no. 198) held its seventh meeting in Strasbourg, from 5 to 6 November 2015, under the Chairmanship of its Vice-Chair Mr Branislav BOHACIK (Slovak Republic). The agenda of the meeting, the decisions taken and the list of participants are annexed to the present report.

Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

2. The Vice-Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He excused the Chair of the Conference of the Parties, Mrs Eva ROSSIDOU-PAPAKYRIACOU (Cyprus), who was unable to chair the meeting due to duties at home.
3. The Vice-Chair (hereinafter, for the purposes of the meeting, "the Chair") gave the floor to Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General stressed the importance of the Warsaw Convention in the context of the fight against money laundering and financing of terrorism, highlighted its added value to the current international standards and its key role for the Council of Europe in the fight against terrorism. In particular, the Secretary General reminded the Plenary that CETS No. 198 was the only comprehensive international treaty focusing on money laundering which also contains important provisions dealing with the financing of terrorism. Furthermore, it sets high standards with respect to freezing, seizure and confiscation measures, as well as in the field of international co-operation. The Secretary General also stated the need to increase the number of Parties to CETS No. 198. In this context, he welcomed the recent ratification of the treaty by the United Kingdom, its signature by Lithuania and the communications received from France and the Russian Federation's intention to soon ratify the convention.

Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Conference of the Parties adopted the agenda as, it appears in Appendix I.

Items 3 and 4. Information from the Chair, the Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime and the Executive Secretary

4. Mr Jan KLEIJSSSEN, Director of the Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, informed the Plenary of a number of important developments concerning staff, including the retirement of Mr John RINGGUTH, former Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the move of Livia STOICA BECHT, Head of Unit responsible for the Conference of the Parties, to another Service. The Conference of the Parties thanked them for their excellent work and wished them success and good luck for their future endeavours.
5. Mr Kleijssen further stated that the Conference of the Parties' Activity Report which was presented to the Committee of Ministers indicated the need to speed up the evaluation cycle. In order for this to be possible, staff should be reinforced and a request to this end has been made to the Committee of Ministers.
6. The new Executive Secretary, Mr. Matthias KLOTH, introduced himself and stressed the importance of the Warsaw Convention. He informed the Plenary of the adoption of the Conference of the Parties' Activity Report by the Committee of Ministers on 14 October 2015 and its forthcoming publication. He added that it had been very well received and that it will be

sent to heads of delegations. In this respect, the Conference of the Parties decided that the Activity Report should be issued biennially in the future.

7. The Chair informed the Conference of the Parties about the Bureau's meeting held prior to the Plenary and the proposals arising as a result of the Bureau's discussions. In particular, the Bureau had discussed the state of signatures and reservations/declarations and agreed on the need for Parties to update and/or remove those declarations or reservations that are no longer necessary. It also addressed the need of continuity with heads of delegations in order to improve the dialogue between the Secretariat and the Parties to the Convention. Other important issues included: the elections of members of the Bureau, President and Vice-President; the need for additional training of rapporteurs and to update the list of available rapporteurs; the content of the draft questionnaire on examples of cases of use or implementation of the Convention's provisions and the possibility to expand it; and the need to appoint a gender rapporteur. The Chair invited delegates to communicate candidatures in this respect.
8. Upon proposal of the Bureau, the Plenary decided to instruct the COP Secretariat to improve the visibility of the COP website as a matter of priority.
9. The Executive-Secretary informed the Plenary about the entry into force on 25 October 2015 of the amendments to the Appendix of the Warsaw Convention under the fast track procedure. In this regard, the Scientific Expert suggested to look into potential inconsistencies between the amendment to the designated categories of predicate offences and the current discretion in Article 28, paragraph 1, letter d. of the Convention to refuse international cooperation on the basis of the fiscal excuse. The Chair noted that the draft questionnaire could possibly address this issue.
10. The 2014 COP meeting report was discussed and adopted by the Plenary.

Item 5. The state of signatures and/or ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism

11. The Conference of the Parties welcomed that, since its last meeting, the United Kingdom's had ratified the Convention in April 2015. Furthermore, Lithuania has signed the Convention. The Executive Secretary informed the Plenary that in July 2015 the Secretary General of the Council of Europe had written to States which have not ratified the key conventions for the fight against terrorism, including CETS No. 198, and subsequently, received a communication from France and the Russian Federation that ratification of this Treaty was imminent.
12. The Chair invited representatives to provide an update on the state of progress in signing and ratifying the Convention:
 - a. Turkey indicated that it had signed the Convention in 2007 and that further to the new elections it is expected that the Convention would be discussed and possibly ratified in January 2016.
 - b. Estonia indicated that it plans to ratify the Convention as soon as possible, but that certain legislative amendments at the national level are needed prior to that, notably in relation to seizure and confiscation. It also plans to introduce a bank account registry.
 - c. The Scientific Expert reported that the Government of Italy had presented a bill to the Parliament in September 2015 to ratify the Warsaw Convention.

The Chair reiterated the invitation to member and non-member States of the Council of Europe to accede to the Convention as soon as possible.

Item 6. Review and discussion of reservations and declarations with respect to CETS no. 198

13. The Conference of the Parties took note of the information paper prepared by the Secretariat outlining reservations and declarations of State Parties by September 2015. One country had not made a mandatory declaration under Article 33, paragraph 2 informing which central authority was responsible for legal assistance, while a number of Parties to the Convention had not indicated the unit which is a Financial Intelligence Unit within the meaning of Article 46, paragraph 13 of the Convention. Six countries had not made any declarations/reservations with respect to any substantive provisions. In 2014 San Marino withdrew a reservation on a substantive provision, which is very welcome.
14. Ms Ana Isabel Gomez Heredero, representative of the Treaty Office of the Council of Europe, informed the Plenary that the office had not received from Albania the mandatory declaration under Article 33, paragraph 2 informing which central authority is responsible for legal assistance. The Chair requested Albania to provide an update to the Plenary in this respect. The Albanian delegation stated that the country was undergoing a judicial and legislative reform and that this issue would be addressed in this context, so that it would provide an update to the COP at a later stage. The delegation also clarified that the central authority responsible for legal assistance is the Ministry of Justice (Foreign Relations Department). The delegation will send the contact details to the Secretariat.
15. As concerns declarations on the unit which is a Financial Intelligence Unit within the meaning of Article 46, paragraph 13 of the Convention, Ms Gomez Heredero confirmed that the Treaty Office had not received this declaration from certain countries. She reminded the Plenary that, given the non-mandatory nature of this declaration, the Treaty Office could not proactively invite countries to issue such declaration. The Chair stressed the importance of the matter and invited State Parties which have not yet made this declaration to inform the Plenary about the time they expect to be able to do so.
16. The Chair also requested an update from several State Parties on developments on reservations made in relation to several articles of the Convention.
 - a. As concerns the Slovak Republic's reservation not to apply Article 7, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph c) (on monitoring of banking operations), the country declared that there have been no developments. The Chair invited the Slovak Republic to provide an update in writing.
 - b. As regards Article 47 on international cooperation for the postponement of transactions, the Chair reminded the Plenary that Georgia and Ukraine had declared that they would apply this provision subject to domestic legislation, but that it remained unclear to what extent such cooperation could be afforded. Georgia stated that the reservation has not been lifted but that there had been developments. Notably, in July 2015 the AML law was amended and the FIU was given powers to temporarily suspend suspicious transactions, including at the request of other States. Thus, it was likely that the reservation be lifted. Ukraine indicated that there were no developments. The Chair stressed the importance and key role of international cooperation under CETS No. 198 and invited Ukraine to provide information in writing after the close of the Plenary meeting.
17. The Plenary heard further explanations from Ukraine in relation to the general declaration made in October 2015 on the limited application and implementation of the Convention with respect to certain territories, particularly in the field on international cooperation. Ukraine

clarified that this declaration applies to both MLA requests and other related requests on international cooperation, as it was currently not possible to ensure the execution of international treaties or to ensure direct communication between legal authorities of the territories concerned.

18. The Chair enquired whether any State Parties would consider lifting some reservations/declarations. In the absence of a positive reply, the Chair informed the Plenary that the Bureau would look into the matter and propose a way forward. The Chair also invited Parties to update and/or remove those declarations or reservations that are no longer necessary.

Item 7. Monitoring of Parties' implementation of CETS n° 198 of the Conference of the Parties Draft Evaluation Report on Bosnia and Herzegovina

19. The rapporteurs ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Romania) presented an overview of their main findings and recommendations. The Head of Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina presented an overview of the AML/CFT situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the relevant legislative steps undertaken in the past years. The President proceeded with the discussion of the draft report. The most important issues of the discussion are summarised below.
20. Upon proposal of the scientific expert, the Conference of the Parties agreed to include brief information on legal and institutional system of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
21. Regarding Article 9, Bosnia and Herzegovina proposed to clearly indicate in the report that the shortcoming of the ML offence in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Brčko District relates to self-laundering. Pursuant to this, the Conference of the Parties decided to reformulate the analysis to reflect reference to self-laundering explicitly. As concerns cases of negligent money laundering, the report raised that the general approach applied was to focus on the ML cases with intentional element. The scientific expert supported the proposal by Bosnia and Herzegovina to remove the specific reference on focusing on the ML cases with intentional element with which the Rapporteur agreed. The scientific expert also proposed to include in the recommendations the fact that self-laundering is not criminalized in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Brčko District. This proposal was accepted by the Conference of the Parties.
22. Regarding Article 10, the scientific expert requested clarifications about whether the corporate liability mechanisms are being applied. The rapporteur further clarified that case examples on application were made available by the authorities; and proposed to clearly indicate that the authorities were recommended to take further steps to apply corporate liability. The Conference of the Parties agreed that the second recommendation would be revised to reflect the discussions.
23. Regarding Article 11, the Chair requested to clarify how the previous decisions in other Parties are considered. Bosnia and Herzegovina indicated that court verdicts from other countries are taken into consideration as aggravating circumstances. The practical application of this provision was confirmed by the judges.
24. Regarding Article 3, the scientific expert requested clarifications regarding the definition of the term "instrumentalities" subject to confiscation. The rapporteur and Bosnia and Herzegovina clarified that the term was not explicitly defined in the legislation, however the Criminal Code refers to goods or assets used or intended to be used for perpetration of criminal offence. Bosnia and Herzegovina and the rapporteur presented the changes made to this section to

reflect amendments to Article 74 of the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The rapporteur clarified, upon request of the scientific expert, that the reversal burden of proof provided under the legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is not a full reversal of burden of proof. The Conference of the Parties decided, upon request of Bosnia and Herzegovina, that the analysis would include that extended confiscation was applied in one case in relation to assets belonging to a third party. Bosnia and Herzegovina and the rapporteur agreed to include in the report additional statistical data on confiscation. Upon proposal of the scientific expert and the Secretariat, the Conference of the Parties decided to amend the text of the recommendations to clearly reflect two separate deficiencies reflected in the analysis.

25. Regarding Article 6, the Conference of the Parties decided, upon proposal of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to reflect in the report that a specialised agency had been established in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for proper management of frozen and seized property; however the agency is not operational.
26. Concerning Article 7, the Conference of the Parties accepted a new text proposed by the rapporteur for the recommendation on mechanisms providing power to competent judicial authorities to monitor accounts, upon the request from the scientific expert for clarification of this recommendation. Upon proposal by the Chair, the Conference of the Parties decided to include a recommendation to maintain statistics regarding the use of special investigative techniques.
27. With regard to Article 17, the scientific expert requested to clarify what are the legal bases for the authorities to apply powers provided under Criminal Procedure Code in the context of foreign requests. The Secretariat and Bosnia and Herzegovina clarified that the relevant provisions are provided under the Law on Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal Matters. The Conference of the Parties agreed to add reference to relevant legal provisions from the Law on Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal Matters and to further clarify in the report that actions undertaken under the AML/CFT Law could be executed for the purposes of that law.
28. Concerning Article 46, the Conference of the Parties decided, upon proposal by the scientific expert, to further clarify in the report that the FIU did not impose any restriction in relation of providing approval for the disseminations.
29. Regarding Article 14, upon proposal of the scientific expert, the Conference of the Parties decided to include a specific recommendation encouraging the FIU to continue applying measures of temporary suspension of transactions, based on STRs received or its own analysis.
30. Further to its discussion, the Conference of the Parties adopted the report on Bosnia and Herzegovina and decided that it should be amended, in the light of discussions held in the Plenary and the changes to the report presented by the Secretariat. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, instructed the Secretariat to publish the report as amended, within four weeks of adoption.

Item 8. Follow-up by the Conference of the Parties of progress made by assessed Parties: first follow-up report on Poland

31. The Secretariat introduced its analysis for the first follow-up report of Poland. The Conference of the Parties took note of the changes proposed to the draft analysis, as a result of the bilateral discussions between the country and the Secretariat prior to the meeting, reflecting the adoption by the Polish Parliament of relevant legislation. Albania, in its capacity as

rapporteur country, requested further clarifications on measures implementing Article 7 and 19 of the Convention.

32. The Conference of the Parties discussed briefly the self-executing nature of requirements set out in Article 46 of the Convention. Albania and Moldova shared their view that in their domestic system, they considered this provision to be self-executing. It was proposed that the Committee should discuss more in-depth which types of measures should countries implement under Article 46, as this aspect would be raised in the context of future assessments and that it should be treated for all Parties in a consistent manner.
33. The Conference of the Parties discussed and agreed that every follow-up report's conclusions, including the report for Poland, should continue to set out recommendations on non-mandatory provisions of the Convention which add value to the global standards, which Parties should consider implementing.
34. Romania expressed concern that no progress was reported with respect to several important recommendations, though noting the brief lapse of time since the adoption of the assessment report (i.e. two years). Concern was also expressed about the fact that the report presented by Poland appeared to challenge some of the previously identified findings. Albania also indicated some concerns about the information set out in the follow-up report, though these would not amount to "significant concerns", as envisaged under the Rules of Procedure. Moldova and Ukraine supported the Chair's proposal to continue the dialogue with Poland, by requesting a further report on the aspects which have not yet been implemented and by giving additional time to Poland to implement the recommendations.
35. The Parties decided to adopt the analysis of the Secretariat, as amended in the light of discussions held in the Plenary, and the replies to the questionnaire submitted by Poland. In the light of the concerns expressed by several delegations, Poland was invited to present an updated follow-up report at the next meeting of the COP, on the basis of a tailor-made questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat covering recommendations made in respect of the mandatory provisions of the Convention.
36. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat was instructed to publish its analysis, as amended by the COP, and the replies to the questionnaire submitted by Poland, within four weeks of adoption.

Item 9. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members

37. The Conference of the Parties decided, pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, to elect Mr Branislav BOHACIK (Slovak Republic) as Chair for a term of office for two years and to elect Mr Jean-Sébastien JAMART (Belgium) as Vice-Chair for a term of office for two years.
38. The Conference of the Parties decided, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, to re-elect Mr. Sorin TANASE (Romania) and to elect Mr Besnik MUCI (Albania) and Ms Ani MELKONYAN (Armenia) as members of the Bureau, for a term of office until the next COP meeting in 2016.
39. The Chair of the Conference of the Parties thanked the out-going Chair, Ms. Eva ROSSIDOU-PAPAKYRIACOU (Cyprus), the outgoing Vice-Chair Ms Donatella FRIENDO DIMECH (Malta), and Mr Vitaliy BEREGIVSKIY (Ukraine), out-going member of the Bureau, for their excellent work.

Item 10. Taking stock of joint monitoring processes: lessons learnt and proposals for future action

40. The Secretariat presented orally its first findings on the COP joint monitoring processes with MONEYVAL and/or the FATF and the challenges faced by the Secretariat and the assessors in this context. The COP agreed with the Secretariat's proposal to pursue their reflection and explore further how to render co-operation and coordination between these two monitoring processes clearer and more efficient.

Item 11. Gathering examples of cases of use or implementation of the Convention's provisions

41. The Conference of the Parties examined the draft text of the survey prepared by the Secretariat which aims at gathering examples of cases of use or implementation of the Convention's provisions from all State Parties. It decided to adopt the survey and amend the existing text to include a question on the issues that could arise as a result of the amendment to the designated categories of predicate offences (in the appendix to CETS no. 198) and the current discretion in Article 28, paragraph 1, letter d of the Convention to refuse international cooperation on the basis of the fiscal excuse. It also instructed the Secretariat to amend the guidelines set out in the introductory part of the survey so as to clarify to receiving Parties that the survey is aimed at gathering both successful and unsuccessful cases of co-operation, and Parties should reflect in their answers any case since the entry into force of the Convention.
42. The Conference of the Parties decided that the survey would be circulated by the Secretariat after the meeting, and that responses should be submitted by all Parties to the Secretariat by February 28, 2016.

Item 12. Effective monitoring by the COP of the adequate implementation of the Convention's provisions: exchange of views on working methods and means to strengthen the monitoring process

43. The Secretariat introduced the Bureau's paper which outlined a non-exhaustive list of topics with the aim to start a discussion between Parties on possible ways to improve COP's working methods and means to render the monitoring process more efficient.
44. The Conference of the Parties decided to adopt the paper and agreed to set out a working group which would review the existing working methods and propose solutions to strengthen the mechanism. The Conference of the Parties instructed the Secretariat to proceed with a call for expressions of interest from delegations and experienced experts to form the working group and to ensure that a working meeting will be held in 2016, prior to the next meeting of the Bureau.
45. The Chair also invited Parties to consider the experience of the Council of Europe's PC-OC Committee in preparing a number of templates for the implementation of the CETS no. 141 Convention, indicating that the development of practical tools for the implementation of the Convention should also be an aspect for consideration by the working group.
46. The Conference of the Parties also agreed to invite Latvia to provide a written contribution on the issue of postponement of domestic suspicious transactions (related to car, ship and plane registrations) for discussion at the next meeting of the Bureau.

Item 13. Information on other relevant reports and activities of the Council of Europe and co-operation

47. The Conference of the Parties heard a presentation from Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) and CODEXTER. He updated the Parties on the Council of Europe draft Action Plan on transnational organised crime which will be discussed in the CDPC in December 2015 and invited Parties to consult with their country's CDPC representative on the aspects of the action plan which are relevant for the work of the Conference of the Parties. He also informed the Parties on the status of the additional Protocol of the Convention on the Prevention on Terrorism, opened for signature on 22 October 2015 in Riga, to address the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters. He further reported about the adoption by the Council of Europe of an Action Plan on the fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism for 2015-2017.
48. The Conference of the Parties also heard a presentation from Ms Anita VAN DE KARBACHELET, Secretary of the Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC). It took note of the PC-OC MOD questionnaire on the use and efficiency of Council of Europe instruments as regards international co-operation in the field of seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime, and considered to further developing synergies and closer cooperation with the PC-OC.

Item 14. Gender equality rapporteur

49. The Conference of the Parties heard a presentation from Ms Cecile GREBOVAL, Programme advisor of the Gender Equality Unit of the Council of Europe, on the Council's Gender Equality Strategy. The overall goal of the Strategy is to achieve the effective realisation of gender equality in the Council of Europe member states through activities around five strategic objectives, one of which is of particular relevance to the COP, namely the achievement of 'gender mainstreaming'. Gender mainstreaming is the development and evaluation of policy processes in which a gender equality perspective is incorporated by policy-making actors at all levels and at all stages.
50. Upon proposal of the Bureau, the Plenary appointed Ms Liljana KACI (Albania) as gender equality rapporteur of the Conference of the Parties. The Chair and Ms Greboval invited the Parties to support and get involved in the Rapporteur's activities.

Item 15. Communication on other relevant activities in other international fora

51. This agenda item was not discussed.

16. Revised work programme of the Conference of the Parties

52. The Conference of the Parties instructed the Secretariat to liaise with the relevant authorities of the Council of Europe's neighborhood countries Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia, to check on progress in their intentions to accede to the Convention or to take part in COP meetings as observers.

Future assessments of the COP and rapporteurs

53. The Conference of the Parties decided that the Parties to be assessed in 2016 will be Armenia, Belgium and Serbia, with priority for Armenia and Belgium, and with Serbia subject to resource developments in the Secretariat.

54. The Conference of the Parties decided to add Poland to the planning for the follow-up reports of 2016, following the request to Poland to provide an updated report next year. It therefore becomes uncertain if both Croatia and Malta's follow-up reports can also be considered next year. Malta might ultimately need to be postponed to 2017 subject to resources.
55. The Conference of the Parties instructed the Secretariat to liaise with Hungary with respect to the revised timeframe of its assessment and submission of the replies to the questionnaire.
56. The Conference of the Parties adopted the work programme for 2016, as amended.

Training of rapporteurs

57. The Conference of the Parties took note of an oral report by the Secretariat on the training for rapporteurs held in Strasbourg from 15-16 July 2015. Nineteen rapporteurs were trained, coming from almost all State Parties, although at least three Parties have not yet nominated rapporteurs to be involved in future assessment. The training was conducted according to the standard training methodology in English. The Secretariat expressed its wish to have more future nominations of rapporteurs that can conduct evaluations in French, particularly as the Convention will be having more francophone countries. The training was conducted by Mr Paolo Costanzo, scientific expert to the COP, Mr Boudewijn Verhelst, scientific expert to MONEYVAL, and the Secretariat. As a novelty, a feedback form was distributed to all Rapporteurs which resulted in concrete ideas on improvements of the training.
58. The Conference of the Parties took note of the Secretariat's concern that very few nominations for rapporteurs had been put forward for the coverage of the aspects of the Convention regarding judicial cooperation/mutual legal assistance. While planning for assessments, the Secretariat experienced that previously trained rapporteurs in this field have often moved on or were not available anymore, without having informed the Secretariat, which has delayed processes of drafting and submitting reports. An idea that has arisen to improve this situation is to dedicate a one or two days full module on MLA as a stand-alone training that could be prepared for MLA experts nominated by State Parties, who could then take over the MLA part of the COP assessments. That would strengthen the evaluation of concrete aspects covered under international cooperation and MLA.
59. The Conference of the Parties agreed with the proposal to organise a tailor-made training for rapporteurs on international cooperation and mutual legal assistance in the future, and to prepare specific training modules in order to strengthen the part of the assessments on international cooperation aspects.
60. Parties were invited to review and update the list of rapporteurs and confirm to the Secretariat by mid-December 2015 who is available or no longer available to take on the role of rapporteurs.

Awareness raising activities and next meetings

61. The Conference of the Parties decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg from 8 to 10 November 2016.

Item 17. Any other business

62. The Conference of the Parties decided the Bureau should propose changes to the Rules of Procedure with regards to the timescale and ultimate deadline to submit relevant documents and information in response to the COP questionnaire, and also with respect to the follow-up process.

63. The Conference of the Parties decided to discuss in future meetings whether guidance should be developed in relation to measures required to implement certain provisions, most notably Article 46 of the Convention, and on statistics.

Item 18. Adoption of decisions

64. The Conference of the Parties adopted the list of decisions of the meeting.

APPENDIX I – Agenda

COP Bureau Meeting Agora, Room B4.06.C	Réunion du Bureau de la COP Agora, salle B4.06.C
Wednesday, 4 November 2015 9.30am - 4.30pm	Mercredi, 4 novembre 2015 09h30-16h30

Draft agenda	Projet d'ordre du jour								
Thursday, 5 November 2015, 9.30am	Jeudi, 5 novembre 2015, 9.30h								
1. Opening of the meeting Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe	Ouverture de la réunion M Thorbjørn Jagland, Secrétaire général du Conseil de l'Europe								
2. Adoption of the agenda	Adoption de l'ordre du jour								
3. Information from the Chair <i>For information:</i> List of decisions: Bureau meeting, 4 November COP to CETS 198 report of activities List of decisions of COP6 : C198-COP(2014)REP6	Communication de la Présidence <i>Pour information:</i> Liste des décisions: réunion du Bureau, 4 novembre Rapport des activités de la COP STCE 198 Liste des décisions de la COP 6: C198-COP(2014)REP6								
4. Information from the Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation of the Executive Secretary</i> - <i>Points of information of relevance to the work of the COP</i> 	Informations communiquées par le Secrétariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Présentation du secrétaire exécutif</i> - <i>Informations pertinentes pour les travaux de la COP</i> 								
5. The state of signatures and/or ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Information by delegations</i> <i>Working document:</i> Secretariat paper: C198-COP(2015)1	Etat des signatures et ratifications de la Convention du Conseil de l'Europe relative au blanchiment, au dépistage, à la saisie et à la confiscation des produits du crime et au financement du terrorisme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Information des délégations</i> <i>Document de travail:</i> Note du secrétariat C198-COP(2015)1								
6. Review and discussion of reservations and declarations with respect to CETS no. 198 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Update</i> <i>Working document:</i> Secretariat paper: C198-COP(2015)2	Examen et discussion sur les réserves et les déclarations au titre de la STCE n° 198 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mise à jour</i> <i>Document de travail:</i> Note du secrétariat C198-COP(2015)2								
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Friday, 6 November 2015, 9.30am	Vendredi, 6 novembre 2015, 9.30h
9. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and other Bureau members <p><i>Information document:</i> Secretariat paper: C198-COP(2015)3</p>	Election de la Présidence, vice-présidence et des autres membres du Bureau <p><i>Document d'information</i> Note du Secrétariat: C198-COP(2015)3</p>
10. Taking stock of joint monitoring processes : lessons learnt and proposals for future action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Update</i> <p><i>Working document:</i> Secretariat paper: C198-COP(2015)4</p>	Bilan des procédures de monitoring conjoint : enseignements et propositions pour le futur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mise à jour</i> <p><i>Document de travail:</i> Note du secrétariat: C198-COP(2015)4</p>
11. Gathering examples of cases of use or implementation of Convention's provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Adoption of draft survey questionnaire</i> <p><i>Working document:</i> Secretariat paper: C198-COP(2015)5</p>	Collecte des exemples de cas d'utilisation ou de mise en œuvre des dispositions de la Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Adoption du projet de questionnaire</i> <p><i>Document de travail:</i> Note du Secrétariat: C198-COP(2015)5</p>
12. Effective monitoring by the COP of the adequate implementation of the Convention's provisions: exchange of views on working methods and means to strengthen the monitoring process <p><i>Working document:</i> Secretariat paper: C198-COP(2015)6</p>	Monitoring effectif par la COP de la mise en œuvre adéquate des dispositions de la Convention : échange de vues sur les méthodes de travail et les moyens de renforcer le processus de suivi <p><i>Document de travail:</i> Note du Secrétariat: C198-COP(2015)6</p>
13. Information on other relevant reports and activities of the Council of Europe and co-operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Review of Council of Europe Conventions</i> - <i>PC-OC MOD questionnaire on the use and efficiency of CoE instruments as regards international co-operation in the field of seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime</i> - <i>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prevention of Terrorism</i> - <i>CoE Action Plan to combat extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism (2015-</i> 	Informations sur d'autres rapports et activités du Conseil de l'Europe pertinents et coopération <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Passage en revue des Conventions du Conseil de l'Europe</i> - <i>PC-OC MOD questionnaire sur utilisation et l'efficacité des instruments du Conseil de l'Europe dans le domaine de la coopération internationale en matière de saisie et confiscation des produits du crime</i> - <i>Protocole additionnel à la Convention pour la prévention du terrorisme</i> - <i>Plan d'action du Conseil de l'Europe pour lutter</i>

<p>2017) – CM(2015)74add</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CoE draft Action Plan on transnational organised crime <p>Information documents: PC-OC Mod(2015)06Rev Bil Committee of Ministers: CM(2015)74 add final</p>	<p>contre l'extrémisme violent et la radicalisation conduisant au terrorisme (2015-2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projet de plan d'action du Conseil de l'Europe sur la criminalité organisée transnationale <p>Documents d'information: PC-OC Mod(2015)06Rev Bil Comité des Ministres: CM(2015)74add</p>
<p>14. Gender equality rapporteur – discussion of the role of a gender equality rapporteur in the COP</p> <p>Information document: Council of Europe Gender equality strategy</p>	<p>Rapporteur sur l'égalité des genres – discussion du rôle d'un rapporteur sur l'égalité des genres de la COP</p> <p>Document d'information: Stratégie du Conseil de l'Europe en matière d'égalité des genres</p>
<p>15. Communication on other relevant activities in other international fora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observers 	<p>Communication sur les activités pertinentes dans d'autres organisations internationales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observateurs
<p>16. Revised work programme of the Conference of the Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future assessments of the COP and rapporteurs - Training of rapporteurs - Awareness raising activities and next meetings <p>Working documents: Work Programme 2016-2017: C198-COP(2015)7 List of trained rapporteurs 2016: C198-COP(2015)8</p>	<p>Programme de travail révisé de la Conférence des Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluations de la COP et rapporteurs - Formation des rapporteurs - Activités de sensibilisation et prochaines réunions <p>Documents de travail: Programme d'activités 2016-2017: C198-COP(2015)7 Liste des Rapporteurs formés 2016: C198-COP(2015)8</p>
<p>17. Other business</p>	<p>Divers</p>
<p>18. Adoption of decisions</p> <p>Working documents: List of decisions of COP 7: C198-COP(2015)LD1</p>	<p>Adoption des décisions</p> <p>Documents de travail: Liste des décisions de la COP 7: C198-15)LD1</p>
<p>Close of the meeting 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Fin de la réunion 16h00</p>

LIST OF DECISIONS



At its seventh meeting, held in Strasbourg from 5 to 6 November 2015, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS n° 198):

Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

- The Vice-Chair of the Conference of the Parties and Chair of the present meeting, Mr Branislav BOHACIK, opened the meeting and gave the floor to Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General stressed the importance of the Warsaw Convention in the context of the fight against money laundering and financing of terrorism, highlighted its added value to the current international standards and its key role for the Council of Europe in the fight against terrorism. The Secretary General also urged all States to sign and ratify as soon as possible the Convention.

Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

- adopted the Agenda without changes

Items 3 and 4. Information from the Chair, the Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime and the Executive Secretary

- took note of the information provided by Mr Jan KLEIJSEN (Director, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime) regarding administrative and staffing issues of the COP Secretariat; expressed its expectation that the budgetary discussions would lead to a reinforcement of the Secretariat staff;
- thanked Ms Livia STOICA BECHT, Head of Unit responsible for the Conference of the Parties, for her excellent work and wished her a successful start in her new post;
- took note of the proposals made by the Bureau as a result of its meeting of 4 November in respect of future aspects that should be considered for action by the Conference of the Parties;
- took note of the entry into force of the amendment to the Appendix of the Warsaw Convention under the fast track procedure;
- took note of the information provided by Executive Secretary on the adoption of the Conference of the Parties' activity report by the Committee of Ministers on 14 October 2015 and its forthcoming publication;
- decided to present future activity reports to the Committee of Ministers on a biannual basis;
- adopted the meeting report of the 6th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (C198-COP6(2014)REP);
- instructed the Secretariat to improve the visibility of the website of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 5. The state of signatures and/or ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism

- welcomed the United Kingdom's ratification of the Convention and the recent signature of the Convention by Lithuania;
- reiterated its invitation to member and non-member States of the Council of Europe to accede to the Convention as soon as possible and noted actions underway reported by countries which have not yet signed or ratified the Convention.

Item 6. Review and discussion of reservations and declarations with respect to CETS no. 198

- took note of the information paper outlining reservations and declarations of State Parties;
- discussed the absence of a mandatory declaration under Article 33, paragraph 2 of the Convention by Albania in respect of informing about the central authority responsible for legal assistance, had an exchange of view with a representative of the Treaty Office, heard an update from Albania in this respect; and invited Albania to address this issue as soon as possible;
- discussed and decided to invite those Parties which have not yet done so to indicate the unit which is a financial intelligence unit within the meaning of Article 46, paragraph 13 of the Convention before the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- heard an update from several State Parties on developments on reservations made in relation to several articles of the Convention;
- heard further explanations from Ukraine in relation to the general declaration made in October 2015 on the limited application and implementation of the Convention with respect to certain territories;
- decided that the COP Bureau shall make a proposal to the COP on how to address the examination of declarations or reservations in future meetings.

Item 7. Monitoring of Parties' implementation of CETS n° 198 of the Conference of the Parties Draft Evaluation Report on Bosnia and Herzegovina

- examined the draft assessment report on Bosnia and Herzegovina and decided that it should be amended, in the light of discussions held in the Plenary and the changes to the report presented by the Secretariat;
- pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, instructed the Secretariat to publish the report as amended, within four weeks of adoption.

Item 8. Follow-up by the Conference of the Parties of progress made by assessed Parties: first follow-up report on Poland

- examined the draft follow-up report on Poland and decided to adopt the analysis of the Secretariat, as amended in the light of discussions held in the Plenary, and the replies to the Questionnaire submitted by Poland. Given the concerns expressed by several delegations, Poland was invited to present an updated follow-up report at the next meeting of the COP, on the basis of a tailor-made questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat covering recommendations made in respect of the mandatory provisions of the Convention;
- pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, instructed the Secretariat to publish the Secretariat analysis, as amended by the COP, and the replies to the questionnaire submitted by Poland, within four weeks of adoption.

Item 9. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members

- pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, elected Mr Branislav BOHACIK (Slovak Republic) as President for a term of office for two years; Mr Jean-Sébastien JAMART (Belgium) as Vice- President for a term of office for two years;
- Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedures, elected Mr Besnik MUCI (Albania), Ms Ani MELKONYAN (Armenia) and Mr Sorin TANASE (Romania) as members of the Bureau for a term of office of one year;
- The Chair of the Conference of the Parties thanked the out-going President, Ms. Eva ROSSIDOU-PAPAKYRIACOU (Cyprus), Ms Donatella FRIENDO DIMECH (Malta) outgoing Vice-Chair, and Mr Vitaliy BEREZIVSKIY (Ukraine), out-going member of the

Bureau, for their excellent work.

Item 10. Taking stock of joint monitoring processes : lessons learnt and proposals for future action

- heard the oral report of the Secretariat on the lessons learnt as a result of the parallel and joint monitoring processes of the COP and MONEYVAL or FATF;
- agreed to pursue the reflection and consider how to render these processes clearer and more efficient.

Item 11. Gathering examples of cases of use or implementation of the Convention's provisions

- adopted the text of the survey as amended to include a question on the issues that could arise as a result of the amendment to the designated categories of predicate offences (in the appendix to CETS 198) and the current discretion in Article 28, paragraph 1, letter d. of the Convention to refuse international cooperation on the basis of the fiscal excuse;
- decided that the survey would be circulated by the Secretariat after the meeting, and that responses should be submitted by all Parties by 28/02/2016.

Item 12. Effective monitoring by the COP of the adequate implementation of the Convention's provisions: exchange of views on working methods and means to strengthen the monitoring process

- adopted the Bureau paper and agreed to establish a working group to review the existing working methods and propose solutions to strengthen the monitoring mechanism with a view to rendering it more efficient;
- instructed the Secretariat to proceed with a call for expressions of interest from delegations and experienced experts to form the working group and ensure that a working meeting is being held in 2016, prior to the next meeting of the Bureau;
- invited the Latvian delegation to provide a written contribution on the issue of postponement of domestic suspicious transactions (related to car, ship and plane registrations) in order to discuss this at the next Bureau meeting.

Item 13. Information on other relevant reports and activities of the Council of Europe and co-operation

- heard a presentation from Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE, Head of the Criminal Law Division and Secretary to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) and CODEXTER;
 - on the CoE draft Action Plan on transnational organised crime which will be discussed in the CDPC in December 2015 and invited COP members to consult with their country's CDPC representative on the aspects of the action plan which are relevant for the work of the COP;
 - on the status of the signatures by States and the European Union of the additional protocol of the Convention on the Prevention on Terrorism;
 - on the CoE Action Plan to combat extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism (2015-2017).
- heard a presentation from Ms Anita VAN DE KAR-BACHELET, Secretary of the Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC) and took note of the PC-OC MOD questionnaire on the use and efficiency of CoE instruments as regards international co-operation in the field of seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime and noted that there will be opportunities for developing synergies and of closer cooperation with the PC-OC.

Item 14. Gender equality rapporteur

- heard a presentation from Ms Cecile GREBOVAL, Programme advisor of the Gender Equality Unit of the Council of Europe, on the Gender Equality Strategy;
- decided to appoint Ms Liljana KACI (Albania) as gender equality rapporteur of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 15. Communication on other relevant activities in other international fora

- agenda item not discussed.

Item 16. Revised work programme of the Conference of the Parties

- decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg from 8 to 10 November 2016;
- adopted the work programme for 2016, as amended, and instructed the Secretariat to liaise with Hungary with respect to the revised timeframe of its assessment and submission of the replies to the questionnaire ;
- heard the Secretariat's report on the training for rapporteurs held in Strasbourg from 15-16 July 2015, and took note that there are still a few Parties which do not have trained Rapporteurs;
- agreed that a tailored made training for rapporteurs on international cooperation and mutual legal assistance should be organised in the future, and that specific training modules should be prepared, in order to strengthen the part of the assessments on international cooperation aspects;
- invited Parties to review and update the list of rapporteurs by mid-December 2015.

Item 17. Other business

- decided that the Bureau should propose changes to the Rules of Procedure with regards to the timescale and ultimate deadline to submit relevant documents and information in response to the COP questionnaire, and also with respect to the follow-up process;
- decided to discuss in future meetings whether guidance should be developed in relation to measures required to implement certain provisions (i.e. article 46 of the Convention) and on statistics.

Item 18. Adoption of decisions

- adopted the list of decisions of the meeting.

APPENDIX III – List of participants

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