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(CDDH)**

**BUREAU
OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(CDDH-BU)**

REPORT

104th meeting
Visioconference, 29 October 2020

1. The Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU) held its 104th meeting on 29 October 2020 by visioconference due to the measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was chaired by Mr Morten RUUD (Norway). The list of participants appears in Appendix I.

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The Bureau examined the draft annotated agenda prepared by the Secretariat for the 93rd CDDH plenary meeting (14-16 December 2020, Strasbourg, to be held by visioconference KUDO) and agreed to propose the draft annotated agenda as it appears in Appendix II to the CDDH. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH will proceed to elections at this occasion. It noted that the Secretariat will transmit in due time information on the way to vote electronically, a procedure applied successfully by other bodies within the Organisation.

3. The Bureau suggested the order of business as it appears in Appendix III.

ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

4. The Bureau took note of document CDDH(2020)08 which contains the comments adopted by the CDDH by written procedure since its 92nd meeting (26-29 November 2019)¹.

ITEM 3: WORK ON THE SYSTEM OF THE CONVENTION

3.1 Follow-up to the Interlaken Declaration

5. The Bureau welcomed the decisions the Committee of Ministers will take on 4 November 2020 on the 70th anniversary of the Convention regarding the follow-up of the *Interlaken Process*. These decisions, as a result from the Contribution received from the CDDH, appear in Appendix IV.

6. The Bureau thanked the Secretariat for publishing within a short period of time, on the CDDH website and in hard copies, a compilation of the CDDH's Contribution and the Comments from the Court on it as well as the follow-up Decisions adopted by the Committee of Ministers. The Bureau expressed its great appreciation to the Secretary General who wrote the preface of this publication.

3.2 CDDH *ad hoc* negotiation Group on the accession of the EU to the ECHR ("47+1 Group")

7. The Bureau exchanged views with the Chairperson of the CDDH *ad hoc* negotiation Group on the accession of the EU to the ECHR ("47+1 Group"), Ms Tonje MEINICH (Norway). She informed the Bureau of the results of the 7th meeting of the "47+1 Group" which was held from 30 September to 1 October 2020 in a so-called hybrid format, with some delegates present in the meeting room, others following the meeting by visioconference.

8. She stressed that this meeting had been the first real opportunity for the "47+1 Group" to discuss substantive issues since the adoption by the Group of the draft instruments of accession in April 2013 and of Opinion 2/13 by the Court of Justice of the European Union of 18 December 2014. As the discussions had taken place in a constructive spirit, the Chairperson was optimistic that the necessary solutions would be found to amend the draft instruments of accession and fulfil the Group's terms of reference, even if this would not be an easy task.

¹ CDDH comments regarding Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendations 2166(2019) - *Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?* and 2171(2020) - *Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants*.

9. The Chairperson of the "47+1 Group" informed the Bureau that, although the discussions had focused on the issues raised in Opinion 2/13, on the basis of a document prepared by the Chairperson with a view to structuring and facilitating the discussion, some delegations had expressed the wish to address also other issues not related to Opinion 2/13. The "47+1 Group" had set a deadline for contributions on this subject and intended to consider them at its 7th meeting (24-26 November 2020).²

10. Finally, she informed of the election of Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland) as Vice-Chair of the Group and of the provisional dates of the meetings envisaged for the Group in the first half of 2021 (see the draft calendar in Appendix X).

11. The Bureau thanked the Chair of the "47+1 Group" for this information and welcomed the fact that the work of the Group, which it considered as one of the most important issues under the current terms of reference of the CDDH, had started in a positive way. It invited the Chair of the "47+1 Group" to present the progress of the Group's work at the CDDH plenary in December.

3.2 Drafting Group on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)

12. The Chair of DH-SYSC-IV, Mr. Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland) informed the Bureau about the discussions and decisions of the Drafting Group at its 2nd meeting (9-11 September 2020) as well as the work carried out after the meeting aimed at finalising the draft CDDH report on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes.

13. He also informed the Bureau about the possibility of holding an exceptional meeting of the DH-SYSC-IV, via visioconference from 16 to 18 November 2020 whose objective would be to finalise the draft CDDH report and transmit it to the CDDH for possible adoption at its 93rd meeting (14-16 December 2020) and further transmission to the high-level Conference of experts on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (12-13 April 2021, to be held under the auspices of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. Mr. Alain CHABLAIS noted that delegations had yet to reach agreement on a number of substantive issues and there were some outstanding questions regarding the terms of reference of the DH-SYSC-IV which needed clarification.

14. The Bureau appreciated the efforts made and the progress already accomplished in this particularly sensitive file. Taking into account the fact that the positions of some delegations on various issues remain separate as well as some outstanding questions regarding the scope of DH-SYSC-IV's terms of reference, it took the view that the holding of an exceptional meeting of DH-SYSC-IV does not seem likely to lead to the conclusion of a compromise text of the draft CDDH report that could be submitted to the CDDH for adoption at its 93rd meeting in December. Therefore, the Bureau decided to invite the Co-rapporteurs, the Chair and Vice-Chair of DH-SYSC-IV, to formulate concrete questions regarding the scope of the DH-SYSC-IV's terms of reference and to refer them to the CDDH for decision at its Plenary meeting in December.

3.4 Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)

15. The Chair of DH-SYSC-V, Mr Vít Alexander SCHORM (Czech Republic) informed the Bureau about the discussions of the Drafting Group at its 1st meeting (14-16 October 2020) and its decision to give priority to the elaboration of a new draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on the publication and dissemination in the member States of the text of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. The Group considered that this draft Recommendation could be finalised at its 2nd meeting in 2021. The DH-SYSC-V also agreed on elements of the structure of draft Guidelines to prevent and ensure remedies for violations of the Convention.

² This meeting will be held in the form of a visioconference, due to the current situation related to the pandemic.

16. The Bureau welcomed the progress already accomplished and thanked the Consultant Mr Fredrik SUNDBERG, former Head of the Department for the execution of judgements, as well as the Secretariat for the preliminary work leading to these achievements at the 1st meeting.

17. The Bureau took note of the question raised by DH-SYSC-V whether proposals to amend the Rules of the Committee of Ministers for the supervision of the execution of judgments and of the terms of friendly settlements in order to enable the bar associations to make submissions under Rule 9 with a view to promoting the involvement of all national stakeholders, fall within the DH-SYSC-V's terms of reference. The Bureau decided that this question should be referred to the CDDH for decision at its plenary meeting in December.

3.5 Preparation of the Seminar *Pluricourts*-CDDH: National implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights - How to put the “shared responsibility” into practice?

18. The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the preparation of the Seminar *Pluricourts* (the draft programme as it stands at this point appears in [Appendix V](#)) major event which had to be postponed twice due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. It suggested to the CDDH that the Seminar could take place on Tuesday 15 June 2021, on the day prior to the 94th CDDH meeting (provisionally scheduled for 16 to 18 June 2021) and that the *Pluricourts* representatives invited to the CDDH meeting in December, would pursue the preparation in close cooperation with the Secretariat.

ITEM 4: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

19. The Chair of the Drafting Group on Environment and Human Rights (CDDH-ENV), Kristīne LĪCIS (Latvia) presented the preliminary draft terms of reference of the Drafting Group CDDH-ENV prepared in cooperation with the Secretariat which include the following three tasks:

- (1) updating of the Manual on Human Rights and the Environment;
- (2) elaboration of a draft non-binding legal instrument on human rights and the environment, and
- (3) consideration of the need for further work in this field, bearing in mind the obligations of the member States under the European Convention on Human Rights and the steady development of the case-law by the European Court of Human Rights and national courts that foster the interconnection between the protection of the environment and human rights.

20. The Bureau agreed with this preliminary draft terms of reference (see [Appendix VI](#)) for examination by the CDDH in December with a view of its possible adoption. On this occasion, the CDDH will have to appoint nine member States³ entitled to participate in the work at the Organisation's expenses, with the understanding that any other member State is invited to participate on its own expenses. The Bureau noted that the CDDH-ENV is foreseen to meet twice in 2021 (see the draft calendar appearing in [Appendix X](#)).

21. Furthermore, the Bureau noted that the CDDH will be informed in December about the holding, on the day prior to the 1st CDDH-ENV meeting, of a Seminar on Environment, Human Rights and Business. This event is envisaged under the auspices of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers in cooperation with the CDDH.

22. Finally, the Bureau welcomed the CDDH publication “Environmental protection and Human Rights” which contains the proceedings of the High-level Conference on the environmental protection and Human Rights (Strasbourg, 27 February 2020) as well as the

³ The Chair of the Drafting Group was appointed by the CDDH at its 92nd meeting (26-29 November 2019)

second edition of the Manual from 2012. This publication has already been distributed to the relevant bodies and especially to the European Court of Human Right which expressed its appreciation.

ITEM 5: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

23. The Bureau recalled that the CDDH, at its 92nd meeting (26-29 November 2019, CDDH(2019)R92) decided to set up its Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-INTEL) to carry out preparatory work to implement specific terms of reference received from the Ministers' Deputies.⁴ It was also recalled the CDDH had appointed its focal point to the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI) in the person of Mr. Tigran GALSTYAN (Armenia).

24. The Bureau held an in-depth exchange of views based on an information note⁵ and preliminary draft terms of reference prepared by the Secretariat (see [Appendix VII](#)). It took note of the ongoing work in progress within the Council of Europe notably in the CAHAI and underlined the need to avoid duplication of work and to ensure that any activity of the CDDH on the topic brings added value. It considered that, notwithstanding the interest in principle in developing a Manual on human rights and artificial intelligence, the Bureau considered that it may be wiser to engage with this topic during the next biennium, once other relevant bodies of the Council of Europe have presented conclusions and recommendations, and if necessary in cooperation with other relevant Council of Europe bodies.

25. Finally, the Bureau noted that, if the CDDH decide in December not to set up the Drafting Group for 2021, nothing would prevent it from, if necessary, to ask the Committee of Ministers at the end of 2021 to give it specific terms of reference on human rights and artificial intelligence for the 2022-2023 biennium; should this have a clear added value in relation to the work which will have been accomplished in 2021 in this field within the Council of Europe.

ITEM 6: CIVIL SOCIETY AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

26. The Chair of the Drafting Group on Civil Society and National Human Rights Institutions (CDDH-INST), Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland) presented the revised text of the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the development and strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions. This text takes into account the comments received from member States (see CDDH-INST(2020)04Rev).

27. The Bureau welcomed the quality of the text proposed by the CDH-INST and the fruitful steps taken by the Chair of the Group to reach consensus. The Bureau exchanged views on the issue raised by one delegation on the legal basis for ensuring the establishment and functioning of independent National Human Rights Institutions and agreed with the wording contained in the draft Recommendation⁶.

⁴ The terms of reference given to the CDDH reads as follow: "On the basis of developments in member states, within the Council of Europe and in other fora, to draw up, as appropriate, a Handbook on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence and to contribute to possible standard-setting work to be undertaken within the Organisation" (deadline 31 December 2021).

⁵ Documents CDDH(2020)09 and CDDH(2020)10 contain relevant information on this matter.

⁶ According to this wording, the legal basis is provided "by primary legislation or, preferably, the Constitution". The Bureau welcomed this wording for the following reasons:

(i) The Principles on the Protection and Promotion of the Ombudsman Institution, adopted the Venice Commission's in 2019, recommend a firm legal foundation, preferably at constitutional level, which is also the case in Recommendation CM/Rec(2019) of the Committee of Ministers to members States on the development of the Ombudsman institution, prepared by the CDDH last year.

(ii) More than half of NHRIs in member States are of the ombuds-type, and 22 of the 40 NHRIs in Council of Europe member States - just more than half - have a constitutional basis.

28. Recalling the tacit procedure decided by the CDDH for the adoption of this text on 29 October 2020 once the possible requests sent by delegations have been incorporated, the Bureau concluded that the draft Recommendation, as it appears in document CDDH-BU(2020)R104 Addendum1, is formally adopted by the CDDH. After the legal and linguistic checking by the relevant bodies of the Council of Europe (the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (DLAPIL) and the Editorial Unit, respectively) the text will be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption.

ITEM 7: MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

29. The Chair of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Migration (CDDH-MIG), Mr Morten RUUD (Norway) recalled that, following the 92nd meeting of the CDDH, a preliminary draft document on foster care for unaccompanied or separated migrant children was circulated to CDDH members at the end of January 2020 for possible comments, inviting them to share examples of practices/challenges and to make suggestions that could enrich the text.

30. The Chair recalled that, due to the measures related to the current pandemic, the CDDH-MIG plans to hold its next meeting on 16-18 March 2021.

ITEM 8: PROHIBITION OF THE TRADE IN GOODS USED FOR TORTURE AND DEATH PENALTY

31. The Bureau considered the revised text of the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2020) ... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures against the trade of goods used for torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the death penalty. This text takes into account the comments received from member States (see CDDH(2020)02Rev).

32. The Bureau welcomed the quality of the text prepared by the Rapporteurs of the CDDH Ms Nicola WENZEL (Germany) and Mr Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE (United Kingdom) as well as by the CDDH expert consultant Dr Michael CROWLEY⁷ in co-operation with the Secretariat. It also appreciated the fruitful steps taken to reach a text that achieves consensus.

33. The Bureau exchanged views on two outstanding issues and agreed on wording that it considered appropriate. It asked the Secretariat to refer the draft Recommendation back to the CDDH noting that, in the absence of objections to these latter changes, the draft Recommendation as contained in document CDDH-BU(2020)R104Addendum2 will be considered formally adopted by the CDDH on 6 November 2020. After the legal and linguistic checking by the relevant bodies of the Council of Europe (the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (DLAPIL) and the Editorial Unit, respectively) the text will be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption.

ITEM 9: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS

34. The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the ongoing work with regard to preparations for the evaluation in 2021 of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3 on Human Rights and Business. This information appears in document CDDH(2020)17, which reflects an inventory with a view of the consideration of this item by the CDDH in December.

ITEM 10: ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

(iii) Furthermore, the recently published report from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) "*Strong and Effective National Human Rights Institutions - Challenges, promising practices and opportunities*" (2020), encourages a constitutional basis for NHRIs.

⁷ Associated Researcher, University of Bradford (United Kingdom), Omega Research Foundation.

35. The Secretariat informed the Bureau about the fact that the Council of Europe Convention on access to official documents (CETS No. 205, Tromsø Convention, 2009) will enter into force on 1 December 2020 and about the key steps towards the establishment of the monitoring bodies set up under this Convention (see CDDH(2020)12).⁸ The Bureau noted that the 1st meeting of the Consultation of the Parties under the Convention is planned on 13 January 2021 with a view to electing the members of the Group of Specialists on Access to Official Documents and preparing the first meeting of the latter in the last quarter 2021.

ITEM 11: GENDER EQUALITY

36. The Secretariat presented a draft thematic form on gender equality proposed by the CDDH Rapporteur on gender equality Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium) in response to the CDDH's decision at its 92nd meeting (26-29 November 2019). This text is designed to raise awareness at the earliest stage of the all CDDH working or Drafting Groups and will serve as a practical tool to guide their reflections in respect of the gender equality dimension of their work. The Chairs of the Drafting Groups currently operational under the authority of the CDDH have provided few comments ahead of the Bureau meeting.

37. The Bureau agreed that the draft thematic form as revised in the light of the comments received should be discussed by the CDDH in December for possible adoption.

ITEM 12: BIOETHICS

38. Ms Laurence LWOFF, Secretary of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) informed the Bureau of the main issues to be discussed at the 17th plenary meeting of the DH-BIO to be held online on 3-6 November 2020, namely:

- (i) consideration of the revised draft Additional Protocol concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment in mental health services, together with its revised draft Explanatory Report, with a view to, subject to the agreement of the delegations, a possible approval at the 18th meeting;
- (ii) discussion on genome editing technologies in relation to article 13 of the Oviedo Convention with a view to agree on whether clarification or revision is needed;
- (iii) examination of the priority actions proposed by the Bureau in the light of the human rights issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic i.e., under the Equity pillar of the Strategic Action Plan on Human Rights and Technologies in Biomedicine (2020-2025), focusing first on equity of access to vaccines and considering a possible statement on this issue.

39. The Secretary of the DH-BIO also referred to the information document published by the Secretary General on 15 September 2020 entitled: "*A Council of Europe contribution to support member states in addressing healthcare issues in the context of the present public health crisis and beyond*"; In this document, key instruments in this field are referred to (the Oviedo Convention, together with the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Social Charter and the *Medicrime* Convention). In this context, the Secretary General is proposing a new multilateral and multidimensional cooperation project. The objective of the project would be to "*enable member states to fully employ relevant Council of Europe instruments and mechanisms with a view to strengthening their preparedness to protect human rights during health crisis*." The Secretariat of the DH-BIO, in collaboration with the Cooperation Division in the

⁸ Following the ratification by a tenth member State, Ukraine. The nine other member States having ratified are following: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Lithuania, Montenegro, Norway, Republic of Moldova and Sweden.

field of human rights, is currently developing the project. In this framework, a collection of (or database with) different national court decisions could be established, which have responded to measures that interfere with human rights. It may also include, if already available, relevant decisions and judgments from the European Court of Human Rights.

40. The Bureau thanked Ms Lwoff for this information and invited her to present the progress of the work of the DH-BIO at the CDDH plenary session in December.

ITEM 13: *TOUR DE TABLE* ON THE INTEREST OF POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC CRISIS AND ITS CONSEQUENCIES IN MEMBER STATES

41. The Secretariat presented the reflection paper (CDDH(2020)14) on possible future work by the CDDH on the human rights impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This paper was requested by the Bureau during its exchange of views in May 2020. The Secretariat reported that the document, which covered the situation up to the end of June 2020, aimed to (i) take stock of the many human rights issues raised by the pandemic; (ii) propose avenues for possible future work of the CDDH on the subject; and (iii) provide food for thought in this regard.

42. Moreover, the Secretariat informed the Bureau about the initiative by the Council of Europe Secretary General of 17 September 2020 for increased multilateral cooperation among Council of Europe member States in order to draw lessons from the pandemic crisis and improve preparedness to address health concerns on the basis of common principles and good practices. Finally, it suggested that the CDDH also consider in its discussions in December the Declaration to be adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 4 November 2020 at its 130th session.

43. The Bureau thanked the Secretariat for its information. It also welcomed the Secretariat for the quality of the document it presented, containing useful options for addressing the topic. It invited the Secretariat to (i) if possible, update the document to reflect the developments of the second semester 2020 and (ii) circulate it to the CDDH for the discussion at its December Plenary.

44. In the light of this text and the above-mentioned information, the Bureau invited the CDDH to establish in December its priorities for possible future work, while noting that, as the pandemic was ongoing, some possible activities (e.g. national good practices) would be perhaps premature as they are likely to evolve over time.

ITEM 14: OTHER POSSIBLE CDDH WORK IN 2021

14.1. Possible review of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4 on human rights of members of armed forces

45. The Bureau welcomed the document CDDH(2020)03 containing information and suggestions communicated by the non-governmental organisation EUROMIL with a view of a possible review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4 on Human Rights of members of armed forces.

46. While reiterating the interest of the matter, the Bureau proposed to the CDDH that possible work in this area should take place at the beginning of the next biennium (2022-2023).

14.2. Possible work on conscientious objection to compulsory armed military service

47. The Bureau welcomed the document CDDH(2020)04 containing information and suggestions communicated by the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection (EBCO) with a

view of a possible resumption, by the CDDH, of the work on conscientious objection to the compulsory military service.

48. While reiterating the interest of the matter, the Bureau proposed to the CDDH that, as in the previous item and due to the workload in 2021, possible work in this area should take place at the beginning of the next biennium (2022-2023).

14.3. Contribution of the CDDH to the key priorities for the Organisation in order to better respond to the challenges facing European societies

49. Finally, the Bureau fully endorsed the detailed reply sent by the Chair of the CDDH on 28 September 2020 to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe concerning the letter and the questionnaire she sent to the respective Chairs of the Steering Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and CDADI inviting them to identify the key priorities for the Organisation in order to better respond to the challenges facing European societies. This detailed reply appears in document CDDH(2020)16.

ITEM 15: CONVENTIONS

50. The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat (document CDDH(2020)15) and held an exchange of views on the state of signatures and ratifications of treaties under the responsibility of the CDDH, in particular on the state of ratification of Protocols No. 15 (still awaiting ratification by one member State in order to enter into force) and No. 16 (ratified since the November 2019 meeting of the CDDH by Luxembourg and the Slovak Republic) to the European Convention on Human Rights.

ITEM 16: FOCAL POINTS

51. The Bureau invited the focal points who have represented CDDH in other fora/events since the 92nd meeting (26-29 November 2020) to submit their information to the Secretariat for inclusion in document CDDH(2020)16 to be distributed to the CDDH. As a reminder, the list of CDDH focal points is attached in Appendix IX.

ITEM 17: INVITEES

52. The Bureau proposed to invite the Secretary General, Ms. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ to meet with the CDDH at the 94th meeting of the CDDH in June 2021. Furthermore, it noted with satisfaction that the President of the European Court of Human Rights, Mr. Robert SPANO, intends to participate in the Seminar organised by *Pluricourts* and the CDDH. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to ensure that the new date for this event (Tuesday, 15 June 2021) is convenient for him.

ITEM 18: ELECTIONS

53. The Bureau noted that the CDDH will hold elections at its plenary in December. The current list regarding the composition of the Bureau, Chairs and Drafting Groups appears in Appendix VIII.

54. Given that the pandemic-related measures have completely prevented the DH-SYSC from meeting in 2020, the Bureau proposed that, subject to no objection by any member of the CDDH, the current Chair of this committee is automatically renewed for the year 2021 and that the Chairpersons currently in office in the various Drafting Groups due to finish their work at the end of 2021 (DH-SYSC-IV, DH-SYSC V, CDDH-MIG, CDDH-ENV) remain in their place until the end of the respective work without the need for the CDDH to proceed in December to new elections on this subject.

ITEM 19: PUBLICATIONS

55. The Bureau welcomed the information from the Secretariat on the publication (in electronic format on the CDDH website and in paper format) prior to the December meeting of the CDDH of the two reports of the CDDH on its Contribution to the *Interlaken Process* and on the place of the Convention in the European and international legal order, respectively.

56. The Bureau also welcomed the ongoing improvements to the CDDH website and noted that the Secretariat will inform the Plenary in December on upcoming publications and perspectives on the management of the Platform on Business and Human Rights.

57. Finally, it noted the list of texts that the Secretariat intends to publish before the end of 2020, in the framework of the 70th anniversary of the ECHR.

ITEM 20: CALENDAR

58. The Bureau exchanged views on the significant changes to the timetable approved by the Plenary in November 2019 due to the security measures dictated by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Appendix X contains the draft calendar suggested by the Bureau up to 31 December 2021, the end of the current biennium.

59. The Bureau recalled that further changes could be introduced depending on the health situation, which remains uncertain for the coming months. It reiterated that no reservations for travel or accommodation should be made before receipt of the official invitation to the meetings.

ITEM 21: ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

60. As this was the last Bureau meeting attended by Ms Maris KUURBERG (Estonia), the Bureau was grateful for her very active contribution and hoped to see her again at the plenary meetings.

61. The Bureau also recalled that another member of the Bureau, Mr. Chanaka WICKREMASINGHE (United Kingdom), had been called to other functions during the year and had had to leave the Bureau and the CDDH. The Bureau invited the CDDH to express in December its gratitude to this expert for his exemplary commitment and contribution to the work of the CDDH, in particular within the Bureau and the Drafting Groups.

62. Finally, it invited the CDDH to do the same with regard to experts who have participated for many years in the work of the Steering Committee and who had had to leave it in the course of the year because of the new functions they had assumed.

ITEM 22: OTHER BUSINESS

63. No other business was discussed.

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Appendix II

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA
of the 93rd CDDH meeting (14–16 December 2020)
(as suggested by the Bureau at its 104th meeting, 29 October 2020)

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS	
<i>The Chair of the CDDH, Mr Morten RUUD (Norway) will open the meeting and invite the CDDH to adopt the agenda and order of business.</i>	
<i>The Chair and the Secretariat will inform about the procedure for holding the elections. The Secretariat will inform on the way the latter will be organised via KUDO.</i>	
<u>CDDH(2019)R92</u>	Report of the 92 nd CDDH meeting (26–29 November 2019)
CDDH-BU(2020)R104	Report of the 104 th Bureau meeting (29 October 2020)
ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY	
<i>The Secretariat will present the texts approved by the CDDH by written procedure since its last meeting and subsequently sent to the Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers.</i>	
CDDH(2020)08	Comments by the CDDH adopted after its 92 nd meeting (26–29 November 2019)
ITEM 3: WORK ON THE SYSTEM OF THE CONVENTION	
	3.1. Follow-up to the Interlaken Declaration
<i>The CDDH is invited to exchange views on the decisions adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its Ministerial Session on 4 November 2020 regarding the follow-up to be given to the Interlaken process.</i>	
<u>CM/Del/Dec(2020)130/4</u>	Decisions of the Committee of Ministers – “Securing the long-term effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights: assessment of the Interlaken Process and the way forward” (4 November 2020)
CDDH(2019)R92Add2	Contribution of the CDDH to the evaluation provided for by the Interlaken Declaration
<u>Comment by the European Court of Human Rights</u>	
	3.2 CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group on the EU accession to the ECHR (“47+1 Group”)
<i>The Chair of the “47+1 Group”, Ms. Tonje MEINICH (Norway) will present the conclusions of the 6th meeting (29 September - 1 October 2020) and the 7th meeting of the Group (24-27 November 2020) as well as the organisation of its future work.</i>	
47+1(2020)2	Chair’s paper to structure the discussion of the 6 th meeting
47+1(2020)R6	Report of the 6 th meeting of the “47+1 Group” (29 September - 1 October 2020)
47+1(2020)R7	Report of the 7 th meeting of the “47+1 Group”

	(24-27 November 2020)
	3.3 Drafting Group on effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)
<p><i>The Chair of the DH-SYSC-IV, Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland) will inform the CDDH about the progress of work in the Drafting Group during and after its 2nd meeting (9-11 September 2020) and refer questions regarding the scope of the DH-SYSC-IV's terms of reference. The CDDH will be invited to provide guidance to the Drafting Group on the referred questions. The Chair of the Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany) will inform the CDDH about the preparation of the high-level Conference of experts on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (12 and 13 April 2021, to be organized under the auspices of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers).</i></p>	
DH-SYSC-IV(2020)	Questions regarding the scope of the DH-SYSC-IV's terms of reference
DH-SYSC-IV(2020)05Rev	Compilation of comments by member States on the Draft CDDH report on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (document DH-SYSC-IV(2020)04)
DH-SYSC-IV(2020)06	Compilation of drafting proposal and comments received after the 2 nd meeting of DH-SYSC-IV (9-11 September 2020) by member States on the Draft CDDH report on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes (document DH-SYSC-IV(2020)04)Rev)
DH-SYSC-IV(2020)R2	Report of the 2 nd meeting of the DH-SYSC-IV (9–11 September 2020)
DH-SYSC-IV(2020)04Rev	Draft CDDH report on the effective processing and resolution of cases relating to inter-State disputes
	3.4 Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)
<p><i>The Chair of DH-SYSC-V, Mr Vít Alexander SCHORM (Czech Republic) will present the conclusions of the 1st meeting of the Group (14-16 October 2020) as well as the organisation of its future work. The CDDH will be invited to take a decision on the question referred by DH-SYSC-V whether proposals to amend the Rules of the Committee of Ministers for the supervision of the execution of judgments and of the terms of friendly settlements in order to enable the bar associations to make submissions under Rule 9 with a view to promoting the involvement of all national stakeholders, fall within the DH-SYSC-V's terms of reference.</i></p>	
DH-SYSC-V(2020)R1	Report of the 1 st meeting of the DH-SYSC-V (14–16 October 2020)
	3.5 Preparation of the Seminar <i>Pluricourts - CDDH : National implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights - How to put the “shared responsibility” into practice?</i>
<p><i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the preparation of the Seminar <i>Pluricourts - CDDH</i>, postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p>	
CDDH(2020)01	Information provided by the Secretariat

ITEM 4: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The CDDH will be invited to adopt the terms of reference of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and the Environment (CDDH-ENV) and to designate its nine members. It is reminded that the CDDH, at its 92nd meeting (26-29 November 2019) elected Ms Kristīne LICIS (Latvia) Chair of this Group. Furthermore, the CDDH will be informed about the possibility of holding, in conjunction with the 1st meeting of the CDDH-ENV, a Seminar on Environment, Human Rights and Business, which is envisaged to be organised under the auspices of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers in cooperation with the CDDH.

CDDH(2020)05

Secretariat's proposals for the terms of reference of the CDDH-ENV

CDDH Publication "Environmental Protection and Human Rights"

ITEM 5: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The CDDH will be invited to discuss on the terms of reference of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-INTEL) and, if necessary, to designate its Chair and ten members.

CDDH(2020)09

Secretariat's proposals for the terms of reference of the CDDH-INTEL

CDDH(2020)10

Information on the Council of Europe's work on Artificial Intelligence

ITEM 6: CIVIL SOCIETY AND NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

The Chair of the Drafting Group on civil society and national human rights institutions (CDDH-INST), Ms. Krista OINONEN (Finland), will inform on the work having led to the adoption by the CDDH, following an electronic procedure, of the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)... of the Committee of Ministers to the member States on the development and strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions.

CDDH-INST(2020)R6Report of the 6th meeting of the CDDH-INST (4–6 March 2020)

CDDH-BU(2020)R104Addendum1

Draft Recommendation as adopted by the CDDH

ITEM 7: MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Chair of the Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG) Mr Morten RUUD (Norway) will present the work planned by the Group in 2021.

CDDH-MIG(2019)R7Report of the 7th meeting of CDDH-MIG (23–24 October 2019)**ITEM 8: PROHIBITION OF THE TRADE IN GOODS USED FOR TORTURE AND DEATH PENALTY**

The Chair and the Secretariat will inform on the work having led to the adoption by the CDDH, following an electronic procedure, of the draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)... of the Committee of Ministers to the member States on measures against the trade of goods used for torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the death penalty.

CDDH-BU(2020)R104Addendum2

Draft Recommendation as adopted by the CDDH

ITEM 9: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS

The Secretariat will provide information about the ongoing work with regard to preparations for the evaluation, in 2021, of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3 on Human Rights and Business.

CDDH(2020)11

Document prepared by the Secretariat including the questionnaire for the evaluation of the implementation of the Recommendation

ITEM 10: ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

The Secretariat will inform about the entry into force of the Council of Europe Convention on access to official documents (CETS No. 205) on 1st December 2020.

CDDH(2020)12

Information provided by the Secretariat

ITEM 11: GENDER EQUALITY

The CDDH will be informed by its Rapporteur on gender equality, Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium) about the gender-equality form proposed to be used in CDDH sub-ordinate bodies.

CDDH(2020)13

Draft Form prepared by the CDDH Rapporteur on gender equality

ITEM 12: BIOETHICS

The CDDH will be invited to exchange views with the Secretary of the Committee on bioethics (DH-BIO), Ms. Laurence LWOFF on the ongoing and future work of the DH-BIO.

17th DH-BIO Decisions

Decisions of the 17th meeting of the Committee on bioethics (DH-BIO) (2–6 November 2020)

ITEM 13: TOUR DE TABLE ON THE INTEREST OF POSSIBLE CDDH WORK RELATED TO THE HEALTH CRISIS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES IN THE MEMBER STATES

In the light of the suggestions of the Bureau (19 May and 29 October 2020) the CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the interest of possible work related to the health crisis and its consequences in the member States.

CDDH(2020)14

Information provided by the Secretariat

ITEM 14: OTHER POSSIBLE CDDH WORK IN 2021

In the light of the suggestions of the Bureau (19 May and 29 October 2020) the CDDH will be invited to exchange views on possible work in 2021 related to (i) the possible revision of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4 on human right of members of armed forces ; (ii) conscientious objection to compulsory armed military service, and (iii) the contribution of the CDDH to the key priorities for the Organisation in order to better respond to the challenges facing European societies.

CDDH(2020)03

Contribution by the NGO EUROMIL regarding Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)4

CDDH(2020)04

Survey on the conscientious objection to compulsory armed military service in Europe

CDDH(2020)16

Information provided by the focal points representing the CDDH in other bodies / events (see Reply of the CDDH Chair to the questionnaire of the Secretary General)

ITEM 15: CONVENTIONS	
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the state of signature/ratification of instruments in charge of the CDDH, concerning Protocols No.15 and No.16 ECHR.</i>	
CDDH(2020)15	Information provided by the Secretariat
ITEM 16: FOCAL POINTS	
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on possible information provided by the focal points representing the Steering Committee in other bodies / events.</i>	
CDDH(2020)16	Information provided by the focal points representing the CDDH in other bodies / events
ITEM 17: INVITEES	
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on possible invitees to the forthcoming CDDH meetings.</i>	
CDDH-BU(2020)R104	Report of the 104 th Bureau meeting (29 October 2020)
ITEM 18: ELECTIONS	
<i>The CDDH will proceed to elections via KUDO.</i>	
Resolution(2011)24	
CDDH-BU(2020)R104 Appendix VIII	Report of the 104 th Bureau meeting (29 October 2020)
ITEM 19: PUBLICATIONS	
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the current and future publications.</i>	
CDDH Publications website	
ITEM 20: CALENDAR	
<i>The CDDH will be invited to exchange views on the draft calendar for 2021, in the light of the suggestions put forward by the Bureau at its meeting on 29 October 2020. In this context, the CDDH will be invited to decide on dates for the Seminar Pluricourts-CDDH (cf. item 3.5 above).</i>	
CDDH-BU(2020)R104 Appendix X	Report of the 104 th Bureau meeting (29 October 2020)
ITEM 21: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	
ITEM 22: OTHER BUSINESS	

Appendix III

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS
of the 93rd CDDH meeting (14–16 December 2020)
(as suggested by the Bureau at its 104th meeting, 29 October 2020)

MONDAY 14 December	TUESDAY 15 December	WEDNESDAY 16 December
10:00	10:00	10:00
<u>Item 1</u> Opening, adoption draft agenda and order of business <u>Item 3</u> System of the Convention 3.3 Drafting Group inter-State disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)	<u>Item 3</u> System of the Convention (continuation) 3.1 Follow-up to the Interlaken Declaration 3.2 “47+1 Group” EU Accession to the Convention 3.4 Drafting Group national implementation of the Convention (DH-SYSC-V) 3.5 Preparation of the Seminar <i>Pluricourts</i> – CDDH <u>Item 18</u> Elections	<u>Item 2</u> PACE Recommendations <u>Item 9</u> Human Rights and Business <u>Item 10</u> Access to official documents <u>Item 11</u> Gender equality <u>Item 12</u> Bioethics <u>Item 13</u> <i>Tour de table</i> health crisis / consequences <u>Item 14</u> Other possible work in 2021 <u>Item 15</u> Conventions <u>Item 16</u> Focal points
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break	12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break	12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break
<u>3.3 continuation</u> (if necessary)	<u>Item 4</u> Environment and Human Rights <u>Item 5</u> Artificial intelligence and Human Rights <u>Item 6</u> Civil society and Human Rights National Institutions <u>Item 7</u> Migration and Human Rights <u>Item 8</u> Prohibition of the trade of goods used for torture	<u>Item 17</u> Invitees <u>Item 19</u> Publications <u>Item 20</u> Calendar <u>Item 21</u> Acknowledgements <u>Item 22</u> Other business Adoption of the draft abridged report
16:30 End of session	16:30 End of session	16:30 End of the meeting

Appendix IV

FOLLOW-UP TO BE GIVEN TO THE INTERLAKEN PROCESS

Decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers
at their Ministerial Session on 4 November 2020

The Committee of Ministers

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights (the “Convention”), underlining the extraordinary contribution of the Convention system to the protection and promotion of human rights and the rule of law in Europe, and to the implementation of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, as well as its central role in maintaining and fostering democratic stability across the Continent;

Reiterating its firm and enduring commitment to the Convention system;

Reaffirming the fundamental importance of the right of individual application to the European Court of Human Rights (the “Court”) as a cornerstone of the Convention system and the responsibility of the respondent States to resolve the systemic and structural human rights problems identified by the Court in its judgments;

Emphasising the importance of the principle of subsidiarity, and the related doctrine of the margin of appreciation, for the implementation of the Convention at national level, and of the concept of shared responsibility between the States Parties, the Court and the Committee of Ministers to ensure the proper functioning of the Convention system;

Welcoming the work undertaken by the States Parties within the Council of Europe in the Interlaken Process, which has significantly contributed to timely and tangible developments in the Convention system;

Welcoming also the effective measures adopted in this decade of reform steered by the Committee of Ministers, particularly the Court’s efforts which include the latter’s use of the pilot-judgment procedure, efficient filtering of applications and accelerated adjudication of repetitive cases based on well-established case law;

Underlining the importance of the dialogue between the Court and national courts, including through the Superior Courts Network, aimed at ensuring an exchange of information on Convention case law as a means of developing an enhanced understanding of their respective roles in carrying out their shared responsibility for applying the Convention;

Recalling further the measures adopted by the Committee of Ministers, in particular the new procedures increasing effectiveness and transparency of its supervision of the execution of the Court’s judgments;

Underlining that the highest degree of consistency and clarity of the Court’s judgments contributes to the effective and rapid implementation of the Convention by the States Parties;

Emphasising also the importance of national human rights institutions, Ombudsman institutions, equality bodies and other human rights structures in the implementation of the Convention, and the valuable contribution of civil society organisations to the promotion and protection of the rights enshrined in the Convention;

Resolved to ensure the continued effectiveness of the Convention system:

1. agreed that, whilst no comprehensive reform of the Convention machinery is now needed, further efforts should be pursued by the Council of Europe as a whole to ensure that the Convention system can continue to respond effectively to the numerous human rights challenges Europe faces, including through the efficient response of the Court to pending applications;
2. called upon all States Parties to give full effect to the principle of subsidiarity by complying with their obligations to secure to everyone within their jurisdiction the rights and freedoms defined in the Convention, to abide by the judgments of the Court rendered against them, to ensure the promotion and effective implementation of the Convention, and to translate and disseminate the Court’s case law at national level;

3. noting that Protocol No. 15 was opened for signature over seven years ago, urged the State Party which has not yet done so to ratify it;
4. invited the States Parties to consider signing and ratifying Protocol No. 16 to the Convention with a view to further enhancing the interaction between the Court and national courts, thereby reinforcing implementation of the Convention, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity;
5. invited its Deputies to consider the legal and practical aspects of the Court's proposal to supervise States' compliance with their obligations pursuant to unilateral declarations;
6. in the interests of the effectiveness and credibility of the Convention system, called upon all Convention actors to continue to guarantee the highest standard of qualifications, independence and impartiality of the Court's judges; agreed to consider further means to ensure due recognition for judges' status and service on the Court and providing additional safeguards to preserve their independence, including after the end of their terms; and invited the Deputies to evaluate again by the end of 2024, in light of further experience, the effectiveness of the current system for the selection and election of the Court's judges;
7. emphasised the importance of allocating sufficient resources to the Court so it may accelerate the handling of pending cases;
8. urged all member States to ensure that the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)2 on efficient domestic capacity for rapid execution of the European Court's judgments is given full effect;
9. agreed to continue to enhance the efficiency of the process of supervision of execution of the Court's judgments, particularly its Human Rights meetings, by further developing its working methods and means available, including by appropriate recourse to political leverage to deal with cases of non-execution or persistent refusal to execute the Court's judgments, and agreed on the importance of sufficient resources for the Department for the Execution of Judgments;
10. encouraged the development in this context of enhanced synergy with the Court as well as with the other relevant Council of Europe stakeholders, in particular with the Parliamentary Assembly and the Commissioner for Human Rights;
11. equally emphasised the importance of maximising the potential of the Council of Europe to support States Parties in the execution process and in the implementation of the Convention at national level, including through co-operation projects such as the HELP Programme (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals), and by developing synergies with the knowledge sharing platform developed by the Court, in order to facilitate Convention-compliant adjudication by national courts;
12. encouraged States Parties which have not already done so to consider the establishment or strengthening of effective, pluralist and independent national human rights institutions;
13. welcomed the contributions made by States Parties to the special account set up by the Secretary General to allow the Court to deal with the backlog of all well-founded cases, and to the Human Rights Trust Fund, whilst encouraging further contributions;
14. underlined the benefit of the continued practice of secondments of national judges and high-level lawyers to the Court's Registry and encouraged States Parties to pursue their efforts in this respect; and encouraged them also to consider the secondment of national judges or officials to the Department for the Execution of Judgments;
15. welcomed the resumption of the negotiations on the accession of the European Union to the Convention;
16. invited its Deputies to evaluate the first effects of Protocols No. 15 and No. 16 after five years from their respective entry into force, and reiterated the importance of the ongoing intergovernmental work on national implementation of the Convention, with a view to assessing the developments at the Ministerial Session in May 2021.

Appendix V



SEMINAR

NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HOW TO PUT THE “SHARED RESPONSIBILITY” INTO PRACTICE?

Co-organised by the Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order (*PluriCourts*), University of Oslo (Norway) and the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

SÉMINAIRE

MISE EN ŒUVRE NATIONALE DE LA CONVENTION EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME COMMENT METTRE EN PRATIQUE LA « RESPONSABILITÉ PARTAGÉE » ?

Co-organisé par le Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order (*PluriCourts*), Université d'Oslo (Norvège) et le Comité directeur pour les droits de l'homme (CDDH)

Strasbourg, Tuesday 15 June 2021 / Strasbourg, mardi 15 juin 2021

subject to the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic/
sous réserve de l'évolution de la pandémie de Covid-19

DRAFT PROGRAMME / PROJET DE PROGRAMME

Welcome address and opening of the Seminar	09:00	Allocution de bienvenue et ouverture du Séminaire
Mr Christos GIAKOUMPOULOS Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI)	09:00	M. Christos GIAKOUMPOULOS Directeur Général, Direction Générale Droits de l'Homme et État de Droit (DGI)
Mr Robert SPANO President of the European Court of Human Rights	09:10	Mr Robert SPANO Président de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme
Mr Geir ULFSTEIN Director of <i>PluriCourts</i>	09:20	M. Geir ULFSTEIN Directeur de <i>PluriCourts</i>
SESSION I	09:30	SESSION I
Ensuring conformity of domestic legislation and practice with the ECHR and the practice of the Court		Garantir la conformité de la législation et la pratique internes avec la CEDH et la pratique de la Cour

Member States should not only assess draft laws or regulations for their conformity with the ECHR and the practice of the Court but also their existing legal frameworks at any point in time. How are member States delivering on their obligations? How is the ECHR incorporated in domestic law, notably national constitutions? What are the contributions of the executives, the parliaments and the domestic courts?

Les États membres devraient non seulement évaluer à tout moment la conformité des projets de lois ou de règlements avec la CEDH et la pratique de la Cour mais aussi, à tout moment, la conformité de leur actuel cadre juridique. Comment les États membres respectent-ils leurs obligations? Comment la CEDH est-elle introduite dans le droit interne, notamment dans les constitutions nationales ? Quelle est la contribution respective de l'exécutif, du parlement et des tribunaux internes ?

<p>Moderator: Mr Morten RUUD Chair of the CDDH Mr Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS Former President of the European Court of Human Rights</p>	09:35	<p>Modérateur : M. Morten RUUD Président du CDDH M. Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS Ancien Président de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme</p>
<p>Ms Simona GRANATA-MENGHINI Deputy Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)</p>	09:50	<p>Mme Simona GRANATA-MENGHINI Secrétaire adjointe de la Commission Européenne pour la démocratie par le droit (Commission de Venise)</p>
<p>Ms Almut WITTLING-VOGEL Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Issues (Germany)</p>	10:05	<p>Mme Almut WITTLING-VOGEL Commissaire aux droits de l'homme auprès du Gouvernement fédéral (Allemagne)</p>
<p>[Mr Régis DE GOUTTES Prime General Attorney, Court of Cassation (France)]</p>	10 :20	<p>[M. Régis DE GOUTTES Premier Avocat général honoraire à la Cour de Cassation (France)]</p>
Comments from academics		Commentaires d'universitaires
<p>Mr Eric VOETEN Professor, Georgetown University (United States)</p>	10:40	<p>M. Eric VOETEN Professeur, Université de Georgetown (Etats-Unis)</p>
<p>Mr Matthew SAUL Associate Professor, Inland University of Applied Sciences (Norway)</p>	10:50	<p>M. Matthew SAUL Professeur Associé, Université d'Etat de sciences appliquées (Norvège)</p>
Discussion		Discussion
COFFEE BREAK / GROUP PHOTO	11:20	PAUSE CAFÉ / PHOTO DE GROUPE
SESSION II	11:45	SESSION II
<p>How does the Council of Europe support national actors?</p>		<p>Comment le Conseil de l'Europe soutient-il les acteurs nationaux ?</p>
<p><i>The Court and Council of Europe's bodies, including the Committee of Ministers and its steering committees, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Commissioner for Human Rights offer numerous avenues and tools to support national actors in ensuring conformity of all domestic action with the ECHR. This session will take stock of what is achieved in this regard and what more can be done.</i></p>		
<p><i>La Cour et les instances du Conseil de l'Europe, y compris le Comité des Ministres et ses comités directeurs, l'Assemblée parlementaire et la Commissaire aux droits de l'homme offrent nombre de voies et outils pour aider les acteurs nationaux à garantir la conformité de toute action nationale avec la CEDH. Cette session fera le point sur ce qui est réalisé à cet égard et sur ce qui peut encore être fait.</i></p>		
<p>Moderator: Mr Morten RUUD Chair of the CDDH</p>		<p>Modérateur : M. Morten RUUD Président du CDDH</p>
<p>[Mr Roderick LIDDELL Registrar, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights]</p>	12:05	<p>[M. Roderick LIDDELL Greffier, Greffe de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme]</p>
<p>Mr Mikhail LOBOV, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I)</p>	12:20	<p>M. Mikhail LOBOV, Chef du Service des politiques et de la coopération en matière de droits de l'Homme, Direction Générale des droits de l'homme et État de droit (DGI)</p>
Comments		Commentaires
<p>Mr Robert SPANO</p>	12:30	<p>M. Robert SPANO</p>

Président of the European Court of Human Rights

Ms Başak ÇALI

Professor, Hertie School, Berlin (Germany)

12:40

Président de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme

Mme Başak ÇALIProfesseur, *Hertie School*, Berlin (Allemagne)**Discussion****Discussion**

LUNCH BREAK

13:00

PAUSE DÉJEUNER

SESSION III**14:30****SESSION III****The execution of judgments of the Court –
how to achieve further progress?****Exécution des arrêts de la Cour –
Comment parvenir à de nouvelles
avancées ?**

The execution of the Court's judgments is the cornerstone of the implementation of the ECHR at the national level. Action taken by a State at a specific time following a judgment of the Court should address remedies in respect of violations, including redress for the applicants, as well friendly settlements. What are the roles and contributions of the Committee of Ministers, government agents, national parliaments and supreme courts in execution matters?

L'exécution des arrêts de la Cour est la pierre angulaire de la mise en œuvre de la CEDH au niveau national. S'agissant de l'action menée par un État à un moment précis à la suite d'un arrêt de la Cour, il faudrait évoquer les recours en cas de violation, y compris la réparation pour les requérants, ainsi que les règlements amiables. Quels sont le rôle et la contribution respectifs du Comité des Ministres, des agents du gouvernement, des parlements nationaux et des cours suprêmes en matière d'exécution ?

Moderator: **Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS**

Chair of the Committee of experts on the system of the European convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)

Modérateur : **M. Hans-Jörg BEHRENS**

Président du Comité d'experts sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC)

Mr Fredrik SUNDBERG

former Head of Department for the Execution of Judgments and Decisions of the Court

14:30

M. Fredrik SUNDBERG

ancien Chef du Service de l'exécution des arrêts et des décisions de la Cour

Ambassador Roeland BÖCKER

Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe

14:45

M. l'Ambassadeur Roeland BÖCKER

Représentant permanent des Pays-Bas auprès du Conseil de l'Europe

[Mr Stanislav KOVPAK

Representative of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe]

15:00

[M. Stanislav KOVPAK

Représentant du Ministère de la Justice de la Fédération de Russie auprès du Conseil de l'Europe]

[Mr Titus CORLEATAN

Member behalf of Romania within the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe]

15:15

[M. Titus CORLEATAN

Membre au titre de la Roumanie au sein de l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe]

Mr Martin KUIJER

Judge at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands

15:30

M. Martin KUIJER

Juge à la Cour Suprême des Pays-Bas

Comments**Commentaires****Mr Philip LEACH**

Professor, Middlesex University (United Kingdom)

15:40

M. Philip LEACH

Professeur, Université de Middlesex (Royaume-Uni)

Mr Øyvind STIANSEN

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oslo (Norway)

15:50

M. Øyvind STIANSEN

Chercheur, Université d'Oslo (Norvège)

COFFEE BREAK

16:00

PAUSE CAFÉ

SESSION IV		16:20	SESSION IV
How can the civil society and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) contribute to the execution of judgments of the Court?			Comment la société civile et les Institution nationales des droits de l'homme (INDH) peuvent-elles contribuer à l'exécution des arrêts de la Cour ?
<i>Civil society plays an increasingly active role in supporting the execution of the Court's judgments. National Human Rights Institutions can make submissions before the Committee of Ministers. Several member States involve NGOs in preparing their national action plans regarding the execution of judgments. How can we strengthen the participation of civil society in execution matters? How can we create an enabling environment for civil society to play its role?</i>			
<i>La société civile joue un rôle de plus en plus actif en appui de l'exécution des arrêts de la Cour. Les institutions nationales des droits de l'homme peuvent transmettre des contributions au Comité des Ministres. Plusieurs États membres impliquent des ONG dans la l'élaboration de leurs plans d'action national concernant l'exécution des arrêts. Comment renforcer la participation de la société civile en matière d'exécution ? Comment créer un environnement lui permettant de jouer son rôle ?</i>			
Moderator: tbc			Modérateur: tbc
Ms Debbie KOHNER Secretary General, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)	16:25	Mme Debbie KOHNER Secrétaire Générale, Réseau européen des Institutions nationales des droits de l'homme (ENNRHI)	
Ms Rita PATRICIO Senior Executive Officer, Amnesty International (United Kingdom)	16:40	Mme Rita PATRICIO Administratrice exécutive, Amnesty International (Royaume-Uni)	
Ms Janneke GERARDS Professor, Utrecht Law School (Netherlands)	16:55	Mme Janneke GERARDS Professeur, Faculté de droit, Université d'Utrecht (Pays-Bas)	
Open discussion		17:05	Discussion libre
Exchange of Convention-based knowledge between ECHR actors at all levels and the ways to improve it			Échange d'expériences sur la Convention entre les divers acteurs concernés à tous les niveaux et manière d'améliorer de tels échanges à l'avenir
Moderator: Mr Christophe POIREL Director of Human Rights, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI)			Modérateur : M. Christophe POIREL Directeur des droits de l'homme, Direction Générale des droits de l'homme et État de droit (DGI)
Takeaways and final remarks		17:45	Leçons à tirer et remarques finales
Mr Vít Alexander SCHORM , Chair of the Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)			M. Vít Alexander SCHORM , Président du Groupe de rédaction sur le renforcement de la mise en œuvre au niveau national du système de la Convention Européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC-V)
Vin d'honneur		18:00	Vin d'honneur

Appendix VI

**Draft terms of reference for the CDDH Drafting Group on
Human Rights and Environment
(CDDH-ENV)**

*(as suggested by the Bureau at its 104th meeting (29 October 2020)
for consideration and possible adoption by the CDDH
at its 93rd meeting (14–16 December 2020)*

The CDDH gives the following terms of reference to its Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV):

"On the basis of developments in member States, within the Council of Europe and in other fora, and in the light, in particular, of the Joint Declaration on Human Rights and the Environment of the outgoing and incoming Chairmanships of the Committee of Ministers (15 May 2020), the CDDH-ENV is instructed to:

- (i) Update the Manual on Human Rights and the Environment (deadline: 15 May 2021);
- (ii) in the light of the draft updated Manual, prepare a draft non-binding legal instrument on human rights and the environment (deadline: 31 October 2021);
- (iii) Consider the need for further work in this field, bearing in mind the obligations of the member States under the European Convention on Human Rights and the steady development of the case-law by the European Court of Human Rights and national courts that foster the interconnection between the protection of the environment and human rights".⁹

⁹ Cf. recital 2 of the *Joint Declaration on Human Rights and the Environment of the outgoing and incoming Chairmanships of the Committee of Ministers* (15 May 2020).

Appendix VII

Draft terms of reference for the CDDH Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-INTEL)

*(as suggested by the Bureau at its 104th meeting (29 October 2020)
for consideration and possible adoption by the CDDH
at its 93rd meeting (14–16 December 2020)*

["The CDDH decided to establish a Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-INTEL) with the following terms of reference:

On the basis of developments in member states, within the Council of Europe and in other fora, and in the light in particular of the results of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)¹⁰ and of the work within the Parliamentary Assembly and the Steering Committee on the Media and the Information Society (CDMSI) aimed at preparing a draft Recommendation to member states on the human rights implications of algorithmic systems, the CDDH-INTEL is instructed to:

- (i) Prepare a draft Manual on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (deadline: 15 October 2021);
- (ii) Contribute to the possible standard-setting work that would be undertaken in this field within the Organisation, notably by the CAHAI and the CDMSI, according to modalities to be defined by the CDDH (deadline: 15 October 2021)].

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Appendix - For information of the CDDH

Recent work within the Council of Europe concerning artificial intelligence (AI)

23 September 2020 – Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers approved the progress report of the Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI), which sets out the work undertaken and progress towards the fulfilment of the committee's terms of reference since it was established on 11 September 2019.
2. The progress report sets out a clear roadmap for action towards a Council of Europe legal instrument based on human rights, the rule of law and democracy. Its clear relevance has also been confirmed and reinforced by the recent COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The preliminary feasibility study, providing indications on the legal framework on the design, development of artificial intelligence based on Council of Europe's standards is expected to be examined by the CAHAI at its forthcoming third plenary meeting in December 2020. 2021 will also be dedicated to multi-stakeholder consultations and to the finalisation of the elements of the legal framework on AI.

16 October 2020 - Council of Europe-University of Strasbourg

AI and Law breakfasts webinar series - 7th edition: certification of algorithmic systems, 13.00 to 14.30

(CET) - Live webinar broadcasted on BlueJeans Events (English only)

Public event – No registration required <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/rutyhsu>

1. The AI and Law breakfasts, co-organised by the Council of Europe and the University of Strasbourg (UMR DRES), are regular meetings open to a wide public, public decision-makers, officials from

¹⁰ 1st meeting: 18-20 November 2019; 2nd meeting: 6-8 July 2020; 3rd meeting: 15-17 December 2020.

international organisations and national administrations and academics, whose aim is to measure the stakes of subjects at the frontiers of digital techniques and the practice of law. The 7th edition will deal with the certification of algorithmic systems, including those relating to the latest developments in artificial intelligence (AI).

2. At a time when public opinion is very concerned about the certain consequences of some AI applications, such as discrimination or the weakening of human agency, regulators are looking for specific solutions to create trust among users. The idea of guaranteeing, through the intervention of an independent third party, the conformity of an algorithmic system to certain number of rules, including human rights principles, has been raised in academic and institutional literature, with references to other industries, such as pharmaceuticals.
3. The purpose of the webinar on the certification of algorithmic systems is to explore in a practical way both the opportunities and the functional issues of such a proposal. Hosts: Juliette Lelieur (University of Strasbourg) and Yannick Meneceur (Council of Europe)

22 October 2020 – Council of Europe AI Website

See the news on *establishing a “legally binding instrument” for democratic governance of AI*.

22 October 2020 – Parliamentary Assembly

The Parliamentary Assembly adopted on 22 October 2020 seven reports concerning the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in various fields. These reports, accompanied by the respective Resolutions and Recommendations to the Committee of Ministers and making direct reference to the work of CAHAI, deal with the following issues:

- the need for democratic governance of AI;
- the role of AI in policing and criminal justice systems;
- preventing discrimination caused by AI;
- ethical and legal frameworks for the research and development of neurotechnology;
- AI and health care; consequences of AI on labour markets; and
- legal aspects of ‘autonomous vehicles’.

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Appendix VIII

**Composition of the Bureau and of working Groups,
Presidencies and Rapporteurs**

BUREAU OF THE CDDH	END OF THE MANDATE	REFERENCES
Mr Morten RUUD (Norway), Chair	31 December 2020 (elected for 1 year, renewable once)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
Ms Kristīne LĪCIS (Latvia), Vice-Chair	31 December 2020 (elected for 1 year, renewable once)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
Ms Maris KUURBERG (Estonia), Member	31 December 2020 (elected for 2 years, not renewable)	90 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2018)
Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland), Member	31 December 2021 (elected for 2 years, not renewable)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
Mr Jan SOBCZAK (Poland), Member	31 December 2021 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
Mr Alfonso BREZMES (Spain), Member	31 December 2021 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland), Member	31 December 2021 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
Vacant		
CHAIRS		
DH-BIO Ms Tesi ASCHAN (Sweden)	31 December 2020 (elected for 1 year, not renewable)	16 th meeting of the DH-BIO (November 2019) 92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
DH-SYSC Mr Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)	31 December 2020 (elected for 1 year, renewable once)	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
DH-SYSC-IV Mr Alain CHABLAIS (Switzerland)	31 December 2021	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
DH-SYSC-V Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic)	31 December 2021	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
"47 + 1" Ms Tonje MEINICH (Norway)	31 December 2021	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)
CDDH-MIG Mr Morten RUUD (Norway)	31 December 2021	88 th meeting of the CDDH (December 2017)
CDDH-ENV Ms Kristīne LĪCIS (Latvia)	31 December 2021	92 nd meeting of the CDDH (November 2019)

RAPPORTEURS	
Prohibition of the trade in goods used for death penalty and torture	Ms Nicola WENZEL (Germany)
DRAFTING GROUPS	
DH-SYSC-IV	DH-SYSC-V
Armenia	Czech Republic (<i>Chair</i>)
Azerbaijan	Estonia
Croatia	Finland
Georgia	France
Germany	Italy
Greece	Norway
Netherlands	Poland
Russian Federation	Portugal
Serbia	Spain
Slovenia	United Kingdom
Switzerland (<i>Chair</i>)	

CDDH-MIG	CDDH-ENV
Armenia	Latvia (<i>Chair</i>)
Bulgaria	
Czech Republic	
Greece	
Iceland	
Italy	
Latvia	
Norway (<i>Chair</i>)	
Spain	
Turkey	

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Appendix IX

CDDH focal points and Rapporteurs to other bodies (list adopted by the CDDH at its 92nd meeting, 26-29 November 2019)

FOCAL POINTS OF THE CDDH WITH OTHER BODIES

1. Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
2. Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria)
3. European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ): Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic)
4. Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI): Ms Zinovia STAVRIDIS (Greece)
5. European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ): Ms Maria de Fátima GRAÇA CARVALHO (Portugal)
6. Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI):
7. Ad hoc Committee of experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM): Ms Svetlana GELEVA (North Macedonia)
8. Advisory Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD): Ms Brigitte OHMS (Austria)
9. Council of Europe Committee on Counterterrorism (CDCT): Vacant
10. Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse ("Lanzarote Committee"): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
11. Ad Hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF): Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
12. European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG): Ms Krista OINONEN (Finland)
13. Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI):
14. Committee of Experts on the Administrative Retention of Migrants (CJ-DAM): Mr Morten RUUD (Norway)
15. Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI): Mr Tigran H. GALSTYAN (Armenia)

CDDH RAPPORTEURS

1. CDDH Rapporteur for gender equality: Mr Philippe WERY (Belgium)
2. CDDH Rapporteur on children's rights: Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
3. CDDH Rapporteur for the rights of persons with disabilities: Ms Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg)
4. CDDH Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller issues: Ms Svetlana GELEVA (North Macedonia)
5. CDDH Rapporteur for social rights: Mr Vít A. SCHORM (Czech Republic).

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Appendix X**Draft calendar for 2021**

*as suggested by the Bureau at its 104th meeting (29 October 2020)
for consideration and possible adoption by the CDDH
at its 93rd meeting (14–16 December 2020)*

2021	
Meeting of the representatives of states Parties to the Tromsø Convention	13 January
<i>Opening of the Judicial Year</i>	End of January
8 th meeting of the CDDH <i>ad hoc</i> negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights (“47+1”)	2-4 February
[1 st meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-INTEL)]	[3-5 March]
8 th meeting of the Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG)	16-18 March
9 th meeting of the CDDH <i>ad hoc</i> negotiation Group and the European Commission on the Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights (“47+1”)	23-25 March
2 nd meeting of the Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)	29-31 March
<i>High-Level Conference of experts on inter-state disputes in the framework of the Convention system</i> , under the aegis of the German chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers and	12-13 April
3 rd meeting of the Drafting Group on the effective Processing and Resolution of cases relating to inter-State Disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)	14-16 April
<i>Seminar Environment, Human Rights and Business</i> , under the aegis of the German chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers and	25 April
1 st meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV)	26-28 April
105 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)	27-28 May
18 th Meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)	1-4 or 8-11 June
<i>Meeting of the Government’s Agents with the Court’s Registry</i>	14 June
<i>Pluricourts-CDDH Seminar</i> and	15 June
94 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)	16-18 June
2 nd meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Environment (CDDH-ENV)	8-10 September
4 th meeting of the Drafting Group on the effective Processing and Resolution of cases relating to inter-State Disputes (DH-SYSC-IV)	22-24 September
[2 nd meeting of the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-INTEL)]	[September]
3 rd meeting of the Drafting Group on enhancing the national implementation of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-V)	6-8 October

106 th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-BU)	21-22 October
7 th meeting of the Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)	26-28 October
19 th Meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)	2-5 November
<i>Meeting of the Government's Agents with the Court's Registry</i>	23 November
95 th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)	24-26 November
1 st meeting of the Groupe of Specialists on access to official documents	December (TBC)

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