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# **Committee of the Parties Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)**

**6th meeting**

Strasbourg, 25 January 2019  
Meeting Room G.01, Agora Building

## **List of decisions taken**

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**Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

The Committee adopted the draft agenda as it appears in document IC-CP(2019)OJ6prov

**Agenda item 2. Administrative and Budgetary Information**

The Committee took note of information provided by the secretariat.

**Agenda item 3. State of signatures and ratifications of the Istanbul Convention**

- a. Action taken by member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention
- b) Action taken by the European Union towards signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention
- c) Declarations and reservations

The Committee took note of information provided by the representatives of the State parties to the Istanbul Convention, the Executive Secretary and the presidencies of the European Union (Austria and Romania).

**Agenda item 4. Exchange of views with the President of the Group of Experts on Action**

On the basis of the proposed model recommendation, the Committee adopted recommendations under the first (baseline) evaluation round addressed to the Governments of Montenegro, Portugal, Sweden and Turkey. The recommendations are set out in documents IC-CP/Inf(2019)1, IC-CP/Inf(2019)2, IC-CP/Inf(2019)3, and IC-CP/Inf(2019)4.

**Agenda item 5. Exchange of views with the President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)**

The Committee took note of information provided by the President of GREVIO and welcomed the ensuing exchange.

**Agenda item 6. Information on the procedure for the election of ten new GREVIO members**

The Committee took note of information on the procedure for the election of ten new GREVIO members including deadline for the submission of candidates (1 February 2019)

**Agenda item 7. Opinion on the draft resolution on the financial modalities concerning the participation of non-state parties to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence [IC-CP(2019)5].**

The Committee took note of the draft resolution and expressed its favourable opinion in this regard.

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**Agenda item 8. Informal discussion on trends challenges and good practice at the level of States Parties [IC-CP(2019)6].**

Following the informal exchange, the Committee agreed on two thematic areas for discussion at its next meeting: custody and divorce (Belgium) and comprehensive and coordinated policies (Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Spain).

**Agenda item 9. Information on cooperation activities of the Council of Europe of interest to the Parties**

The Committee took note of information provided by the Secretariat.

**Agenda item 10. Election of Bureau members**

In accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee declared

- Ms Elisabeth WALAAS, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe, elected as Chair;
- Mr Gilles HEYVAERT, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the Council of Europe, elected as First Vice-Chair; and
- Mr João Maria CABRAL, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe, elected as Second Vice-Chair;

for a term of office of one year starting on 31 January 2019.

**Agenda item 11. Date of next meeting**

The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 1 and 2 of April 2019 in Strasbourg.

**Other Business 12. International Labour Organization (ILO): towards an international standard on violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work**

The Committee took note of information by the Belgium delegation and noted their encouragement to support the adoption of such a convention.