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GEC (2020) Bureau 2

## **GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION**

### **Bureau meeting**

**Thursday, 9 July 2020**

### **Report**

#### **1. Debriefing following the 17th GEC meeting**

The Bureau said that the GEC meeting had gone well and that there were very interesting presentations and discussions with a high participation rate. Despite some participants experiencing connection or sound problems, the KUDO system worked well, however the Bureau said that it did not fully replace a meeting in person where more exchanges take place both within the meeting and in its margins.

#### **2. Follow-up GEC17:**

- Workshop, 14 October 2020, Athens, Greece/Covid-19 - impact of crisis on women and on gender equality

The Bureau discussed the workshop which will take place in Athens on 14 October during the Greek Presidency of the Committee of Ministers and how it could contribute to further GEC work on gender mechanisms and on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on women and on gender equality. The Bureau discussed a possible review of certain aspects of the existing [Committee of Ministers Recommendation on gender equality mechanisms and standards](#) particularly in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, but also looking beyond. The Bureau agreed to have a more in-depth debate on the topics at a GEC meeting following the Athens workshop, 15-16 October..

- Thematic discussion proposals for agenda of next meeting of the GEC

The Bureau discussed subjects for thematic discussions at the next GEC meeting and agreed to decide on the topic at their next meeting in September. Further to the discussion at the GEC meeting on the issue of men and boys and gender equality, the Bureau instructed the Secretariat to ask member states which have any good experience and practices on this subject to forward them to the Secretariat. Both those responses and the discussions at the ICMEO conference taking place in Tallinn, Estonia, in September would serve as a basis for discussion on the subject.



- Implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy 2020 – Annual Report and Interim Report

During the GEC meeting, the German representative informed the members about the plans to hold a conference in Berlin in May 2021, as part of the forthcoming German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. The conference will include a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Istanbul Convention, as well as a midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy. The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to include a question about developments in the member states which resulted from the implementation of the strategy into the request being sent to member states for contributions to the 2020 annual report.

### **3. Any other business**

*Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)*

Following the temporary re-assignment to other duties of the Belgian Representative to the GEC, Alexandra Adriaenssens, the Bureau decided to appoint Andreia Lourenço Marques the task of following the work of the [Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion](#) (CDADI) and its subordinate committees, particularly the Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS).

### **4. Date of the next Bureau meeting**

Week of 7 September 2020.

### **Participants**

**Bureau:** Charles Ramsden, Ljiljana Loncar, Andreia Lourenço Marques

**Secretariat:** Daniele Cangemi, Carolina Lasen-Diaz, Cécile Gréboval, Adrienne Looby