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Future work of the CDDH-MIG 2020-2021: Potential priorities, topics and formats
(CDDH-MIG(2019)08)

A brief note on replies to the invitation for written feedback

1. The Drafting Group on Migration and Human Rights (CDDH-MIG) decided at its 6th meeting to invite written feedback on concrete options for potential future work to be conducted in the biennium 2020-2021 (see CDDH-MIG(2019)08). The request received written responses from Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Greece, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, as well as from the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI).
2. Out of the options laid out in terms of *topic*, three Member States and two observers noted that their preferred follow-up work would be '*Alternatives to Immigration Detention*' in the format of Committee of Ministers Guidelines. For three other Member States, the first choice was '*Alternative family-based care for unaccompanied and separated children*'. Two other Member States noted this as their second most preferred option as well. '*Mechanisms for assessing the best interests of the child*' was the preferred first option for one Member State while an observer noted that '*Reception conditions and accommodation for children with families*' should ideally be pursued.
3. As for the preferred *format* of future work, an analysis of any chosen topic (similar to the *Analysis on the legal and practical aspects of alternatives to detention in the context of migration*) was the first option of three Member States while one suggested in addition a *descriptive report of existing practice*. Two Member States and two observers ranked *Committee of Ministers Guidelines* as the preferred format of future work, in particular in relation to alternatives to immigration detention. The options of a guide to good practice and/or handbook were also welcomed on other topics.
4. With reference to the document CDDH-MIG(2019)08, the CDDH is invited to further guide the CDDH-MIG as to its priorities in the coming biennium.