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Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to respectively as “the Committee” and “the Convention”) held its 12th meeting on 8 June 2022 in Strasbourg, in hybrid format. It adopted the draft agenda of the meeting as it appears in document IC-CP(2021)OJ12prov 1 and which is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants is set out in Appendix II.

Agenda item 2. Administrative and budgetary information

The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that two new publications had been made available to further expand the collection of papers explaining individual articles of the Istanbul Convention. The two new papers addressed Article 4, paragraph 3 covering the non-discrimination grounds and the intersectional approach of the Istanbul Convention as well as Article 14 covering the obligations in relation to the field of education.

As regards the budgetary situation, the Executive Secretary informed the Committee that the exceptional measures for monitoring mechanisms approved by the Committee of Ministers had in fact allowed for an increased number of GREVIO evaluation visits to be carried out in the past months. On the basis of the current planning, GREVIO was to complete its baseline evaluation procedure in relation to all current states parties by the end of 2023, which is why it had begun its work on developing a questionnaire for its subsequent evaluation cycle.

Lastly, she updated the Committee on staff changes in the Secretariat, bringing the number of administrators temporarily down to four, as the secondment of one of the Secretariat’s administrators from the European Court of Human Rights was ending in June. Since the last meeting, a new administrative support assistant had joined the team from the European Youth Centre in Budapest, replacing a staff member who had been promoted to the Court.

Agenda item 3. Election of five members of GREVIO

3.1. Examination of nominations of candidates for GREVIO membership (Rules 9 and 10 of CM/Res(2014)43)

The Chair recalled that 14 states parties (Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania and Spain) had submitted a total of 23 candidates (22 women and one man) for consideration for GREVIO membership. She reminded the Committee of the relevant rules on the election procedure of the members of GREVIO according to Resolution CM/Res(2014)43.

3.2. Election of five members of GREVIO (paragraph 3 of Article 66 and paragraph 2 of Article 67 of the Istanbul Convention; Rules 11 and 13 of Resolution CM/Res(2014)43)

A total of nine election rounds were held, during which several candidates were withdrawn, as a result of which the Committee declared the following candidates for GREVIO membership elected:

- Ms Päivi HIRVELÄ (Finnish)
- Ms Aleid VAN DEN BRINK (Dutch, re-elected)
- Ms Ellen O’MALLEY DUNLOP (Irish)

- Ms Laura ALBU (Romanian)
- Mr Grzegorz WRONA (Polish)

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 66 of the Istanbul Convention and Rule 14 of the Committee of Ministers' Resolution CM/Res(2014)43, the Committee decided that the mandate of these five members of GREVIO shall start on the 1 September 2022 for a duration of 4 years renewable once with the exception of Ms Van den Brink for whom this is the second mandate.

Agenda item 4. State of signatures and ratifications of the Istanbul Convention

- a) Action taken by member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention : *tour de table*

Welcoming the recent entry into force of the convention in respect of Moldova, the Chair invited signatory states to share information on progress towards ratification. The representative of the United Kingdom informed the Committee of the on-going parliamentary procedure which was expected to enable the government to deposit the instrument of ratification shortly, while the representative of the Czech Republic shared his government's plans to ratify by the end of 2023. In addition, the representative of Ukraine informed the group of the efforts that were on-going despite the war in order to proceed with ratification.

- b) Action taken by non-member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention : *tour de table*

Representatives of Kazakhstan and Israel took the floor to share information with the Committee regarding steps taken towards ratification, which in the case of Israel was the presentation of a bill of ratification to the Knesset. In the case of Kazakhstan, a range of legislative and policy measures had been taken in recent years in order to ensure greater alignment with the requirements of the Istanbul Convention.

- c) Action taken by the European Union towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention: legislative developments

Ms Carla Pambiano of the European Commission informed the Committee that tackling violence against women and domestic violence remained high priority of the EU and that EU accession to the Istanbul Convention was one of the main points on the agenda. As clarified by the European Court of Justice, she explained that this step would be possible with a qualified majority within the European Council, and that work was underway to prepare the relevant decision on the basis of the appropriate legal basis as identified by the Court. In the meantime, she informed the Committee that a draft proposal for an EU Directive on violence against women had been presented in March 2022, proposing new legal standards on gender-based violence and modelled as closely as possible after the provisions of the Istanbul Convention with the objective of offering a comprehensive approach to the issue.

d) Declarations and reservations

The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that since its last meeting the reservations in relation to one state party, Romania, had lapsed and were therefore no longer valid.

Agenda item 5. Supervising the implementation of recommendations issued by the Committee of the Parties

The Chair presented to the Committee the conclusions on the implementation of recommendations in respect of Montenegro, Portugal and Sweden. Representatives from each of the three states parties took the floor to welcome the conclusions as proposed and to give examples of current and planned efforts to implement the recommendations in their respective countries. GREVIO Rapporteurs for each of the three states parties shared their impressions on the level of implementation of the recommendations (Marceline Naudi for Montenegro; Simona Lanzoni for Portugal and Iris Luarasi for Sweden), highlighting for example the increase in government spending for measures to prevent and combat violence against women as well as legislative changes made.

Following a more detailed debate regarding some of the measures taken by Montenegro, Portugal and Sweden, the Committee adopted its conclusions on the implementation of recommendations in respect of each of these.

Agenda item 6. Thematic debate: Preventing the risk of violence and ensuring gender-sensitive reception/conditions for women and children fleeing Ukraine.

In view of the current situation regarding the large number of women and children fleeing Ukraine to states parties to the Istanbul Convention, the Chair invited the Committee to exchange experiences in providing reception facilities, access to health care and relevant support services and to generally provide for conditions that ensure their safety. Following a brief presentation by the Executive Secretary on the relevant standards of the Istanbul Convention, covering the specific standards for asylum-seeking and refugee women and girls which are set out in Articles 60 and 61 of the convention as well as the non-discrimination clause contained in Article 4, paragraph 3, which ensures that any woman and girl shall benefit from the measures taken by its parties to implement the convention. Representatives from Poland, Romania, Moldova and Germany presented on the measures taken at national level to provide for gender-sensitive reception conditions. Ranging from significant efforts made to impart information on available services, to offer accommodation, to the setting-up of specific telephone helplines to the creation of public-private partnerships to maximise the support, the measures taken demonstrate the level of initiative taken to ensure the safety of women and children fleeing Ukraine.

Agenda item 7. Date of next meeting

The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 6 December 2022.

Agenda item 8. Other business

No other business was raised.

Agenda item 9. Adoption of the list of decisions taken

The Committee adopted the list of decisions as set out in document IC-CP/Inf(2022)LD12 prov.

Appendix I: Agenda

1. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda (9:30am)**
2. **Administrative and budgetary information**
3. **Election of five member of GREVIO (10:00 am)**
 - 3.1 *Examination of nominations of candidates for GREVIO membership (Rules 9 and 10 of CM/Res(2014)43)*
 - 3.2 *Election of five member of GREVIO (paragraph 3 of Article 66 and paragraph 2 of Article 67 of the Istanbul Convention; Rules 11 and 13 of Resolution CM/Res(2014)43)*
 - Resolution CM/Res(2014)43 on rules on the election procedure of the members of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 November 2014 CM/Res(2014)43
 - Names and *curricula vitae* of the candidates submitted for the election of members of GREVIO IC-CP(2022)2
CONFIDENTIAL
 - Overview of nominations for GREVIO membership IC-CP(2022)1
CONFIDENTIAL
 - Questions and answers on the election procedure of members of GREVIO IC-CP(2019)10
RESTRICTED
4. **State of signatures and ratifications of the Istanbul Convention**
 - a) Action taken by member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention : *tour de table*
 - b) Action taken by non-member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention : *tour de table*
 - c) Action taken by the European Union towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention: legislative developments
 - d) Declarations and reservations
5. **Supervising the implementation of recommendations issued by the Committee of the Parties**
 - **Montenegro :**
 - Draft Conclusions [IC-CP(2022)3 prov]
 - Reporting form submitted by the Government
 - **Portugal :**
 - Draft Conclusions [IC-CP(2022)4 prov]
 - Reporting form submitted by the Government

- **Sweden :**
 - Draft Conclusions [IC-CP(2022)5 prov]
 - Reporting form submitted by the Government
 - Additional submissions from NGOs
6. **Thematic debate : Preventing the risk of violence and ensuring a gender sensitive-reception conditions for women and children fleeing Ukraine**
 7. **Date of next meeting**
 8. **Other business**
 9. **Adoption of the list of decisions taken**

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