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| **1335th meeting, 30 January 2019**10 Legal questions**10.1 European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)**a. Report of the 93rd plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 14-16 November 2018)**Item to be considered by the GR-J at its meeting on 17 January 2019** |

**Introduction**

The European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) held its 93rd meeting in Strasbourg on 14‑16 November 2018. The meeting was chaired by Mr Lennart Houmann (Denmark), chairperson of CDCJ. The agenda, as adopted by the committee, appears in Appendix I to this report. The list of participants is available from the Secretariat.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Items submitted to the Committee of Ministers for decision**

- *Electronic evidence*

The Committee of Ministers is invited to examine and adopt the draft guidelines on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings (see document [CM(2018)169-add1](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2018)169-add1" \o "European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) - b. Draft guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings [1335 meeting])) and take note of their explanatory memorandum (see paragraphs 1-3 and document [CM(2018)169-add2](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2018)169-add2" \o "European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) - b. Draft guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings - Explanatory Memorandum [1335 meeting])).

* *Administrative detention of migrants (CJ-DAM)*

The Committee of Ministers is requested to provide clarification and instructions on how CDCJ and CJ-DAM should proceed in respect of the scope of its work in codifying existing international standards and on the timetable for this work, and adopt new terms of reference for CJ-DAM in light of such decisions as it might make in this respect (see paragraphs 4-12)[[3]](#footnote-3).

**Items submitted to the Committee of Ministers in reply to a request for comments**

*- Opinions*

1. The opinion of CDCJ on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2121 (2018) - “The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer” (see paragraph 34);
2. The opinion of CDCJ on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2141 (2018) - “Family reunification of refugees and migrants in the Council of Europe member States” (see paragraph 35).

**DECISIONS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED**

1. **Completed activities**
* *Electronic evidence*
1. CDCJ took note of the reports of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings of the drafting group responsible for preparing the draft guidelines on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings.
2. CDCJ examined and approved the draft guidelines on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings as they appear in document [CM(2018)169-add1](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2018)169-add1" \o "European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) - b. Draft guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings [1335 meeting]). It instructed the Secretariat to transmit the text to the Committee of Ministers, after revision by the legal and editorial services of the Secretariat, with a view to its adoption by the Ministers’ Deputies in 2019.
3. In the light of its examination of the draft guidelines, CDCJ examined and adopted the explanatory memorandum to the draft guidelines as it appears in document [CM(2018)169-add2](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2018)169-add2" \o "European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) - b. Draft guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings - Explanatory Memorandum [1335 meeting]) and authorised its publication subject to adoption of the guidelines by the Committee of Ministers and any consequent changes that might be required.

**B. On-going activities**

* *Administrative detention of migrants*
1. CDCJ took note of the reports of the 9th, 10th and 11th meetings of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants (CJ-DAM) and held a detailed exchange of views on proposals made by the European Union to modify the scope of the work of CJ-DAM.
2. CDCJ noted that in May 2018, the Council of the European Union had endorsed conclusions drawn up by the Presidency of the European Union regarding the work of CJ-DAM, and that these conclusions recorded the agreement of the EU Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion in relation to three principles: namely, (i) reducing the scope of the work of CJ-DAM to the conditions of detention, (ii) ensuring coherence and consistency of the work of CJ-DAM with the existing EU *acquis* whilst not pre-empting the outcome of reform of the Common European Asylum System, and (iii) organising co-ordination meetings to ensure adherence to principles (i) and (ii).
3. The chair of CJ-DAM, Mr João Arsénio de Oliveira (Portugal), explained to CDCJ how, if they were accepted, the EU proposals would modify the draft codifying instrument and he reported on the outcome of the 12th meeting of CJ-DAM that had been held on 12 November 2018 to specifically discuss the EU proposals concerning the scope of the future instrument and other related matters. The chair of CJ-DAM outlined the difficulties created by the EU internal co-ordination for the work of CJ-DAM, in particular the impossibility of achieving a consensus between the European Commission, representatives of EU member States in the committee, non-EU member States, Council of Europe bodies and other international organisations participating in the work of CJ-DAM on the parts of the draft codifying instrument which are the object of the EU proposals.
4. CDCJ recalled that the terms of reference of CJ-DAM required it to codify existing international standards relating to the conditions in which migrants are held in closed administrative centres and, as appropriate, in other places of non-penal detention in the form of a recommendation of the Committee of Ministers and using as a model the European Prison Rules.
5. CDCJ noted that CJ-DAM had in its work so far correctly interpreted the legal meaning of the term ‘conditions of detention’ as envisaged by its terms of reference and that the interpretation of this term by the European Commission would imply omitting existing standards relating to certain key types of conditions, notably duration (detention being for the shortest possible time), the importance of considering alternatives to detention, the exceptional nature of detaining persons in a vulnerable situation (notably children), detention being a measure of last resort, the need for procedures relating to detention to be lawful, not to be detained for the sole reason of having made an application for international protection, decisions to detain to be made only on an individual basis (i.e. not on a collective basis) and in writing, and the right to challenge the decision to detain.
6. CDCJ considered that the interpretation of the term ‘conditions of detention’ proposed by the European Commission presented CJ-DAM with a political rather than a legal dilemma, which neither it nor CDCJ was competent to resolve. Accordingly, CDCJ decided to request clarification and instructions from the Committee of Ministers on how, in light of the EU proposals, CDCJ, and CJ-DAM, should proceed in respect of the scope of its work in codifying existing international standards and on the timetable for this work.
7. Concerning the second principle endorsed by the Council of the European Union, CDCJ noted that the work of CJ-DAM was broadly in line with the existing EU *acquis* and that accordingly this was not an area of difficulty for the work of CJ-DAM.
8. CDCJ further noted that the current terms of reference of CJ-DAM will expire on 31 December 2018 and agreed that new terms of reference would be necessary in order that the work might be completed in accordance with such decisions as the Committee of Ministers might make in respect of the scope and timetable for this work.
9. In view of its decision to seek clarification from the Committee of Ministers on the issues of scope and timetable mentioned above, CDCJ decided to cancel the next meeting of CJ-DAM which had been convened for the 10-12 December 2018.
* *Online dispute resolution mechanisms*
1. CDCJ examined the technical study prepared and presented by Professor Julia Hörnle (Queen Mary University of London) on online dispute resolution mechanisms (document [CDCJ(2018)5](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CDCJ(2018)5)) and, on the basis of its conclusions, agreed to develop draft guidelines for the attention of policy-makers responsible for designing online dispute resolution mechanisms with a view to ensuring the compatibility of such mechanisms with Articles 6 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
2. CDCJ agreed to set up a drafting group of its members for the purpose of preparing the draft guidelines composed of 10 members and instructed its Bureau to agree its composition on the basis of expressions of interest and proposals from CDCJ members by 15 December 2018.
3. CDCJ adopted terms of reference for the drafting group as they appear in Appendix II.
4. CDCJ approved the publication of the technical study on its website.

*- Legal aid*

1. CDCJ took note of the reports of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the CDCJ working group on legal aid schemes and, in particular, the opinion of the working group on the feasibility of CDCJ preparing policy guidance in this area and on the scope of such guidance.
2. On the basis of the opinion, CDCJ agreed to develop draft guidance on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of legal aid schemes in the areas of civil and administrative law.
3. CDCJ agreed to set up a drafting group of its members for the purpose of preparing the draft guidelines composed of 10 members and instructed its Bureau to agree its composition on the basis of expressions of interest and proposals from CDCJ members by 15 December 2018.
4. CDCJ adopted terms of reference for the drafting group as they appear in Appendix III.
* *Gender equality mainstreaming in the law reform process*
1. CDCJ agreed to hold the planned ad hoc meeting of experts to exchange national experiences on mainstreaming gender equality issues in the process of law reform on the eve of its next plenary meeting.
2. CDCJ approved the draft programme and the other arrangements for the meeting prepared by its Bureau, as set out in the report of its 104th meeting.
3. The Bureau was instructed to agree the persons to be invited to the meeting on the basis of expressions of interest and proposals from CDCJ members. CDCJ took note that the number of persons to be covered by the Council of Europe budget would be subject to available resources.

- *Statelessness*

1. CDCJ agreed to undertake preliminary review of protocols and procedures used by member States to determine and resolve cases of statelessness, in particular of migrant children.
2. CDCJ agreed to set up a working group of its members for the purpose of this review composed of 10 members and instructed its Bureau to agree its composition on the basis of expressions of interest and proposals from CDCJ members by 15 December 2018.
3. CDCJ adopted terms of reference for the working group as they appear in Appendix IV.
* *Implementation of the Sofia Action Plan on Judicial Independence and Impartiality*
1. CDCJ examined the interim report prepared by the Secretariat on measures taken by member States in respect of the implementation of the five-year Council of Europe Plan of Action on strengthening judicial independence and impartiality which had been adopted on 13 April 2016, and took note of the information therein.
2. CDCJ took note of the weaknesses highlighted by the Secretariat in the quality of the information presented in the report. The committee instructed the Bureau to reflect on how best to overcome them in preparation for the final report at the end of the five-year action plan in 2021 and make proposals in this regard to CDCJ.

*- Continuing powers of attorney and advance directives for incapacity*

1. CDCJ approved the various proposals submitted by its Bureau as a follow-up to the review carried out in 2017 on the implementation by member States of Recommendation [CM/Rec(2009)11](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2009)11" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on principles concerning continuing powers of attorney and advance directives for incapacity (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 9 December 2009 at the 1073rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) on principles concerning continuing powers of attorney and advance directives for incapacity, as set out in the report of the 104th meeting of the Bureau. Furthermore CDCJ agreed that these proposals, which concern the development of promotional materials, publication of legislative developments on the CDCJ website, and support and assistance to member States, should be implemented progressively and as resources and time so permit. CDCJ instructed its Bureau to oversee implementation of these activities and make such decisions as necessary.

*- Calendar of activities for 2019*

1. CDCJ agreed the calendar of meetings for 2019 as it appears in Appendix V.
2. CDCJ took note that the budgetary situation of the Organisation in 2019 might require changes to the calendar of activities and instructed its Bureau to adapt their implementation, and the calendar of activities, in consequence.
3. **Future activities**

1. CDCJ instructed the Bureau to prepare, in consultation with the committee members, proposals for activities to be undertaken during the next biennium (2020-2021), taking account of the possible continuation of existing activities and of the following topics:
* Guidelines on how courts should determine applications by public authorities to suspend, limit, or cancel parental responsibilities;
* Guidelines on access to translation and interpretation in civil and administrative proceedings;
* Review of follow-up action by member States to Recommendation [CM/Rec(2007)14](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2007)14" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 10 October 2007 at the 1006th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe.

**D. Other items discussed**

* *Instruments prepared by CDCJ*
1. CDCJ took note of changes in the state of signature, ratification, accession, and entry into force of conventions for which it is the reference committee.
* *CDCJ Opinions*
1. CDCJ held a detailed exchange of views in relation to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2121 (2018) on “*The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer*” and adopted its opinion (document [CM/AS(2018)Rec2121-prov](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/AS(2018)Rec2121-prov" \o "\“The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer\” - Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2121 (2018) - Draft reply)).
2. CDCJ also adopted its opinion on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2141 (2018) on “*Family reunification of refugees and migrants in the Council of Europe member States*” (document [CM/AS(2018)Rec2141-prov](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/AS(2018)Rec2141-prov)).
3. The Secretariat was instructed to transmit the opinions to the Committee of Ministers.

*- Co-operation projects with member States in the field of justice and civil and administrative law*

1. CDCJ took note of the information provided by members of the Secretariat responsible for co-ordinating and implementing co-operation projects on legal aid schemes and the profession of lawyer.
2. CDCJ also took note of the information presented by the Secretariat General Structural Reform Support Service of the European Commission (SRSS) to increase awareness of the committee on (i) the funding scheme of co-operation projects supported by the SRSS to assist EU member States, (ii) the funding application process and (iii) the possibilities for using CDCJ expertise in the framework of relevant projects.
* *Legislative developments in member States in the areas of public and private law*
1. CDCJ took note of the information provided by Croatia, France and Turkey on legislative developments in the areas of public and private law and thanked the respective delegations for this information.
* *Work of other Council of Europe bodies*
1. CDCJ took note of the reports of its representatives in the meetings of other Council of Europe bodies and committees whose work is of relevance to CDCJ, as well as other events, as posted on its website throughout the year, or in the meeting reports of these bodies and committees in the absence of CDCJ participation.
2. CDCJ also took note of the information which appears in document [CDCJ(2018)9](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CDCJ(2018)9) on the ongoing and planned activities of other Council of Europe bodies and committees which are relevant to CDCJ work.
* *External co-operation*
1. CDCJ noted that there was no information to report on this item of the agenda.
* *Elections and appointments*
1. Mr Lennart Houmann (Denmark) was unanimously re-elected as chairperson for a second term of office of one year.
2. Mr João Arsénio de Oliveira (Portugal) was unanimously re-elected as vice-chairperson for a second term of office of one year.
3. Ms Kai Härmand (Estonia) was unanimously re-elected as a member of the Bureau for a second term of office, this time for two years.
4. Ms Judith Vailhé (France) was unanimously elected as a member of the Bureau for a term of office of one year (Article 13.d of the rules).
5. As a result of the above-mentioned elections[[4]](#footnote-4), the Bureau of CDCJ is composed as follows:

Chairperson: Mr Lennart Houmann (Denmark)

Vice-chairperson: Mr João Arsénio de Oliveira (Portugal)

Bureau members: Ms Kai Härmand (Estonia), Ms Judith Vailhé (France), Mr Christoph Henrichs (Germany), Mr Rodrigo Rodriguez, (Switzerland), and Mr Nic Turner (United Kingdom).

1. CDCJ instructed the Bureau to confirm or make such new appointments as necessary for the representatives of the Committee in the work and meetings of other Council of Europe bodies in 2019.
2. CDCJ appointed Ms Zuzana Fišerová (Czech Republic) and Mr Joseph Croonen (Netherlands) as its two Gender Equality Rapporteurs.
3. The committee agreed that one of its Gender Equality Rapporteurs should attend the meetings of the Bureau in 2019 at the cost of the Council of Europe budget.
* *Date and place of the next meeting*
1. CDCJ agreed to hold its next plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 13-15 November 2019.

**Appendix I

Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Statement of the Chair and Secretariat
4. On-going activities (Progress review)

- Administrative detention of migrants

- Continuing powers of attorney and advance directives for incapacity

- Online dispute resolution mechanisms

- Statelessness

- Legal aid

- Gender mainstreaming in the process of legal reform

1. Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings
2. Implementation of the Sofia Action Plan on Judicial Independence and Impartiality (interim report)
3. Programme & Budget for 2020-2021 (CDCJ activities - proposals)
4. Co-operation Projects with member states in the field of justice and civil and administrative law, and promotion of instruments prepared by CDCJ
5. Legislative developments in member states in the areas of public and private law
6. Work of other Council of Europe bodies
7. External co-operation
8. Elections and appointments
9. CDCJ Opinions
10. Any other business
11. Date and place of next meeting

**Appendix II**
**Online Dispute Resolution Mechanisms**
**Terms of reference for a CDCJ Drafting Group**

Tasks

The drafting group has the following tasks:

1. Draw up, on the basis of the conclusions of the Technical Study on online dispute resolution mechanisms ([CDCJ(2018)5](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CDCJ(2018)5)), guidelines for the attention of policy-makers responsible for designing online legal dispute resolution mechanisms in the member states with a view to ensuring that such mechanisms are compatible with Articles 6 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
2. The guidelines should address, in particular, the key principles of a fair trial and effective remedy identified by the European Court of Human Rights in its case-law, for example, the principles of oral hearing, public hearing, and equality of arms.
3. The guidelines should be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.
4. The drafting group should take full account of the draft guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on electronic evidence in civil and administrative proceedings (submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption by CDCJ at its 93rd plenary meeting).
5. The guidelines should not cover alternative dispute resolution. They also should not cover internal court case management of electronic files as these are electronic document and filing systems which are internal to the court system without access by external court users (such as the general public, parties or their representatives).
6. The drafting group should present the interim results of its work to the plenary meeting of CDCJ in 2019 with a view to presenting the final results of its work to the plenary meeting of CDCJ in 2020, and taking into account that in 2020 the Bureau of CDCJ should be able to consider the final results so that they can be submitted to CDCJ members thereafter at least three months before the committee’s plenary meeting.

Composition

The drafting group will be composed of 10 CDCJ members with expertise in online dispute resolution with an appropriate legal and/or IT profile provided that both profiles are fairly represented. The Council of Europe budget will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of these persons.

In addition, all member States may send representatives (or additional representatives as the case may be) to the drafting group at their own expense.

The group will be assisted by one or more consultants with an appropriate legal and IT profile.

Observers

Representatives of the following international and non-governmental organisations may be invited to participate in the work of the drafting group:

* World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)
* Society for Computers and Law (SCL), United Kingdom
* International Hague Network of Judges
* Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)
* European Commission of Effectiveness of Justice (CEPEJ)
* Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH).

Working methods

The drafting group may organise hearings, in particular with national bodies in member states, with a view to acquiring a better understanding of relevant national practices.

Meetings

Four two-day meetings in total during 2019 and 2020.

**Appendix III

Legal Aid Schemes**
**Terms of reference for a CDCJ Drafting Group**

The drafting group is established in light of the positive opinion of the CDCJ drafting group (CDCJ-GT-SAJ) on the feasibility on CDCJ preparing policy guidance on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of legal aid schemes and on the scope of such guidance as set out in the report of its 2nd meeting (document [CDCJ-GT-SAJ(2018)6](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CDCJ-GT-SAJ(2018)6)) and approved by CDCJ at its 93rd plenary meeting (14-16 November 2018).

Tasks

The drafting group has the following tasks:

1. Develop guidelines based on relevant practice in member states in the form of guidelines aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of legal aid schemes (including advice, assistance and representation) in the member states in the areas of civil and administrative law.
2. The guidelines should address the following areas:
* Early intervention with the help of legal aid systems (preliminary legal aid)
* Quality assurance mechanisms in the legal aid schemes
* Means and merits testing
* Availability of legal aid providers
* Data collection on legal aid schemes.
1. The guidelines should be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.
2. The guidelines should seek to provide generic solutions that can help make national legal aid schemes function more efficiently and effectively without changing their particular overall organisational framework.
3. The guidelines should be accompanied with information on how in practical terms particular elements of relevant practices in one member state can be adapted successfully to another. This may be done by, for example, identifying the critical factors that have enabled a particular practice to work successfully in a given policy environment.
4. The drafting group should take into account any existing work of governmental and non-governmental organisations, including the reports and studies of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ).
5. The drafting group should present the interim results of its work to the plenary meeting of CDCJ in 2019 with a view to presenting the final results of its work to the plenary meeting of CDCJ in 2020, and taking into account that in 2020 the Bureau of CDCJ should be able to consider the final results so that they can be submitted to CDCJ members thereafter at least three months before the committee’s plenary meeting.

Composition

The drafting group will be composed of 10 CDCJ members with expertise in legal aid policy and practice. The Council of Europe budget will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of these persons.

In addition, all member States may send representatives (or additional representatives as the case may be) to the drafting group at their own expense.

The group will be assisted by one or more consultants, one of which should be familiar with legal aid schemes in civil law systems.

Observers

Representatives of the following international organisations and non-governmental organisations, focusing their work on access to justice and legal aid, may be invited to participate in the work of the drafting group:

* United Nations (UN)
* Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
* European Union (EU)
* World Bank (WB)
* Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI)
* International Legal Aid Group (ILAG)
* Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
* European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ).

Working methods

The drafting group may organise hearings, in particular with national bodies in member states, including civil society representatives, with a view to acquiring a better understanding of relevant national practices.

Meetings

Four two-day meetings in total during 2019 and 2020.

**Appendix IV

Protocols and procedures in cases of statelessness**

**Terms of reference for a CDCJ Working Group**

Main tasks

The working group is instructed to review the protocols and procedures used by member States (i) to determine, in cases where it is uncertain, the nationality of recently arrived migrants (in particular, children) as well as (ii) to resolve cases of statelessness, and identify:

* Possible gaps and new challenges in this field;
* Practical difficulties encountered by both national authorities and stateless persons;
* Recent initiatives and practices undertaken in the different Member States in response to these difficulties and new challenges;
* Ongoing initiatives by other key stakeholders;
* Possible activities that could be carried out by the CDCJ within the framework of its mandate for 2019-2020.

Composition

The working group will be composed of 10 CDCJ members or national colleagues with expertise in determining, processing and resolving cases of statelessness at national level. The Council of Europe budget will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of these persons.

Additional experts from the member States may be invited to participate in the working group at the expense of the Council of Europe, subject to available resources.

In addition, all member States may send representatives (or additional representatives as the case may be) to the working group at their own expense.

Observers

The Bureau of CDCJ is instructed to identify possible observers working directly on statelessness which may be invited to participate in the work of the working group.

Working methods and meetings

The working group will hold one ad hoc meeting (2 days). A consultant will be appointed to prepare a detailed analysis of the review which shall be presented to CDCJ at its plenary meeting in 2019.

**Appendix V

Calendar of meetings for 2019**

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| CDCJ-BU | 105th meeting of CDCJ Bureau | 21-22 March |
| CDCJ-GT-RLL | 1st meeting of the CDCJ Drafting Group on Online Dispute Resolution Mechanisms | March  |
| CDCJ-GT-APA | Ad hoc meeting of the working group of CDCJ members (or national experts) and key stakeholders on statelessness | April/May  |
| CDCJ-GT-SAJ2 | 1st meeting of the CDCJ drafting group on Legal Aid Schemes | June  |
| CJ-DAM | 13th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Administrative Detention of Migrants | To be confirmed |
| CDCJ-BU | 106th meeting of CDCJ Bureau | Paris, 16-17 September (to be confirmed) |
| CDCJ-GT-RLL | 2nd meeting of the CDCJ Drafting Group on Online Dispute Resolution Mechanisms | September  |
| CDCJ-GT-SAJ2 | 2nd meeting of the CDCJ drafting group on Legal Aid Schemes | October |
| CDCJ-AH-AIE | Ad hoc meeting of CDCJ members on gender equality mainstreaming in the process of law reform | 12 November |
| CDCJ | 94th plenary meeting of CDCJ | 13-15 November |

1. This document has been classified restricted until examination by the Committee of Ministers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. At this plenary meeting of CDCJ, the member States were represented by 22 women and 24 men, 48% and 52% respectively. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Note from the Secretariat: this question will be discussed by the GR-J at its meeting on 26 February 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The respective terms of office will take effect from 1st January 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)