



Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

Strasbourg, 15 November 2019

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List of decisions adopted at the 19th meeting (Strasbourg 14 – 15 November 2019)

The adopted agenda of the 19th meeting is set out in the Appendix.

1. Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and order of business

GREVIO adopted its agenda (see Appendix) and draft order of business.

2. Item 6: Adoption of the report of GREVIO's 18th meeting and matters arising

GREVIO adopted the draft report of its 18th meeting (document GREVIO(2019)RAP18-prov) with slight modifications. The final meeting report appears as document GREVIO(2019)RAP18.

1st (baseline) evaluation

3. Item 8: Exchange on the final report on Serbia and decision to adopt the final report on Serbia by written procedure.

GREVIO discussed the final report on Serbia as amended in the light of the comments received from the national authorities. It agreed that GREVIO will, on an exceptional basis, proceed with the adoption of this report via written procedure given the late arrival and the high number of comments of the authorities.

4. Item 9: Adoption of the final report on Italy

GREVIO adopted its final report on Italy as amended in the light of the comments received from the national authorities. In accordance with GREVIO's Rules of Procedure (Rule 44 – Report and conclusions), the report will be transmitted to the national authorities who will be invited to submit any final comments within one month. At the expiry of this time-limit, the report and any comments received from the national authorities will be made public and sent to the Committee of the Parties.

5. Item 10: Adoption of the final report on the Netherlands

GREVIO adopted its final report on the Netherlands as amended in the light of the comments received from the national authorities. In accordance with GREVIO's Rules of Procedure (Rule 44 – Report and conclusions), the report will be transmitted to the national authorities who will be invited to submit any final comments within one month. At the expiry of this time-limit, the report and any comments received from the national authorities will be made public and sent to the Committee of the Parties.

6. Item 14: Adoption of the First General Report on GREVIO's activities

GREVIO adopted the first preliminary draft of its First General activity Report covering the work undertaken during the mandate of the first ten members of GREVIO (1 September 2015 to 31 May 2019) The final version of the report will be sent to GREVIO members for review and will be subsequently transmitted to the Committee of the Parties and the Committee of Ministers.

7. Item 15: Working methods

15.a Review of GREVIO's draft evaluation reports

With a view to ensuring responsibility for examining reports is shared, GREVIO agreed to complete a table outlining the members who shall take "primary responsibility" for reviewing and providing feedback on certain segments of the reports, while maintaining the possibility for all members to provide feed-back and flag paragraphs for discussion.

15.b Review of GREVIO's guidelines for evaluation visits

GREVIO agreed to the changes made to its Guidelines for visits and to the Guidelines on the Role of GREVIO Rapporteurs and the Secretariat in the context of evaluation visits with a view to ensuring that the Secretariat follows a consistent approach in supporting country rapporteurs and in order to standardise procedures across Council of Europe monitoring bodies.

15.c Working Group on third-party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)

GREVIO endorsed the proposal to establish a working group to prepare third-party interventions before the ECtHR and adopted the terms of reference of the working group. It appointed Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou and Helena Leitao as members and Biljana Branković and Sabine Kräuter-Stockton as substitute members to the group.

15.d Reservations

GREVIO discussed ways to make use of its prerogative under Article 79, paragraph 3 of the Istanbul Convention (establishing that if a State Party makes a reservation to the Convention, "it shall provide, before its renewal or upon request, an explanation to GREVIO, on the grounds justifying its continuance").

8. Item 17: GREVIO's approach to women in prostitution as a vulnerable group

GREVIO held a thematic discussion on the topic of women in prostitution as a group that is particularly vulnerable to gender-based violence and reached an agreement on the approach to be taken on this topic in its future evaluations.

9. Item 19: Dates of the next meeting

GREVIO decided to hold its 20th meeting from 4 and 5 March with the possibility of an additional half day] and its 21st meeting from 24 to 25 June 2019.

10. Item 20: Items to be put on the agenda of the next meeting

GREVIO agreed on the list of items for the next meeting of the GREVIO taking place from 4-5 March 2019.

11. Item 21: Other business

The Second Vice-President of the Bureau, Gender Equality Rapporteur for the Group informed the Group that she wished to relinquish her mandate as Gender Equality Rapporteur at the end of December 2019. The Group decided to designate Ms Rachel Eapen Paul as its second Gender Equality Rapporteur as from 1 January 2020, together with Biljana Branković.

APPENDIX

Agenda of the 19th meeting of GREVIO

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business
3. Administrative and budgetary questions
4. Oral report from the Bureau
5. Adoption of the report of GREVIO's 18th meeting and matters arising
6. State of signatures and ratifications of the Convention
7. Representation/Participation of members of GREVIO and its Secretariat in events of interest to GREVIO

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8. Adoption of the final report on Serbia
9. Adoption of the final report on Italy
10. Adoption of the final report on the Netherlands
11. Presentation by the Rapporteurs of issues arising from the state report submitted by Andorra
12. Presentation by the Rapporteurs of issues arising from the state report submitted by Malta
13. Presentation by the Rapporteurs of issues arising from the state report submitted by Slovenia
14. Adoption of the First General Report on GREVIO's activities
15. Working methods
 - 15.a Review of GREVIO's draft evaluation reports
 - 15.b Review of GREVIO's guidelines for evaluation visits
 - 15.c Working Group on third-party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
 - 15.d Reservations
16. GREVIO's approach to women in prostitution as a vulnerable group
17. Information on co-operation activities of the Council of Europe of interest to GREVIO
18. Communications received containing information for consideration by GREVIO
19. Dates of the next meeting

20. Items to be put on the agenda of the next meeting
21. Other business
22. Approval of the list of decisions adopted during the 19th meeting