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# **GROUP OF PARTIES TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM [CETS NO. 196]**

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## **LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN**

### **10<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Strasbourg, 18 May 2016

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The Group of Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196), meeting in Strasbourg on 18 May 2016, under the Chairmanship of Mr Tobias KAPPELMANN (Germany), 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.

**3. Information on the state of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair concerning the state of signatures, in particular that since the last meeting of the Group of Parties, Monaco and Liechtenstein have signed the Convention. Monaco has also ratified the Convention, which will enter into force for Monaco on 1 August 2016;
- Take note of the information provided by the Chair, that the Additional Protocol has now been signed by 29 member States and the European Union;

**4. Examination of the draft Thematic Assessment Report on the implementation of Article 13 (“Protection, compensation and support for victims of terrorism”) of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)**

- Examine and adopt the Thematic Assessment Report on the implementation of Article 13 (“Protection, compensation and support for victims of terrorism”) of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196);
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare the Summary of the Thematic Assessment Report and submit it to the CODEXTER for information.

**5. Next steps in the work of the Group of Parties**

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat concerning the status of the Group of Parties and possible changes to the format of the consultations of the Parties;
- Hold an exchange on the proposal of the Secretariat to discontinue the meetings of the Group of Parties and instead convene in the format of the “Consultation of the Parties”, as foreseen by Article 30 of the Convention;
- Inform the CODEXTER of the outcome of its deliberations on the format of the Group of Parties;
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare a background paper on the proposed change of format from Group of Parties to Consultation of the Parties to facilitate deliberations well in advance of the next meeting;
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare Draft Terms of Reference for the Consultation of the Parties in view of the next meeting;

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- Choose as the subject of the next assessment round a questionnaire on Article 1 of the Convention, including establishing if this provision causes any problems to the Parties. This exercise should also feed into the deliberations of the CODEXTER on a definition of terrorism.

**6. Date of the next meeting**

- Hold its next meeting in Strasbourg back-to-back with the 31<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CODEXTER (preliminarily set for November/December 2016). The final date will depend on the decision of the CODEXTER.

**7. Any other business**

- Take note that no points were raised under this Agenda item.

**8. Adoption of the List of Items discussed and Decisions taken**

- Adopt the List of Items discussed and Decisions taken.