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(PC-CP)

**24th (video conference) meeting of the Working Group
Strasbourg, 29-30 June 2020**

SUMMARY MEETING REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The PC-CP Working Group (WG), which met via a video conference link:

- Took note of the opening words by Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe who expressed regret that a number of activities had to be cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19, including one of the PC-CP WG meetings and the 25th Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services (CDPPS). He thanked the members for reacting promptly to this pandemic in line with the guidance provided by other Council of Europe bodies and published a statement on 17 April 2020. He also thanked the PC-CP for the hard and high quality work related to the revision of the European Prison Rules (EPR) and informed that the EPR will be on the Committee of Ministers (CM) agenda for adoption on 1 July 2020, after their consideration on 18 June 2020 by the CM Working Group on Legal Questions (GR-J) and that afterwards the Council of Europe will count on the PC-CP delegates among others for promoting and helping in the implementation of the EPR;
- Mr Kleijssen praised also the quality and importance of the SPACE publications which attracted this year again a lot of media attention;
- Discussed the request for observer status with the PC-CP made by the International Corrections and Prison Association (ICPA) and agreed that, in accordance with the existing procedure, invitations to their representatives to attend the PC-CP meetings should be sent after the CDPC plenary at the end of the year will take a decision on this issue. This does not apply to inviting the ICPA to attend the CDPPS and invitations will be sent in due course as has been the case so far;
- Considered and revised the draft programme of the 25th CDPPS (9-10 November 2020, Strasbourg) and discussed its overall organisation;
- Took note of the information provided by the Secretariat that the Conference on measuring cybercrime, which was planned to be held at the beginning of May 2020 was postponed to 29-30 October 2020. Its title will be "Measuring cybercrime in the time of covid-19: the role of crime and criminal justice statistics". Invitations will be sent out shortly and it is coordinated with the Secretariat of the TC-Y Committee;
- Took note of that the stock-taking report on the existing standards related to mental health of offenders will be ready in July and will be discussed at the PC-CP WG meeting in September 2020;
- Thanked the scientific experts and the Secretariat for reflecting the written comments sent on the draft CM Recommendation regarding the assessment, management and reintegration of persons accused or convicted of a sexual offence and its draft explanatory report (Document PC-CP(2019)3rev8), considered it and introduced additional changes to it ;
- Agreed that Professor Kieran McCartan sends the draft as it stands now for information and possible comments to the professional associations working in this area which have already provided their input to the previous draft and noted that the draft Recommendation and its explanatory report will be on the PC-CP plenary meeting agenda and then on the CDPC plenary meeting agenda at the end of the year with a view to their adoption by the Committee of Ministers early next year;
- Noted that 9 women and 6 men took part in the online meeting of whom 6 women and 3 men are members of the PC-CP WG. Further noted that under each point of the agenda the participants were fully aware of the gender mainstreaming aspects and the safeguarding of the principle of non-discrimination. Issues related to these aspects were discussed and reflected also in the draft CM Recommendation regarding the assessment, management and reintegration of persons accused or convicted of a sexual offence;
- Noted that in the 25th CDPPS draft programme there is a balanced distribution of men and women speakers and moderators, as well as balanced geographical distribution.
- Confirmed that the dates of their next PC-CP WG meeting (8-10 September 2020) and of the PC-CP plenary meeting (13-15 October 2020).

**VIDEO CONFERENCE
24TH MEETING OF THE PC-CP WORKING GROUP
29 June (9h30-12h00)
30 June (9h30-12h00)
(*open only to PC-CP Working Group Members*)**

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the draft agenda.
2. Information by the Secretariat and the Chair and exchange of views with the Members.
3. 25th CDPPS (Strasbourg, 9-10 November 2020).
4. ICPA request for observer status.
5. Consideration of the amendments suggested to the draft CM Recommendation regarding the assessment, management and reintegration of persons accused or convicted of a sexual offence and its draft explanatory report (this item was discussed on 30 June with the attendance of the scientific experts).
6. Any other business.

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