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Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to respectively as “the Committee” and “the Convention”) held its 8th meeting on 30-31 January 2020 in Strasbourg. It adopted the draft agenda of the meeting as it appears in document IC-CP(2020)OJ8prov1 and which is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants is set out in Appendix II.

2. The Chair informed the Committee of recent developments related to preventing and combating violence against women, in particular the adoption of [CM/Rec\(2019\)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on preventing and combating sexism](#) adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 March 2019 at the 1342th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies as well as the adoption of the Parliamentary Assembly [Resolution 2289 \(2019\) on the Istanbul Convention – achievements and challenges and Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2152 \(2019\)](#) and Resolution 2274 (2019) “Parliaments free from sexism and sexual harassment and its brochure [“Parliaments free from sexism and sexual harassment”](#)”.

Agenda item 2. Administrative and Budgetary Information

3. The Executive Secretary informed the Committee about the latest developments regarding budget.

Agenda item 3. State of signatures and ratifications of the Istanbul Convention

a) Action taken by member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention

4. The Chair indicated that no new signatures and/or ratifications of the Convention had been submitted since the last meeting of the Committee of the Parties and consequently the number of Parties to the Convention continued to stand at 34. While important steps were taken in Moldova towards the presentation of a bill of ratification to parliament, many other signatories to the Convention were experiencing significant obstacles to ratification.

5. The Executive Secretary stressed that the Council of Europe was actively providing support to member states' efforts and activities towards ratification of the convention. Efforts were being made to highlight the added value of the Convention and to dispel misconceptions in a number of signatories. By way of example, she informed the Committee of a high-level contact visit to Armenia, which had taken place in late October/early November 2019 and which had included the GREVIO President and the Vice-President of the Venice Commission. The aim of this visit had been to hold meetings with public officials, engage in the public debate on the Istanbul Convention through media interviews, and raise the visibility of the Venice Commission's published [opinion \(CDL\(2019\)018\)](#) on the Constitutional implications of the ratification of the Istanbul Convention by Armenia. This opinion had been requested by the Armenian authorities to help explain the scope of the Convention, counter opposition to its ratification and pave the way towards ratification.

b) Action taken by the European Union towards signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention

6. The Chair invited the delegates of Finland, Croatia and Germany to take the floor in their capacity as states parties holding the past, current and incoming Presidencies of the Council of the European Union in order to share their past and/or future efforts to promote the ratification of the Istanbul Convention by both the European Union and its member states. All expressed their unequivocal commitment to keeping this on the agenda and highlighted individual activities that sought to pursue this

aim. The delegate of **Finland** informed the Committee, inter alia, of the conference y “Stop the Backlash/ Stop Domestic Violence” held in Helsinki in November 2019, which was a side event of the official programme of the Finnish EU Presidency, as well as the presentation by the Vice-President of the Venice Commission to the EU Council FREMP Working Party on its opinion on the Constitutional implications of ratification of the Istanbul Convention by Armenia in October 2019. The delegate of **Croatia** assured the Committee of its commitment to support EU ratification of the Convention within the legal framework offered by the EU treaties and referred to the opinion by the European Court of Justice on this question which is to be issued during the course of the year. The delegate of **Germany** shared the authorities’ readiness to identify ways in which to support EU ratification, including on the basis of the awaited ECJ opinion and informed the Committee of the plans for a high-level conference to be held in November 2020 in co-operation with EIGE. Moreover, Mr Peter Ibold, Deputy Head of the **European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe**, presented information on action taken by institutions of the European Union towards EU ratification of the Istanbul Convention. He drew attention to the resolution adopted in November 2019 by the European Parliament calling for the ratification and informed the Committee that the European Court of Justice will be issuing an opinion on the EU ratification of the convention. He also recalled that the standards of the convention will be included in the new EU Gender Equality Strategy.

c) Declarations and reservations

7. The Executive Secretary informed the Committee that GREVIO decided, at its 19th meeting, to request Parties under evaluation to provide an explanation on the grounds justifying the continuance of any reservation entered to the Convention, in accordance with the terms of Article 79, paragraph 3, of the Convention. Subsequently, the authorities in Poland and Romania had requested to provide such an explanation within the deadline of submission of the state report to GREVIO. The aim is to make use of the information provided during an ongoing or future evaluation procedure or in the framework of any follow-up to a past evaluation. Moreover, it was recalled that as part of the exchange of letters between the Treaty Office and state parties to conventions ahead of the expiry of reservations, parties to the Istanbul Convention are now requested to provide an explanation to GREVIO as to the grounds that justify the renewal or request for a reservation in conformity with Article 78, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Istanbul Convention. As a result, GREVIO was beginning to receive valuable information on the reasons for reservations.

Agenda item 4. Exchange of views with the President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

8. The Chair recalled that in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Committee regularly meets with the President of GREVIO for updates on the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention by GREVIO, as well as any other issue relating to the functioning of the monitoring mechanism of the Convention. In this context, she welcomed the President of GREVIO, Professor Marceline Naudi on behalf of the Committee.

9. In her intervention, Professor Naudi focused on GREVIO’s achievements since 2015. Over the last years, GREVIO has developed its working methods, intensified its co-operation with other entities, embarked on the interpretation of the provisions of the convention and is beginning to consolidate its findings and jurisprudence. Sharing some highlights of GREVIO’s recently adopted First General Activity Report, she underlined that GREVIO’s work has shed light on the positive impact of the convention as well as the persisting challenges related to its implementation. While referring, among others, to shortcomings in service provision, funding levels for policies and measures and data collection on the different forms of violence against women, she highlighted that women and children remain highly exposed to violence in the exercise of visitation and custody rights. She informed the Committee that in this context GREVIO had submitted its first third party intervention in a case before the European Court of Human Rights (Kurt v. Austria).

10. In the following exchange of views, delegates of Albania, Belgium, Finland, Serbia and Slovenia, among others, took the floor, expressing their appreciation for GREVIO’s work and stressed in particular

the learning aspect of GREVIO's evaluation procedure, the holistic nature of its assessment and the constructive support it provides by identifying challenges and offering proposals to address them. Several speakers highlighted the relevance of GREVIO baseline evaluation reports beyond the national context. The Chair seized this opportunity to recall that GREVIO's reports provide a valuable benchmark for further measures to prevent and combat violence against women and that the members of the Committee should disseminate them widely. In the ensuing discussion on the role of GREVIO during the post-monitoring phase, it was emphasised that states parties were under the obligation to implement the findings contained in GREVIO's baseline evaluation reports and to report to the Committee of the Parties on the measures taken in response to the recommendations issued. Other Council of Europe entities such as in the area of co-operation activities and the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals Programme (HELP) stood ready to offer technical support to member states of the Council of Europe, including in the area of combating violence against women.

Agenda item 5. Recommendations on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention by:

- **Finland** [IC-CP(2020)3 prov]
- **France** [IC-CP(2020)1 prov]
- **Italy** [IC-CP(2020)2 prov]
- **Netherlands** [IC-CP(2020)4 prov]
- **Serbia** [IC-CP(2020)5 prov]

11. The Chair recalled the discussions held during the 4th meeting of the Committee of the Parties which took place in Strasbourg on 30 January 2018 on the adoption of Recommendations by the Committee of the Parties in light of GREVIO's reports and proposals/suggestions (IC-CP(2018)6). During that meeting, the Committee agreed to adopt a standard approach to recommendations in light of GREVIO's reports and proposals/suggestions, namely:

- a) to endorse GREVIO's report in its entirety and,
- b) to issue recommendations combined with a request to the state party concerned to report back after a period of three years with respect to those proposals/suggestions in the report which are either qualified by an "urge" or, as regards Chapters I and II, by a "strongly encourage".

12. In the exchange that ensued, the delegate from **Finland** welcomed the publication of the GREVIO baseline evaluation report and informed the Committee that several measures have been taken already with a view to implementing its findings. A dedicated seminar was organised by the authorities to discuss the report and the related findings have been largely reflected in the work of the NAPE, the Finnish co-ordinating body. Several efforts to work towards the elimination of violence against women have also been taken onboard in the current Government's Programme, with a specific focus on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. More specifically, attention will be devoted to strengthening the training of various professionals, including the police; the financial and human resources of the NAPE have been increased over the next two years; an action plan to prevent violence against women is currently being drawn up in close co-operation with all relevant authorities, NGOs and researchers and a post for an independent rapporteur on violence against women has been foreseen. The delegate added that GREVIO's findings related to sexual offences will also be considered in the context of the revision process of the Finnish Criminal Code. Finally, the delegate clarified that the range of services for victims of sexual violence are to be extended and their availability across Finland will be improved, including in remote areas. The delegate from the **Netherlands** welcomed the GREVIO baseline evaluation report and explained that the authorities have ensured its translation into Dutch and that a debate on the content of the report and its implementation is planned in Parliament in autumn. The delegate further clarified that the GREVIO report has been sent to NGOs, that it has received a broad coverage by the media and that the Government is already implementing a number of findings from the report. The delegate from **Serbia** indicated that while the GREVIO baseline evaluation report has not yet been translated into Serbian nor has been the subject of a dedicated discussion, there are

plans to hold such discussion in Parliament and to disseminate the report to relevant authorities. The delegate explained to the committee that Serbia will initially focus on the amendments needed in the criminal code to align the rape offence to the provisions of the Istanbul Convention but that it had plans to turn all of GREVIO's findings into a national action plan in the future. The delegate added that Serbia has undertaken some work with a view to improving the SOS helpline; that the authorities are currently initiating a dialogue with NGOs/sector providers to try to overcome barriers that prevent them from securing licenses; and that violence in school and digital violence is being looked into with concrete measures.

13. The delegate from **Italy** expressed the Italian authorities' appreciation for the frank and open dialogue with GREVIO during the evaluation procedure which culminated in its baseline evaluation report on Italy. She underlined Italy's full commitment to take into consideration GREVIO's proposals and suggestions, such as the requirement to develop comprehensive and harmonised data collection and the need to reinforce the prevention of violence against women by countering sexist stereotypes. The delegate referred to the enactment of recent legislation (known as the "Red Code") which contains several measures, such as the introduction of new criminal offences, which go in the direction called for in GREVIO's report on Italy. The delegate from **France** welcomed the recent publication of GREVIO's baseline evaluation report on France and the positive change it brings in terms of proposing solutions to improve existing mechanisms to prevent and combat violence against women. She relayed her authorities' appreciation for the climate of trust which permeated their exchanges with the designated GREVIO country rapporteurs. The delegate recalled the role played by France in promoting the universal value of the Istanbul Convention as a global blueprint for laws and policies to prevent violence against women. She referred further to the recent nation-wide consultation process (*le Grenelle des violences conjugales*) which was launched in September 2019. The *Grenelle* involved all relevant stakeholders among public institutions and civil society to discuss ways forward and took on board several suggestions and proposals formulated by GREVIO in its report, such as for example the need to improve law-enforcement agencies' first response to violence and to ensure the adequate protection of victims exposed to the risk of multiple discrimination. The implementation of all these measures will be closely monitored by the body entrusted with the evaluation of policies on violence against women, the Haut Conseil à l'Egalité Femmes Hommes (HCE), on the basis of indicators which it is developing to this end. The Committee **adopted the draft recommendations for Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands and Serbia**, based on the standard approach agreed during the 4th meeting of the Committee of the Parties which took place in Strasbourg on 30 January 2018 on the adoption of Recommendations by the Committee of the Parties in light of GREVIO's reports and proposals/suggestions (IC-CP(2018)6).

Agenda item 6. Exchange of views with Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

14. Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), provided the Committee with a presentation of the Bank's mandate and activities. The main goals pursued by the Bank are to foster inclusion and to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations. To this end, the Bank organises its activities along three lines of action: supporting sustainable and inclusive growth, developing adaptation and mitigation measures in the face of climate change, and contributing to the long-term integration of migrants and vulnerable population groups. The Bank's activities are relevant to the prevention of violence against women in two ways. First, the Bank lends financial support to measures designed to implement states' undertakings under the Istanbul Convention. Projects benefiting from this kind of support are carried out mainly at community level, where local authorities are often responsible for the provision of the relevant support services. As an example, the Vice-Governor of the CEB mentioned the loan benefiting the autonomous community of Madrid for the parental support services it provides in co-operation with specialist NGOs. Second, the Bank integrates the standards of the Istanbul Convention in its funding schemes in terms of social safeguards: when assessing a project proposal, it systematically considers gender-specific risks which may be project-induced such as the risks of gender-based violence and harassment of female workers around construction sites. Tomáš Boček concluded his presentation by encouraging members of the Committee of the Parties to inform their authorities about the possibility to access CEB financing.

15. During the ensuing exchange of views, the Vice-Governor of the CEB specified that the Bank can issue loans to three categories of entities: states, local authorities and commercial banks. NGOs cannot access CEB financing, however the Bank strongly encourages partnerships between public authorities and civil society organisations. The Bank covers from 50 to 70% of the total costs of projects and can also issue grants to finance the necessary technical expertise to frame projects. In response to a question raised by the delegate from Finland, Tomáš Boček explained how the Bank ensures a human rights-based approach during all the phases of the project cycle, from the project design to its implementation and evaluation. As for the pre-conditions to join the CEB, any state wishing to become a member of the Bank is required to pay a share of its capital. Tomáš Boček's presentation is available on the Committee of the Parties' restricted website.

Agenda item 7. Keeping up momentum: presentations by outgoing and incoming Presidencies of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe – France, Georgia and Greece

16. The Chair recalled the need to ensure support for the Istanbul Convention at all levels, including that of the Presidency of the Council of Europe. She stressed the importance for the Committee of the Parties to remain informed of past, present and future initiatives to this end taken in the framework of the Council of Europe Chairmanship. She invited the delegates of France and Georgia to give an overview of measures taken and planned to this extent and informed the Committee that tragic circumstances had not permitted the Greek delegate to attend the meeting.

17. The **Georgian** delegate representing the current Council of Europe Presidency stated the four priority areas; human rights and environmental protection, child friendly justice, culture and youth engagement. In relation to violence against women, the delegate specified that an informal meeting of the Committee of Ministers on cyberviolence against women and girls took place in Strasbourg in order to identify areas for future action. Women, including girls, journalists, politicians and human rights defenders were disproportionately targeted by on-line violence with a view to silencing them. In this connection, the Finnish delegate expressed an interest in the content of the exchange and requested to add on-line/cyberviolence as a topic for discussion in the next meeting of the Committee of the Parties.

18. The **French** delegate provided an overview of France's initiatives to promote the Istanbul Convention, and more generally, in the area of violence against women during its Presidency. Highlighting the continuity with the excellent work carried out during the Finnish Presidency in the area of violence against women, he stressed that the French President had identified violence against women as a priority area during his presidency and mentioned a number of measures that have accordingly been taken. Notably, at the international level, resources have been ear-marked for development co-operation in Africa in the area of education for young girls. Moreover, the declaration issued by the Group of G7 included a commitment to collect, world-wide, information on laws that are the most favorable to advancing women's rights. As regards action taken specifically at the Council of Europe, during the World Forum for Democracy, the Minister for Equality between Women and Men, Marlène Schiappa, announced a campaign to promote the Istanbul Convention and dispel the myths surrounding it. Moreover, a conference had been organised together with the Directorate General on Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) on the role and best practices of the police in countering domestic violence and support had been given to the Council of Europe campaign on sexism. The delegate added that the GREVIO baseline evaluation report on France had been examined very closely by the authorities and that as a result of the high level talks on domestic violence held at the end of 2019, concrete measures have been taken to strengthen the referral/treatment of perpetrators, including the adoption in first reading of a law in this area.

Agenda item 8. Election of Bureau members

19. In accordance with Rule 4 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee declared

- Ms Nina NORDSTRÖM, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Finland, elected as Chair;
- Mr Breifne O'REILLY, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Ireland, as First Vice-Chair; and
- Ms Albana DAUTLLARI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Albania, elected as Second Vice-Chair;

for a term of office of one year starting on 1 February 2020, renewable once.

Agenda item 9. Thematic discussions on trends, challenges and good practice at the level of States Parties

20. The Chair recalled the decision of the Committee to hold thematic discussions on issues related to the implementation of the Convention. She drew attention to the fact that these exchanges are informal and aim to provide an opportunity for participants to allow for peer-to-peer exchange of information including on challenges and practices that stem from efforts to implement the convention, GREVIO's findings and the Committee of Parties recommendations. In pursuit of this aim, the delegates of Turkey, Albania and Monaco took the floor to present on national measures taken in the area of data collection (Turkey), social and health services dealing with violence against women (Albania) and measures taken and challenges in implementing the Istanbul Convention (Monaco).

21. The Committee took note of the above presentations and decided to have thematic discussions at its next meeting based on the following topics as proposed by the respective delegates:

- a) National statistics on health care and social services, and the prevention of violence against women (Sweden)
- b) Actions taken in the realm of Cyber-violence (Slovenia)
- c) Risk assessments tools (Belgium).

Agenda item 10. Date of next meeting

22. The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 15 December 2020 in Strasbourg.

Agenda item 11. Other business

23. The Committee decided to appoint Ms Ljiljana Loncar (Serbia) as Gender Equality Rapporteur.

Agenda item 12. Adoption of the list of decisions taken

24. The Committee adopted the list of decisions as set out in document IC-CP/Inf(2020)LD8.

Appendix I

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 - a) Action taken by member States of the Council of Europe towards ratification of the Istanbul Convention
 - b) Action taken by the European Union towards signature and ratification of the Istanbul Convention
 - c) Declarations and reservations
4. Exchange of views with the President of GREVIO, Marceline Naudi – 30 January, 14:45
5. Recommendations on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention by:
 - Finland [IC-CP(2020)3 prov]
 - France [IC-CP(2020)1 prov]
 - Italy [IC-CP(2020)2 prov]
 - Netherlands [IC-CP(2020)4 prov]
 - Serbia [IC-CP(2020)5 prov]

----- Vin d'honneur – 30 January, 18:00-19:00 -----
6. Exchange of views with Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank – 31 January, 9:00 am
7. Keeping up momentum: presentations by outgoing and incoming Presidencies of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe – France, Georgia and Greece
8. Election of Bureau members [[Rules of procedure](#)].
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Appendix II

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