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

6th Meeting

Palais, Room 2/Videoconference, 25 November 2021

Hybrid

Thursday, 25 November 2021 - 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

LIST OF DECISIONS

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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 hybrid format on 25 November 2021, under the chairmanship of Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), has decided to:

1. Opening of the meeting

Take note of the opening remarks by the Chair.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Adopt the agenda with a re-ordering of item 7 Elections.

3. Information provided by the Chair and by the Secretariat

Take note of the information provided by the Chair and by the Secretariat concerning the following decisions taken by the 7th Plenary meeting of the Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT) to: a) Continue the postponement of the activity on the Definition of Terrorism until the sanitary conditions allow in-person meetings, and b) Request the CDCT Bureau to discuss and consider the potential options to enable engagement on this item.

The Secretariat provided an update on the status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No.196) and the Additional Protocol (CETS No.217), namely that:

- i. Since the last COP meeting held last year, on 12 January 2021, San Marino ratified both the Convention on the Prevention on Terrorism (CETS No.196) and its Additional Protocol (CETS No.217), on 15 March 2021, Croatia ratified the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No.217), on 25 March 2021, Switzerland ratified both the Convention and the Additional Protocol and on 2 June 2021, the Netherlands ratified the Additional Protocol;
- ii. The Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism now has 42 ratifications and 6 signatures, and the Additional Protocol has 24 ratifications and 18 signatures.

Take note of the proposal submitted by the Secretariat with regards to the next meetings of the COP which could take place separately from the CDCT Plenary meetings.

Take note of the information provided by the delegation from Finland, which announced that the Government of Finland is preparing a bill to submit to Parliament for the ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 217).

4. Examination and adoption of the draft Questionnaire for Article 2 of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 217)

Examine and adopt the draft Questionnaire for Article 2 of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No.217).

Instruct the Secretariat to disseminate the questionnaire to the CDCT, in two parts, in view of its finalisation in 2023, namely:

- i. Part 1 (Question 1 only), responses to be submitted by the end of February 2022 for examination at the next meeting of the COP;
- ii. Part 2 (Question 2 onwards), responses to be submitted for examination by the deadline set at the next meeting of the COP.

5. Future work of the Consultation of the Parties

Examine the Discussion paper on future work of the Consultation of Parties to CETS 196/217.

Engage in the following future activities pursuant to its competences stated in Article 30 of the Convention as follows:

1. Second cycle of self-assessments on implementation of the Convention and the Additional Protocol focused on effective use of the tools envisaged by the two instruments;
2. Report on challenges with implementation of the Convention and/or the Additional Protocol highlighting any good practices with the implementation of these two documents;
3. Discussion papers on applicability of the existing mechanism to terrorist threats from the law enforcement perspective. Topics for consideration could be nominated by COP members and findings subsequently discussed with the CDCT;
4. Briefings on latest developments with implementation of the Convention and Additional Protocol-based tools.

6. Discussion on possible changes to Rule 11 of the COP Rules of Procedure relating to confidentiality of documents in light of the move towards greater transparency in the work of CoE intergovernmental bodies

Examine the possibility for harmonising Rule 11 of the COP Rules of Procedure with the approach that will be in force for Council of Europe intergovernmental bodies as of 1 January 2022.

Amend Rule 11 paragraph 1 in the following manner, to enter into force as of 1 January 2022:

Documents submitted by Members of the Consultation of the Parties in the course of assessment activities, drafts of assessment reports, as well as the final assessment reports adopted by the Consultation of the Parties, shall be classified “confidential” on request of a member, participant, observer or the Secretariat.

7. Elections

Elect Ms Ileana VIȘOIU (Romania) as Vice-Chair.

Renew the mandate of the current Chair, Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy).

8. Date of next meeting

Hold its next meeting in Autumn 2022, date to be confirmed depending on the dates of the CDCT Plenary and format to be confirmed depending on the public health situation.

9. Adoption of the List of Decisions

Adopt the list of decisions.