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

Strasbourg, 23 May 2019 GREVIO/Inf(2019)LD17 prov

List of decisions adopted at the 17th meeting (Strasbourg 22 – 23 May 2019)

The adopted agenda of the 17th meeting is set out in the Appendix.

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

GREVIO adopted its agenda (see Appendix I) and draft order of business as amended. It decided to add under "other items" a discussion on issues related to parental alienation syndrome.

2. Item 3: Adoption of the report of GREVIO's 16th meeting and matters arising

GREVIO adopted the draft report of its 16th meeting (document [GREVIO(2018)RAP16-prov]). The final meeting report appears as document GREVIO(2019)RAP16.

3. Item 4: Oral report from the Bureau

GREVIO took note of information provided by the President of GREVIO regarding issues discussed by the Bureau and decided:

a) Procedural follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly or other adopted texts : agreed on the procedure in this regard and decided that the Secretariat prepares a preliminary draft which is circulated first to the Bureau and afterwards to GREVIO for adoption either during the meeting or by written procedure.

b) Agreed on the structure of the report as amended and decided that the report should cover the period from 1 September 2015 to 31 May 2019 to coincide with the mandate of the GREVIO in its current composition. GREVIO decided that the preface to the report will be prepared by the President of GREVIO for the period of September 2015 to May 2019.

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4. Item 7: Approval of the draft report on France

GREVIO approved the draft report subject to a number of modifications. In accordance with Article 68, paragraph 10 of the Convention, the draft report will be transmitted to the national authorities for comments. In addition, and in accordance with its Rules of Procedure (Rule 43), GREVIO agreed to set a time-limit of two months to receive comments.

5. Item 8: Adoption of the final report on Finland

GREVIO adopted its final report 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 10: Dates of the next meeting

GREVIO decided to hold its next meetings from 25-27 June 2019. It will be preceded by the mini meetings on 24 June 2019. It took note of information by the Executive Secretary on the possibility of an additional meeting in the last quarter of 2019 (subject to availability of resources) and decided to leave it to the GREVIO in its new composition to decide the dates of such a meeting.

7. Item 11: Items to be put on the agenda of the next meeting

GREVIO agreed on the list of items as amended for the next meeting of the GREVIO taking place from 25-27 June 2019.

8. Item 12: Other business

a) **Procedural follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly adopted texts**: Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment: GREVIO agreed on the reply and instructed the Secretariat to transmit GREVIO's comments to the Committee of Ministers Secretariat.

b) **Parental alienation and elated concepts**: GREVIO decided to mandate the President to raise these issues during the meeting of the Platform of regional and international mechanisms on women's rights for inclusion in the final statement of the Platform regarding issues related to child custody and domestic violence and in the framework of the Conference: Women's Rights at the Crossroads: Strengthening International Co-operation to Close the Gap between Legal Frameworks and their Implementation (Strasbourg 24 May 2019).

c) **Sexual harassment and sexual violence**: GREVIO decided to discuss this item in more detail during one of its future meetings to agree on a common approach on this issue in the preparation of the first baseline evaluation reports.

APPENDIX

Agenda of the 17th meeting of GREVIO

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

3. Adoption of the report of GREVIO's 16th meeting and matters arising

4. Oral report from the Bureau

5. State of signatures and ratifications of the Convention

6. Representation/Participation of members of GREVIO and its Secretariat in events of interest to GREVIO

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7. Approval of the draft report on France

8. Adoption of the final report on Finland

9. Communications received containing information for consideration by GREVIO

10. Dates of the next meeting

11. Items to be put on the agenda of the next meeting

12. Other business

13. Approval of the list of decisions adopted during the 17th meeting