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CONSULTATION OF THE PARTIES TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM

4th Meeting

Strasbourg (France), 18 November 2019

Council of Europe Agora, Room G01

Opening at 9.30 a.m., Monday Closing at 5 p.m., Monday

LIST OF DECISIONS

The Consultation of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No 196) and its Additional Protocol (CETS No 217) meeting in Strasbourg on 18 November 2019, under the chairmanship of Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), has decided to:

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- Take note of the opening remarks by the Chairperson.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- Adopt the agenda.
- 3. Information provided by the Chairperson and by Secretariat

- Take note of the information provided orally by the Chairperson and by the Secretariat, in particular that three Working Groups of the CDCT have been established to work on the following issues: the links between terrorism and organised crime, the gathering of evidence in conflict zones, and on risk indicators related to terrorists acting alone. The last of these Working Groups has already finished its work, which will be presented to the CDCT at its upcoming plenary meeting.

- Take note of the information provided by the Russian Delegation concerning the accomplishment of the ratification process related to the Additional Protocol.

4. Examination and adoption of the draft Thematic Assessment Report on the Implementation of Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No 217) and its Summary

- Examine and adopt the Thematic Assessment Report and its Summary.

- Instruct the Secretariat to submit the Summary to the Council of Europe Committee on Counter-terrorism (CDCT).

5. Examination and adoption of an amendment to Rule 4, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure

- Examine the proposal by the Secretariat to amend Rule 4, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure.

- Amend Rule 4, paragraph 4, in accordance with the aforesaid proposal. The amendment enters into force immediately.

6. The possible establishment of a Bureau

- Hold an exchange on the idea of establishing a Bureau to assist the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

- Not establish a Bureau at the moment but to revert to the question in two years' time.

7. Elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

- Elect Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy) as Chairperson for two years, renewable once.

- Elect the Vice-Chairperson in a written procedure.

- Express its gratitude to Mr Gabor HORVATH (Hungary) for his work as Vice-Chairperson.

8. Information concerning the work of the CDCT-DEF

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair of the CDCT-DEF, Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), concerning the outcomes of the work of the CDCT-DEF.

- Request the Chairperson to convey to the CDCT the wish of the Consultation of the Parties to be kept regularly informed about possible further developments regarding a definition of terrorism to amend Article 1 of the Convention.

9. Future work of the Consultation of the Parties

- Choose Article 3 of the Additional Protocol as the subject of the next Thematic Assessment Report.

- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare together with Parties a questionnaire and submit it to the Consultation of the Parties for adoption at its next meeting.

10. Any other business

- Take note that a question was raised by the Turkish Delegation concerning the legal implications for those member States which are also members of the European Union and which have not independently ratified the Convention/Additional Protocol, of the ratification by the European Union (26 June 2018, entry into force on 1 October 2018) of the Convention and its Additional Protocol, as well as of the reply by the Secretariat, in particular that the Secretariat will seek clarification of the question with the member States concerned and report at the next meeting.

11. Date of the next meeting

- Hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, back-to-back with the 5th Plenary meeting of the CDCT (date to be confirmed).

12. Adoption of the List of Decisions

- Adopt the List of Decisions.