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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**

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

Strasbourg, 14 November 2012

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Secretariat of the Terrorism Division  
Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, DG – I

The Group of Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, meeting in Strasbourg on 14 November 2012 under the Chairmanship of Mr Vladimir SALOV (Russian Federation) decided to:

**1. Opening of the meeting**

- Take note of the opening speech by Mr Jan KLEIJSEN, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate.

**2. Adoption of the draft agenda**

- Adopt the agenda without amendments.

**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 by the Secretariat concerning the state of signatures and ratifications of the Convention, notably that Turkey ratified the Convention on 23 March 2012 (entry into force on 1 July 2012), and that Switzerland signed the Convention on 11 September 2012.

**4. Discussions on the procedure and working methods of the first evaluation round on the theme "Recruitment for terrorism"**

- Take note of the procedure for the preparation and adoption of the Thematic Assessment Report and the Summary thereof, as outlined in Rules 10 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure;
- End the first evaluation round by the 6th meeting of the Group of Parties;
- Instruct the Chair and the vice-Chair, supported by the Secretariat, to draft the Thematic Assessment Report on the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;
- Instruct the Secretariat to submit a preliminary draft of the Thematic Assessment Report and a preliminary draft summary thereof to delegations by 15 April 2013 in order for them to comment on those drafts;
- Take note that the preliminary draft of the Thematic Assessment Report and the preliminary draft summary thereof shall be examined and, if possible adopted, at the next meeting of the Group of Parties;
- Invite delegations, which had not already done so, to send their replies to the Secretariat no later than 31 December 2012;
- Invite delegations, where necessary, to send an update of the information contained in their replies to the Secretariat as soon as possible;

- Invite delegations to consider the next theme for evaluation of the implementation of the Convention and present their proposals and suggestions in this regard in advance of the next meeting of the Group of Parties.

#### **5. Possible synergies with other relevant international organisations**

- Hold a debate on the need for sharing the Summary of the Thematic Assessment Report with other relevant international organisations and fora, such as the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council of the United Nations (CTC);
- Underline the importance of promoting the Convention, including through sharing information on how it is implemented by States Parties, amongst other relevant international organisations and for a;
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare a note examining the options available to the Group of Parties, CODEXTER and individual States Parties in terms of disseminating the Summary of the Thematic Assessment Report as part of the promotion of the Convention, for the consideration of the Group of Parties at its next meeting.

#### **6. Relations with CODEXTER: Exchange of views with the Chair of the CODEXTER**

- Exchange views with the Chair of the CODEXTER, in particular concerning the possibility of undertaking a study in co-operation with the CODEXTER on the possibility of obliging States Parties to the Convention to also criminalise the receiving of training for terrorism.

#### **7. Date of the next meeting**

- Hold its next meeting in Strasbourg on 13 May 2013 (preliminary date subject to confirmation).

#### **8. Any other business**

No issues were raised under this item.

#### **9. Adoption of the list of items discussed and decisions taken**

- Adopt the list of items discussed and decisions taken.

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## APPENDICES

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