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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

7th meeting

Strasbourg, 5 May 2014

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The Group of Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, meeting in Strasbourg on 5 May 2014 under the Chairmanship of Ms Lucia LING KET ON (The Netherlands) decided to:

1. Opening of the meeting

- Take note of the opening remarks of the Chair, including concerning the election of a Vice-Chair of the Group.

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 Azerbaijan on 4 April has ratified the Convention which now has 31 ratifications. The Convention will enter into force for Azerbaijan on 1 August 2014.
- Take note of the information provided by Azerbaijan concerning its implementation of the Convention in the domestic legislation of Azerbaijan.
- Congratulate Azerbaijan on having ratified the Convention and welcoming it to the Group of Parties.
- Continue to promote the Convention through bi- and multilateral relations of the States Parties with other States.

4. Examination of the preliminary draft Thematic Assessment Report on the Implementation of Article 7 “Training 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 preliminary draft of the Thematic Assessment Report and its Summary.
- Examine the preliminary draft of the Thematic Assessment Report and its Summary.
- Take note of the additional information and replies, which have been submitted by States Parties prior to and during this meeting.
- Invite States Parties to submit any additional information to be included in the draft of the Thematic Assessment Report to the Secretariat by 19 May 2014, at the latest.

- Instruct the Secretariat to provide a new draft of the Thematic Assessment Report and its Summary, taking into account the aforesaid additional information and replies, as well as information provided by States Parties during the meeting.
- Instruct the Secretariat to submit the new draft Thematic Assessment Report and its Summary to the Group by 2 June 2014 with a view to finalisation and adoption by the Group in a written procedure by 4 July 2014.
- 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 of Parties.
- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare the draft template for the assessment of the implementation of Article 5 of the Convention and submit it to the Group well in advance of the next meeting.

5. Relations with CODEXTER: Exchange of views with the Chair of CODEXTER

- Take note of the information provided by Mr Nicola PIACENTE, Chair of CODEXTER, concerning the activities of that Committee, and how these activities may impact on issues related to the prevention of terrorism. In particular, the Chair of CODEXTER pointed out, that CODEXTER is now a Steering Committee tasked with overseeing the work of the Council of Europe in the field of counter-terrorism. CODEXTER will aim at producing concrete results in terms of standard-setting work concerning the four priorities identified by the Committee for the years 2014 and 2015. In particular two of these priorities (radicalisation and possible lacunae in the Council of Europe legal framework concerning counter-terrorism respectively) touch directly on the issue of criminalisation of “intentionally receiving training for terrorism”, which has been discussed by the Group of Parties in relation to the assessment of the implementation of Article 7 of the Convention. The Chair of CODEXTER welcomed the proposal by the Group of Parties for CODEXTER to examine this question in depth and pointed to some of the legal complexities involved.

6. Elections of Vice-Chair

- Thank Mr Miguel SOLER GOMIS (Spain) for his work as Vice-Chair of the Group of Parties.
- Elect Mr Tobias KAPPELMANN (Germany) as Vice Chair for one year (renewable).

7. Date of the next meeting

- Hold its next meeting in Strasbourg back-to-back with the 27th Plenary Meeting of CODEXTER in the afternoon of 12 November 2014.

8. Any other Business

- Instruct the Secretariat to prepare a draft decision concerning the confidentiality of documents issued by the Group of Parties. The decision shall lay down which categories of documents should be classified as “restricted”/”confidential”/”secret” respectively, and which documents may be considered as public. The draft decision shall be examined at the next meeting of the Group of Parties.

9. Adoption of the List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken

- Adopt the List of Items Discussed and Decisions Taken.