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Measures against the trade in goods used for the death penalty, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: Implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2

Strasbourg, Monday 17 May 2021
10:00-13:00, KUDO videoconference

PROGRAMME

10:00-10:30 Welcoming and introductory remarks

Moderator:

Ms Krista OINONEN

Finnish representative within the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and Member of its Bureau

- **Ms Bärbel KOFLER**, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Assistance, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Germany, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- **Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Video promoting the Council of Europe Recommendation (2 minutes)

- **Ms Agnès CALLAMARD**, Secretary General of Amnesty International

10:30-11:45 PART I

How to best implement the Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 ?

In the follow-up to the adoption of the Recommendation by the Committee of Ministers on 31 March 2021, this session will discuss the steps for its proper implementation in member States and the role of the Council of Europe, member States and civil society.

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Speakers:

Dr Michael CROWLEY

Omega Research Foundation/CDDH Consultant

Overview of European trade in law enforcement equipment and restraints

Mr Nico HIRSCH

Member of the CPT elected in respect of Luxembourg (CPT)

Nature of misuse of law enforcement equipment and restraints within the Council of Europe

Ms Nicola WENZEL

German representative within the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and Rapporteur of the CDDH

Key Recommendation obligations for member States and next steps ahead for the Council of Europe

Ms Laura AUGER-PEREZ

Senior Expert, European Commission - Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)

Lessons from development and implementation of the EU Anti-Torture Regulation

Discussion and debate

11:45-12:00 Break

12:00-12:50 PART II

How to promote international action to address the trade in goods used for death penalty, torture and other ill-treatment?

This session will examine ongoing efforts to develop national, regional and international regulation of trade in law enforcement equipment and related goods to prevent their use in torture, other ill-treatment and the death penalty, and explore how the Council of Europe can support such efforts.

Moderator:

Mr Christophe POIREL

Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Ms Anna CROWE

Assistant Director – International Human Rights Clinic,
Harvard Law School

Exploring obligations on all States to regulate trade in law enforcement equipment to prevent use in torture, and the role of international trade regulation as part of global actions to combat torture.

Ms Birgit VAN HOUT

Regional Representative for Europe, UN Human Rights Regional Office for Europe (OHCHR)

Overview of the ongoing UN process examining the feasibility, scope, and parameters for possible common international standards on 'torture free trade'.

Mr Patrick WILCKEN

Deputy Director, Global Issues Programme, Amnesty International

Presenting the 'Torture and Death Penalty Trade Instrument': a civil society proposal for national, regional and international measures to regulate trade in law enforcement and death penalty equipment.

Discussion and Debate

12:50-13:00 Closing remarks

Dr. Hans-Jörg BEHRENS

High representative of the German Ministry of Justice,
on behalf of the German Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers