

Protection of victims of terrorist acts

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under the aegis of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

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PROGRAMME

14:00 **OPENING SESSION**

14:00 **Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS**, Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe

14:05 **Ambassador Jean-Baptiste MATTEI**, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of Ministers

14:10 **Mr Christos GIAKOUMOPOULOS**, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, DGI - "The revised Guidelines on the protection of victims of terrorism in context"

14:20 **Mr Wojciech SAWICKI**, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - "Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism"

14:30 **Mr Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS**, President of the European Court of Human Rights "Terrorism and Human Rights - challenges for the European Court of Human Rights"

14:40 **WORKING SESSION I**

The revised Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on the protection of victims of terrorist acts

14:40 **Mr Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE**, CDDH Representative before the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT) - "Presentation of the revised Guidelines on the protection of victims of terrorist acts"

14:50 **Mr Mario JANEČEK**, President of the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT) "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Committee"

15:00 **Mr Ledi BIANKU**, former judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Associate Professor, University of Strasbourg - "The European Convention on Human Rights and victims of terrorism"

15:10 **Ms Annick HIENSCH**, Liaison Officer, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism, "United Nations action in support of victims of terrorism"

15:15 **Mr Edo KORLJAN**, CDDH Secretariat - "Analysis of replies of the Council of Europe Member States to the CDDH questionnaire"

15:20 **Discussion**

15:50 **Coffee break**

- 16:20 **WORKING SESSION II**
Best practices in the protection of human rights of victims of terrorist acts
- 16:20 **Ms Elisabeth PELSEZ**, Interdepartmental Delegate for victims support, France
"The French system of caring for and supporting victims of terrorism"
- 16:35 **Ms Jelena WATKINS**, Psychotherapist and Support Officer for Disaster Action, "Lessons learnt in the UK in provision of psychosocial support following terror attacks at home and abroad"
- 16:45 **Ms An VERELST**, Psychiatrist, Ghent University, Belgium
INVICTM International Network Supporting Victims of Terrorism and Mass Violence
"Psychosocial support to victims of terrorism in Belgium"
- 17:00 **Mr Ahmet MOLLAMAHMUTOĞLU**, Reporter Judge, Ministry of Justice, Turkey
"Legal and financial aid provided to the victims of terrorist acts in Turkey"
- 17:10 **Ms Aleksandra IVANKOVIĆ**, Deputy Director, Victim Support Europe
"Addressing the needs of victims of terrorism"
- 17:25 **Discussion**
- 18:00 **Conclusion**
Concluding remarks and official closing of the Workshop by the Chair of the CDDH
- 18:10 ***Vin d'honneur* offered by the French Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**