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

LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN

6th meeting

Paris, 12 – 13 November 2013

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The Group of Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, meeting in Paris on 12 and 13 November 2013 under the Chairmanship of Mr Vladimir SALOV (the Russian Federation) decided to:

1. Opening of the meeting

- Take note of the opening remarks by the Chair, including concerning the elections of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Group.
- Take note that CODEXTER has decided to devote its 27th plenary meeting (second half of 2014) to the topic of “radicalisation and the receiving of training for terrorism, including via the Internet”;
- Underline the importance of the Group of Parties being able to contribute to the deliberations of CODEXTER on this topic by transmitting the summary of the main outcomes of the assessment of the implementation of Article 7 of the Convention well in advance of the 27th plenary meeting of CODEXTER;
- Take note of the information by the Secretariat that the draft Terms of Reference of CODEXTER for 2014 - 2015 are expected to be adopted by the Committee of Ministers by the end of November 2013.

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 there have been no new signatures or ratifications since its 5th meeting;
- Continue to promote the Convention through bi- and multilateral relations of the States Parties with other States.

4. Finalisation and adoption of the Thematic Assessment Report on the implementation of Article 6 “Recruitment for terrorism” of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)

- Take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat concerning the current draft of the Thematic Assessment Report;
- Finalise and adopt the Thematic Assessment Report;
- Finalise and adopt the Summary of the Thematic Assessment Report;

- Instruct the Secretariat to transmit the adopted Summary of the Thematic Assessment Report to CODEXTER, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Group.

5. **Examination and adoption of the draft questionnaire on the implementation of Article 7 “Training for terrorism” of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196)**

- Examine the draft questionnaire on the implementation of Article 7;
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare an updated template based on the comments received during the meeting and submit it to Delegations for further comments by 22 November 2013;
- Invite Delegations to send in any additional comments on the revised template by 13 December 2013;
- Decide on the adoption of the template in a written procedure by a deadline to be proposed by the Secretariat;
- Consider organising its 8th meeting in 2014 in such a way that the main outcomes of the thematic assessment of the implementation of Article 7 could be transmitted to CODEXTER well in advance of its 27th plenary meeting.

6. **Proposals for the structure of the assessment cycle**

- Examine document GOP (2013) 7 entitled “Structure of the assessment cycle” prepared by the Secretariat;
- For the immediate future, continue with the assessment of the implementation of Article 7 and related provisions, followed by Article 5 and related provisions;
- Revert to the issue of which provision is to be assessed after Article 5 at its next meeting.

7. **Relations with CODEXTER**

- Take note of the information provided by its Chair and Ms Yuliia LAPUTINA (Ukraine) as well as the Secretariat concerning the activities of CODEXTER, and how these activities may impact on issues related to the prevention of terrorism, in particular that CODEXTER has decided to prioritise work in 2014 and 2015 on “**special investigation techniques**”, “**radicalisation and the receiving of training for terrorism, including via the Internet**”, “**terrorists acting alone**” and “**assessment of possible gaps in the legal framework provided by the Council of Europe international legal instruments in the area of the prevention and suppression of terrorism**” in that order;

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- Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the work on developing a user-friendly database on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights relevant for counter-terrorism activities;
 - Take the necessary steps to ensure coordination with CODEXTER with regard to those priorities deemed particularly relevant for the work of the Group of Parties.

8. Elections

- Elect Ms Lucia LING KET ON (Netherlands) as Chair and Mr Miguel SOLER GOMIS (Spain) as Vice-Chair for one year (renewable) respectively.

9. Date of the next meeting

- Hold its next meeting in Strasbourg back-to-back with the 26th plenary meeting of CODEXTER in spring of 2014 (date to be confirmed).

10. Any other business

- Take note that no issues were raised under this item.

11. Adoption of the list of items discussed and decisions taken

- Adopt the list of items discussed and decisions taken;
- Thank the Chair, Mr Vladimir SALOV (Russian Federation), for his excellent work on behalf of the Group of Parties.