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- Steering Committee for Human Rights in the field of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO):
 - The Oviedo Convention (1997)
- Article 6 – Protection of persons not able to consent:
- *"The opinion of the minor shall be taken into consideration as an increasingly determining factor in proportion to his or her age and degree of maturity"*

- Strategic Action Plan on Human Rights and Technologies in Biomedicine (2020-25)
- Strengthening children's participation in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health
- Guide to good practice in development jointly with CD-ENF due to be completed end 2023.
- *"recognise the evolving nature of the decision-making capacity of children ... in matters regarding their own health" and "the rights and responsibilities of the child's legal representatives, and the child's interests interconnected with those of their family"*

- Continue helpful engagement with CDENF and this conference, including:
 - CDBIO Youth Forum for Bioethics
 - Joint meeting of respective Bureaus
 - Liaising with Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
- Exchange of updates from Member States on access to mental health services, education, out of school activities, protection from online harms and other services affected by the pandemic

