

Strasbourg, 30 March 2021

GEC (2021) Bureau 2 Report

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION 6th Bureau meeting

Monday, 29 March 2021

Report

1. 19th GEC meeting (14-15 April 2021)

The Bureau reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the next GEC meeting and approved it for publication and transmission to the GEC members and participants.

2. Current situation regarding the Istanbul Convention

The Bureau discussed the decision of Turkey to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention and how this situation could be helped given its possible effects. The Bureau decided to be flexible concerning the timing of some items on the draft GEC agenda, in order to allow for further in-depth discussion on this subject at the GEC meeting in April, under the agenda item on Objective 2 (Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence).

3. Date of the next Bureau meeting

The Bureau proposed to have its next meeting on Friday, 16 April at 10:30 am (Strasbourg time). The meeting will be confirmed once all participants have been contacted.

Participants:

Bureau: *Andreia Lourenço Marques (Chair), Basim Al-Alousi (the Netherlands), Kateryna Levchenko (Ukraine)*

Secretariat: *Daniele Cangemi, Caterina Bolognese, Carolina Lasén Diaz, Cécile Gréboval, Adrienne Looby*