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

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List of decisions adopted at the 40th meeting (12-15 October 2026)

The adopted agenda of the 40th meeting is set out in the Appendix.

1. Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the agenda and order of business

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

2. Agenda item 11: Adoption of the report of GREVIO's 39th meeting and matters arising

GREVIO adopted the draft report of its 39th meeting (document GREVIO(2026)RAP39-prov). The final meeting report appears as document GREVIO(2026)RAP39.

3. Agenda item 15: Approval of the preliminary first thematic evaluation report on Germany

GREVIO approved its preliminary first thematic evaluation report on Germany, 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.

4. Agenda item 16: Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Georgia

GREVIO adopted its final first thematic evaluation report on Georgia 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. The report and any comments received from the national authorities will be made public and sent to the Committee of the Parties.

5. Agenda item 17: Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Norway

GREVIO adopted its final first thematic evaluation report on Norway 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. The report and any comments received from the national authorities will be made public and sent to the Committee of the Parties.

6. Agenda item 18: Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Switzerland

GREVIO adopted its final first thematic evaluation report on Switzerland 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. The report and any comments received from the national authorities will be made public and sent to the Committee of the Parties.

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7. Agenda item 19: Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Slovenia

GREVIO adopted its final first thematic evaluation report on Slovenia 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. The report and any comments received from the national authorities will be made public and sent to the Committee of the Parties.

8. Agenda item 21: Adoption of the draft questionnaire for GREVIO's second thematic evaluation round

Following a preliminary discussion at its 37th GREVIO meeting and reflecting the working group discussions held during GREVIO sits 38th meeting, GREVIO adopted its questionnaire for its second thematic evaluation round, which it decided to focus on 'Prevention and accountability'. It further decided to launch this new evaluation round in the same order of parties as for the baseline evaluation round as well as its first thematic evaluation round

9. Agenda item 22: Discussion of GREVIO's preliminary draft General Recommendation No.2

GREVIO decided to extend the mandate of its Working Group on a General Recommendation on preventing and combating gender-related killings of women and girls (GREVIO-GT-FEM) for one year until 31 December 2027.

10. Agenda item 24: Designation of rapporteurs

Having regard to GREVIO's planned schedule for the upcoming evaluation procedures of parties to the Convention, GREVIO designated rapporteurs, and substitute rapporteurs, for the first thematic evaluation procedures in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Moldova.

11. Agenda item 28: Nomination of gender equality rapporteur

GREVIO elected Pille Tsopp-Pagan as its gender equality rapporteur.

12. Agenda item 29: Dates of the next meeting

GREVIO decided to hold an ad hoc online meeting on 23 February, its 41st meeting from 7 to 9 April 2027, its 42nd meeting from 26 to 28 May 2027 and its 43rd meeting from 5 to 8 July 2027 in Strasbourg.

APPENDIX

Agenda of the 40th meeting of GREVIO

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Welcome and introduction of the newly elected members of GREVIO
3. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of GREVIO
4. Adoption of the agenda and order of business
5. Developments in the Council of Europe of relevance to GREVIO
6. Oral report from the Bureau
7. Administrative and budgetary questions
8. State of signatures and ratifications of the Convention
9. Induction session: Presentation of GREVIO's evaluation work and procedures to the newly elected GREVIO members
    - Roles and responsibilities of GREVIO members
    - Organisation of country visits
    - The Istanbul Convention through an intersectional lens
    - The HUDOC search engine
10. Taking stock of GREVIO's monitoring work over the course of 40 meetings
11. Adoption of the report of GREVIO's 39th meeting and matters arising
12. Representation of GREVIO in Council of Europe and international committees and bodies
13. Representation/participation of members of GREVIO and the Secretariat in events of interest to GREVIO
14. Communications received containing information for consideration by GREVIO
15. Approval of the preliminary first thematic evaluation report on Germany
16. Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Georgia
17. Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Norway
18. Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Switzerland
19. Adoption of the final first thematic evaluation report on Slovenia
20. Feedback on GREVIO's evaluation visit to the EU
21. Adoption of the draft questionnaire for GREVIO's second thematic evaluation round
22. Discussion of GREVIO's preliminary draft General Recommendation No. 2

23. Presentation in the area of expertise of GREVIO members:
    - What are the key questions to ask when visiting police stations? by Ivo Holc
    - What are the key questions to ask when visiting hospitals? by Marie-Claude Hofner

24. Designation of rapporteurs

25. Working methods

26. Information on co-operation activities of the Council of Europe of interest to GREVIO

27. Compilation of positive practices and developments

28. Nomination of gender equality rapporteur

29. Dates of the next meetings

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

31. Other business

32. Approval of the list of decisions during the 40th meeting