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(CDDH)**

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SUMMARY

Information on the meeting

The Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) held its 101st meeting in Strasbourg, from 25 to 29 November 2024, with Krista OINONEN (Finland) in the Chair.

The agenda of the meeting appears in Appendix I

Items for decision by the Committee of Ministers

The CDDH adopted the following texts and decided to transmit them to the Committee of Ministers for information:

- CDDH Study on the need for and feasibility of a further instrument or instruments in the field of human rights and the environment;
- CDDH Report on its examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society space in Europe.

The CDDH adopted the following texts and decided to transmit them to the Committee of Ministers for its consideration:

- CDDH Comments on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations [2285\(2024\)](#) "Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine", [2286 \(2024\)](#) "Guaranteeing the human right to food".

Items for information of the Committee of Ministers

- The CDDH reelected Krista OINONEN (Finland) as its Chairperson and Tonje MEINICH (Norway) as its Vice-chairperson. It also elected two Bureau members (Milène BLANCHARD (France) and Elīna Luīze VĪTOLA (Latvia)) and the Chairperson of the Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) (John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT (Ireland)).

As regards the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the CDDH:

- exchanged views on the results of the 2nd meeting of the Drafting Group on the first effects of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-PRO);
- received information from the Secretariat concerning the preparation by the Ministers' Deputies of a declaration based on the proposal contained in the CDDH Report on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights;
- received information from the representative of the European Union (EU) and exchanged views on developments concerning the accession of the EU to the ECHR, notably the delivery by the Court of Justice of the EU of judgments relating to the outstanding issue of judicial control over acts and omissions under the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy; welcomed the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the case of KS and

KD as a promising avenue to be explored for resolving the outstanding issue concerning judicial control over acts and omissions under the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and on this basis, encouraged the EU to take the necessary decisions at the earliest opportunity, recalling the commitment of all Council of Europe member States to the timely adoption of the accession agreement, as expressed in the Reykjavik Declaration;

As regards the other items on its agenda, the CDDH:

- held a Workshop on facilitating the implementation of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 on measures against the trade in goods used for the death penalty, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- exchanged views with Kristi VÄRK, Chairperson of the Consultation of the Parties to the Convention on access to official documents (CETS No. 205, Tromsø Convention) and received information from the Secretariat on the results of the 7th meeting of the Access Info Group established under the Tromsø Convention;
- exchanged views on the results of the 2nd meeting of the Drafting Group on the eradication of impunity for serious human rights violations (CDDH-ELI);
- exchanged views on the results of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Drafting Group on human rights and artificial intelligence (CDDH-IA);
- exchanged views with Laurence LWOFF, Secretary of the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), and agreed to contribute to a future event on human rights issues raised by neurotechnology, to be organised by the CDBIO in 2025;
- exchanged views on its systems of rapporteurs and focal points (representatives) in other bodies; agreed to reform these systems in order that they better correspond to priority issues under its terms of reference for 2024 – 2027; appointed rapporteurs on the following issues: gender equality (Philippe WERY, Belgium), artificial intelligence (Tim KOLK, Estonia), impunity (Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Germany), and the environment (Nicola WENZEL, Germany); appointed representatives to the following bodies: CDBIO (Elias KASTANAS, Greece) and the Pompidou Group (Milène BLANCHARD, France);
- took note of the information provided by certain of its representatives in outside activities;
- having conducted the annual evaluation of its activities, decided to request the Committee of Ministers to extend its mandate concerning EU accession to the ECHR until the end of 2027 and to give it terms of reference to prepare a non-binding instrument on human rights, the use of spyware, and secret State surveillance; decided to inform the Committee of Ministers that in light of the preparation by the Ministers' Deputies of a declaration on the issue, it did not intend to engage in work on deliverable 9 of its terms of reference for 2024 – 2027;
- received information from the Secretariat on the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of replies to certain recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on which the CDDH had submitted comments;
- took note of the state of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe treaties for which it is responsible, and of recent developments concerning derogations and reservations to the ECHR;
- took note of a recent publication of the work of the CDDH;
- adopted a revised calendar of meetings during the first semester of 2025 and took note of a provisional calendar of meetings during the second semester of 2025.

Resource implications

The CDDH noted that all of the above activities were conducted within the foreseen budgetary envelopes.

Evaluation of completed activities

The CDDH undertook the annual evaluation of its activities, as required under its terms of reference for 2024 – 2027, on the basis of document CDDH(2024)21.

1. The Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) held its 101st meeting in Strasbourg, from 25 to 29 November 2024, with Krista OINONEN (Finland) in the Chair (see list of participants in [Appendix II](#)).

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

2. The CDDH adopted its agenda as it appears in [Appendix I](#) and agreed to the order of business proposed in the draft annotated agenda (CDDH(2024)OJ02 Annot.).

ITEM 2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

3. The CDDH received information from the Secretariat on the Committee of Ministers' adoption of replies to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations [2257 \(2023\)](#) "Transnational repression as a growing threat to the rule of law and human rights" and [2258 \(2023\)](#) "Pegasus and similar spyware and secret State surveillance".

4. The CDDH examined draft comments on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations [2285 \(2024\)](#) "Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine" and [2286 \(2024\)](#) "Guaranteeing the human right to food". The CDDH adopted the comments, with one amendment, as they appear in [Addendum 1](#) and decided to transmit them to the Committee of Ministers.

ITEM 3: WORK ON THE SYSTEM OF THE CONVENTION

3.1 Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC)

5. The CDDH received information from the Secretariat on developments in the Ministers' Deputies concerning preparation of a Committee of Ministers declaration based on the proposal contained in the CDDH Report on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights (doc. CDDH(2023)R99 Addendum 2).

3.1.1 Drafting Group on the first effects of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-PRO)

6. The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-PRO, Babette KOOPMAN (Netherlands), informed the CDDH about the Group's 2nd meeting (9–11 October 2024). The Group had examined and adopted the draft report on the evaluation of the first effects of Protocol No. 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), which had been prepared by the Rapporteur, Cordelia EHRICH (Switzerland) with the support of the Secretariat. The draft report takes into account information received from member States, the highest national courts and tribunals designated by the High Contracting Parties to Protocol No. 16, and the European Court of Human Rights (the Court). The draft report could be presented to the CDDH for examination and possible adoption at its 102nd meeting in June 2025.

7. The Chairperson of the DH-SYSC-PRO also presented the Group's ongoing work on the draft report on the evaluation of the first effects of Protocol No. 15. As regards the principle of subsidiarity and the margin of appreciation, the Group had exchanged views with an external expert, Professor Mikael Rask Madsen (University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law; Director of iCourts – the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre of Excellence for International Courts), on the preliminary findings of his research. The Group is exploring various possibilities

for collecting information on other issues, notably the impact of Article 4 of Protocol No. 15, which reduced the time limit for lodging applications from six to four months. The Group will examine a draft report on the first effects of Protocol No. 15 at its 3rd meeting.

8. The CDDH congratulated the DH-SYSC-PRO for having concluded its work on the evaluation of the first effects of Protocol No. 16 to the Convention. As regards the work on Protocol No. 15, it noted the interesting nature of the preliminary research results presented by Professor Madsen, in particular as regards the Court's reliance on the principle of subsidiarity compared to the government's reliance on such principle, and the innovative research methods which involved the use of artificial intelligence.

3.2 CDDH ad hoc negotiation Group on the EU accession to the ECHR ("46+1" Group)

9. The CDDH received information from Paolo STANCANELLI of the European Commission, on behalf of the European Union (EU), about developments concerning the outstanding issue relating to jurisdiction over acts and omissions under the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy. Mr Stancanelli confirmed the European Commission's strong commitment to the process of EU accession to the ECHR. The Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) had delivered a judgment relating to the outstanding issue on 10 September. This judgment clarified the extent of that court's jurisdiction in cases involving fundamental rights. It did this in a way that the CJEU considered compatible with the requirements of Articles 6 and 13 of the ECHR and of Article 47 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. The only way to be sure that this judgment fully resolved the issue that the CJEU had raised in its Opinion 2/13 on the previous draft accession agreement would be to ask the CJEU for a further opinion. The European Commission is minded to take this step, subject to the decision of the incoming College of Commissioners. The European Commission hoped that the CDDH could welcome this direction but saw no need for a formal decision at this stage. The European Commission was also working on the internal rules that would be needed for the implementation of the accession agreement, once in force.

10. In response to questions from members, Mr Stancanelli indicated a possible sequence of events involving a timely proposal to the incoming College of Commissions as a first step, followed by a request for opinion to the CJEU, then a process allowing all EU member States to submit observations to the CJEU, concluding with the opinion being delivered between 18 and 24 months after the request. Any EU institution or member State is entitled to submit a request for opinion to the CJEU but there was an internal understanding that the European Commission would do so for the revised draft accession agreement. The European Commission did not want to act precipitously but rather be confident of the outcome. It nevertheless felt that there was currently a certain momentum, which it wished to maintain.

11. The CDDH thanked Mr Stancanelli for the open and constructive exchange of views. It welcomed the judgments of the CJEU as a promising avenue to be explored for resolving the outstanding issue. On this basis, it encouraged the EU to take the necessary decisions at the earliest opportunity, recalling the commitment of all Council of Europe member States to the timely adoption of the accession agreement, as expressed in the Reykjavík Declaration.

ITEM 4: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

12. The CDDH examined the draft study on the need for and feasibility of an additional instrument or instruments in the field of human rights and the environment, as prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the background document prepared by the Drafting Group on human rights and environment (CDDH-ENV) and in consultation with the Bureau, following the instructions given by the CDDH at its 100th meeting in June. The CDDH reviewed the text

paragraph-by-paragraph, taking into account amendment proposals and comments submitted in writing in advance of the meeting and those made orally or in writing during the meeting.

13. Having reviewed the draft text, the CDDH held a general discussion on possible conclusions and recommendations to be included at the end of the study. Members expressed their openness to continue engaging constructively on these issues. A majority of those members that expressed a view were open to negotiating a legal instrument to guarantee the human right to a healthy environment. Other members expressed the view that the need for such an instrument has not yet been established. Most members did not express their position on these issues, some explaining that due to the domestic political situation, their authorities had not yet reached a national position. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Conference of International NGOs (CINGO), the Holy See, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), and Amnesty International also expressed their positions. The CDDH then examined paragraph-by-paragraph draft conclusions and recommendations, as prepared by the Secretariat, and took into account various amendment proposals.

14. On this basis, the CDDH adopted its study on the need for and feasibility of an additional instrument or instruments in the field of human rights and the environment, as it appears in Addendum 2, and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers for information.

ITEM 5: ERADICATION OF IMPUNITY FOR SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

15. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on the eradication of impunity for serious human rights violations (CDDH-ELI), Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany), informed the CDDH of the results of its second meeting (15-17 October 2024). At this meeting, the CDDH-ELI examined the draft introduction of the study on the need for and feasibility of (an) additional non-binding instrument(s) to complement the 2011 Committee of Minister's Guidelines, and provisionally agreed on the draft introduction in its current form. It also held preliminary discussions on the scope of the Guidelines and definitions and on issues related to cooperation. The CDDH-ELI held an exchange of views with Jörg POLAKIEWICZ, Director of Legal Advice and Public International Law, Council of Europe; Mirjam EKKART, Legal Advisor, Department of International Affairs and Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, Netherlands Ministry of Justice; Matevz PEZDIRC, Head of the Genocide Network Secretariat, European Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes (Genocide Network), Eurojust; Robert PETIT, Head of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to assist in the investigation and prosecution of persons responsible for the most serious crimes under international law committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 (IIIM); Frederic DOLT, Head of the Department on Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe; Kate VIGNESWARAN, Director, Global Accountability Initiative, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ); and Chiara GABRIELE, Legal Coordinator, Accountability for Private Military and Security Actors, TRIAL International. At its third meeting (14-16 January 2025), the CDDH-ELI will examine draft text for the study on need and feasibility relating to issues examined at the second meeting and will discuss issues related to criminal law, the rights of victims and other issues, including a further exchange of views with experts.

16. The CDDH took note of this information and welcomed the progress being made by the CDDH-ELI.

ITEM 6: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

17. The Chairperson of the Drafting Group on human rights and artificial intelligence (CDDH-IA), Alfonso BREZMES (Spain) informed the CDDH of the results of its 1st (25-27 September 2024) and 2nd (13-15 November 2024) meetings.

18. At its 1st meeting, the Group held an exchange of views with external experts and representatives of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), the Committee of Experts on the Implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence on Freedom of Expression (MSI-AI), the Consultative Committee for Convention 108 (T-PD), and the Working Group on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence (CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST). The CDDH-IA considered that the Handbook should primarily be based on the ECHR, as interpreted by the Court, and the European Social Charter, as interpreted by the European Committee on Social Rights (ECSR), as well as the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law (Framework Convention). Other binding and non-binding instruments will be considered where appropriate. The CDDH-IA also decided that the Handbook's target audience would be government officials and policymakers of Council of Europe member States. The Handbook will use the definition of "artificial intelligence systems" from the Framework Convention. The Handbook will address the human rights impact of the use of AI systems in certain public governance sectors.

19. At its 2nd meeting, the CDDH-IA held an exchange of views with representatives of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Registry of the Court, and the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO) drafting group on AI. The CDDH-IA also adopted an outline for the Handbook and identified seven sectors (Law Enforcement and Public Safety, Administration of Justice, Healthcare, Education, Social Services and Welfare, Immigration and Border Control, and Labour and Employment) to be addressed. It also identified four further sectors (Housing and Urban Planning, Taxation, Democratic Processes, and Public Administration) whose possible inclusion in the first edition of the Handbook would be decided later. The CDDH-IA appointed Sofia KASTRANTA (Greece) as its rapporteur and asked her to prepare a draft text for the introductory and general issues part of the Handbook and three sectors (Administration of Justice, Healthcare, Social Services and Welfare), for its next meeting. The CDDH-IA decided to engage Miriam KULLMANN, a member of the ECSR, as an expert consultant on issues relating to social and economic rights. The Group also adopted a questionnaire to member States with a deadline of 27 January 2025 for submission of replies.

20. The CDDH took note of this information and welcomed the progress being made by the CDDH-IA.

ITEM 7: CIVIL SOCIETY

21. The CDDH examined, paragraph by paragraph, the draft CDDH Report on its examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society space in Europe, as prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the results of the Conference held at the 100th meeting of the CDDH in June, updates to the 2018 compilation of measures and practices in place in Council of Europe member States, and the contributions of the CDDEM. It expressed its thanks to the CDDEM for its valuable contributions to the CDDH report.

22. The CDDH adopted this Report with certain amendments, as it appears in Addendum 3, and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers for information.

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

ITEM 9: ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

23. The CDDH held a Workshop on “Strengthening Multilateral Efforts to Curb Trade in Torture and Death Penalty Goods”, as part of its examination of the implementation of Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 on measures against the trade in goods used for the death penalty, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The Workshop was opened by the Director General, Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Gianluca ESPOSITO. Other speakers included the Parliamentary Assembly’s General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Gala VELDHOEN, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Alice Jill EDWARDS, officials from Council of Europe member States, and representatives of the EU and non-governmental organisations including the Omega Research Foundation, Amnesty International, Reprieve, and the Death Penalty Information Centre. The programme appears in Appendix III.

24. The CDDH took note of the replies to the questionnaire to member States on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 that had been adopted at the 100th meeting, and of the summary of those replies prepared by the Secretariat. The CDDH asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft CDDH Report on examination of implementation of CM/Rec(2021)2, based on information gathered through the Workshop, the replies of member States to the questionnaire and other relevant sources, for examination at the 102nd meeting in June 2025.

ITEM 10: ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

25. The Chairperson of the Consultation of the Parties to the Convention on access to official documents (CETS No. 215, Tromsø Convention), Kristi VÄRK, informed the CDDH about its 4th meeting (2–4 October 2024). On the basis of the Access Info Group’s (AIG) Baseline Evaluation Reports, the Consultation of the Parties had adopted draft recommendations and conclusions in respect of the first 11 Parties to the Tromsø Convention. The Consultation of the Parties expressed its appreciation for the AIG’s work and discussed some questions of common interest among the Parties, particularly regarding the definition of an official document according to Article 1 of the Tromsø Convention and the implementation of the overriding public interest test provided for by Article 3 of the convention. Considering these discussions, the Consultation of the Parties expressed its desire for dialogue with the AIG to enhance compliance with the Tromsø Convention, while respecting the AIG’s independence and role as the ultimate authority to interpret the Convention. This dialogue was initiated at the last meeting of the AIG (12–15 November 2024) with a fruitful exchange of views between Ms. VÄRK and the AIG on the questions raised by the Parties.

26. Ms VÄRK also recalled that the Consultation of the Parties wishes to enhance the promotion of the Tromsø Convention, in particular so as to encourage further ratifications. She took the opportunity of the present exchange of views to call for further efforts to this end.

27. In response to questions, Ms VÄRK said that it was still too early to identify general trends in the implementation of the right of access to information through the monitoring of the Convention. The Secretary of the Tromsø Convention, Elvana THACI, added that the first

baseline evaluation reports had revealed two broad types of freedom of information laws: those that had been modelled after the Tromsø Convention, and those that proceeded it. The way in which the Tromsø Convention was implemented in national law thus differed between the Parties, but the AIG had not yet assessed implementation of these laws in practice.

28. The CDDH thanked Ms. VÄRK for her intervention and welcomed the positive evolution of the Tromsø Convention system. It reiterated the importance of the Tromsø Convention to the CDDH, which remained committed to encouraging further ratifications.

ITEM 11: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BIOMEDICINE

29. The CDDH exchanged views with the Secretary of the Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), Laurence LWOFF, about the CDBIO's ongoing work on the challenges to human rights posed by neurotechnology, recalling the presentation by the then Chairperson of the CDBIO, Siobhán O'SULLIVAN, at its 97th meeting in December 2022.¹ The CDBIO at its recent meeting had agreed on the draft programme of a workshop to examine the scope and content of existing human rights provisions, notably those of the ECHR, and their interpretation as a response to these challenges. The workshop would engage primarily with practitioners, notably judges and lawyers, rather than academics, some of whom argued that new "neurorights" were necessary. Although there was not yet caselaw of the Court on these issues, the Registry had expressed its willingness to contribute. The CDBIO hoped that the CDDH would also be able to participate in this activity, recalling the links between the two committees established in their respective terms of reference for 2024 – 2027.

30. Ms LWOFF also provided information on developments relating to the draft additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, in particular the approval by the CDBIO of a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to member States on respect of autonomy in mental healthcare. This recommendation would form part of a package of texts on the protection of human rights in mental healthcare that would accompany the draft additional protocol. This package would underline the Committee of Ministers' commitment to individual autonomy and respect for human rights, with involuntary measures the exception to a general rule in favour of voluntary measures.

ITEM 12: EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES

31. The CDDH exchanged views on evaluation of its activities in 2024. It took note of the document prepared by the Secretariat and asked that it be updated to include the results of the present meeting.² As regards possible future activities and activities that could be discontinued, the CDDH decided to:

- Request the Committee of Ministers to prolong its mandate on EU accession to the ECHR until 31 December 2027, in order to continue following developments in the EU concerning the outstanding issue (see item 3.2 above);
- Request the Committee of Ministers to give it terms of reference to prepare a non-binding instrument on human rights, spyware and secret state surveillance, bearing in mind the Committee of Ministers' reply to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2258 (2023) (see item 2 above);
- Begin discussion of how businesses interpret and apply human rights law in relation to their activities, by holding an exchange of views with an external expert at a future meeting;

¹ See CDDH(2022)R97, para. 26 and Appendix III.

² As a result, see doc. CDDH(2024)22REV2.

- Retain the issue of human rights in armed conflicts for future consideration, in the light of the Court's determination of relevant pending cases;
- Inform the Committee of Ministers of its intention not to pursue further work on deliverable 9 of its terms of reference for 2024 – 2027, given the preparation by the Committee of Ministers of a declaration on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights (see item 3.1 above).

ITEM 13: CONVENTIONS

32. The CDDH took note of information provided by the Secretariat on recent signatures and ratifications of Council of Europe conventions under the responsibility of the CDDH as well as of recent developments concerning derogations and reservations to the European Convention on Human Rights.

ITEM 14: REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

33. The CDDH reviewed its systems of rapporteurs and focal points (representatives to other bodies), taking note of the document prepared by the Secretariat.

34. In addition to the mandatory position of gender equality rapporteur, it decided to take into account more systematically the mainstreamed youth perspective on its work. It decided to discontinue the positions of rapporteur on the mainstreamed perspectives of children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities and issues relating to Roma and Travellers, whilst still taking these perspectives into account in its work where relevant.

35. The CDDH decided to appoint thematic rapporteurs on the issues of human rights and artificial intelligence, impunity for serious human rights violations, human rights and the environment, and human rights and business, on the basis that these represented priority themes in its current activities. The thematic rapporteurs are expected to act as liaison between the CDDH and its relevant subordinate bodies, on the one hand, and other Council of Europe bodies engaged in relevant activities, on the other. They would do this with the support of the CDDH Secretariat. They should, in principle, be available to attend meetings of these other bodies at particularly significant points in their work. If so, the CDDH may give guidance to the thematic rapporteur on positions to be expressed at those meetings. The thematic rapporteur on human rights and business in particular may make proposals for relevant activities within the CDDH.

36. The CDDH also decided to appoint representatives to the CDBIO and the International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addictions (Pompidou Group), in accordance with its mandate to advise other bodies of the Council of Europe to ensure that their activities concerning human rights duly reflect the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights and the caselaw of the Court. It decided not to appoint representatives to any other bodies.

37. On this basis, the CDDH made the following appointments:

- Rapporteur on gender equality: Philippe WERY (Belgium);
- Thematic rapporteur on human rights and artificial intelligence: Tim KOLK (Estonia);
- Thematic rapporteur on human rights and the environment: Nicola WENZEL (Germany);
- Thematic rapporteur on impunity for serious violations of human rights: Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany);
- Thematic rapporteur on human rights and business: Nicola WENZEL (Germany);
- Representative to the CDBIO: Elias KASTANAS (Greece);
- Representative to the Pompidou Group: Milène BLANCHARD (France).

38. The CDDH agreed to review the appointments of rapporteurs and representatives in future, in order to take account of developments in its own thematic priorities and the completion of activities by other bodies.

39. The list of the CDDH's rapporteurs and representatives also appears in Appendix IV.

ITEM 15: ELECTIONS

40. The CDDH re-elected Krista OINONEN (Finland) as its Chairperson and Tonje MEINICH (Norway) as its Vice-chairperson. It also elected two new Bureau members, Milène BLANCHARD (France) and Elīna Luīze VĪTOLA (Latvia), as well the Chairperson of the DH-SYSC, John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT (Ireland). The CDDH thanked the outgoing Bureau members, Brigitte OHMS (Austria) and Babette KOOPMAN (the Netherlands) for their commitment and contributions. As there were no candidates for the vacant post of Chairperson of the Drafting Group on the safe third country concept (CDDH-PTS), the CDDH noted that this group would elect its chairperson at its first meeting.

41. The full composition of the CDDH Bureau and the presidencies of its subordinate bodies appear at Appendix V.

ITEM 16: PUBLICATIONS

42. The CDDH noted the publication of the Proceedings of the Conference on the protection and the promotion of the civil society space in Europe, which took place in Helsinki on 25 June 2024, on the occasion of the 100th CDDH meeting.

ITEM 17: CALENDAR

43. The CDDH adopted its calendar of meetings for the first semester of 2025 and took note of a proposed calendar of meetings for the second semester of 2025, as they appear in Appendix VI.

ITEM 18: OTHER BUSINESS

44. The CDDH was informed that this would be the last meeting attended by Brigitte KONZ (Luxembourg). It thanked her for her long and valuable contribution to its work over many years, both as a Chairperson and a long-standing member, and wished her a long and happy retirement.

ITEM 19: ADOPTION OF THE ABRIDGED REPORT

45. The CDDH adopted the abridged report of the present meeting.

Appendix I

Agenda

1: OPENING OF THE MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS	1 : OUVERTURE DE LA RÉUNION, ADOPTION DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR ET DE L'ORDRE DES TRAVAUX
CDDH(2024)R100 – Report of the 100th meeting CDDH-BU(2024)R112 – Report of the 112th meeting of the Bureau	CDDH(2024)R100 – Rapport de la 100 ^e réunion CDDH-BU(2024)R112 – Rapport de la 112 ^e réunion du Bureau
2: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY	2 : RECOMMANDATIONS DE L'ASSEMBLEE PARLEMENTAIRE
CDDH(2024)27 – Draft CDDH comments on PACE Recommendations	CDDH(2024)27 – Projet de commentaires du CDDH sur des Recommandations de l'APCE
3: WORK ON THE SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS	3 : TRAVAUX RELATIFS AU SYSTÈME DE LA CONVENTION EUROPEENE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME
3.1. Committee of Experts on the system of the European Convention of Human rights (DH-SYSC)	3.1 Comité d'experts sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC)
CDDH(2023)R99 Addendum 2 – CDDH Report on issues relating to judges of the European Court of Human Rights	CDDH(2023)R99 Addendum 2 – Rapport du CDDH sur les questions relatives aux juges de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme
3.1.1. Drafting Group on the first effects of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC-PRO)	3.1.1. Groupe de rédaction sur les premiers effets des Protocoles 15 et 16 à la Convention européenne des droits de l'Homme (DH-SYSC-PRO)
DH-SYSC-PRO(2024)R2 – Report of the 2nd meeting	DH-SYSC-PRO(2024)R2 – Rapport de la 2 ^e réunion
3.2 CDDH ad hoc negotiation group (“46+1”) on EU accession to the ECHR	3.2 Groupe de négociation ad hoc du CDDH (« 46+1 ») sur l'adhésion de l'UE à la CEDH
4: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS	4 : ENVIRONNEMENT ET DROITS HUMAINS
CDDH(2024)26 – Background document prepared by the CDDH-ENV CDDH(2024)05 – CDDH Progress Report CDDH(2024)16 – Draft CDDH Study on the need for and feasibility of a further instrument or instruments in the field of human rights and the environment CDDH(2024)18 – Discussion Paper prepared by the Secretariat CDDH(2024)25REV – Compilation of replies received from member States on the draft CDDH Study on the need for and feasibility of a further instrument or instruments in the field of human rights and the environment and the discussion paper prepared by the Secretariat Announcement by the European Court of Human Rights of its Grand Chamber rulings in the climate change cases Recommendation CM/Rec(2024)6 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on young people and climate action	CDDH(2024)26 – Document de base préparé par le CDDH-ENV CDDH(2024)05 – CDDH Rapport intérimaire CDDH(2024)16 – Projet d'Étude du CDDH sur la nécessité et la faisabilité d'un instrument ou d'instruments additionnels sur les droits humains et l'environnement CDDH(2024)18 – Document de discussion préparé par le Secrétariat CDDH(2024)25REV – Compilation des réponses reçues des États membres sur le projet d'Étude du CDDH sur la nécessité et la faisabilité d'un instrument ou d'instruments additionnels sur les droits humains et l'environnement et le document de discussion préparé par le Secrétariat Annonce de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme des décisions de sa Grande Chambre dans les affaires concernant le changement climatique Recommandation CM/Rec(2024)6 du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur les jeunes et l'action climatique

5: ERADICATION OF IMPUNITY FOR SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	5 : ÉLIMINATION DE L'IMPUNITÉ POUR LES VIOLATIONS GRAVES DES DROITS HUMAINS
CDDH-ELI(2024)R2 – Report of the 2nd meeting	CDDH-ELI(2024)R2 – Rapport de la 2 ^e réunion
6: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	6: INTELLIGENCE ARTIFICIELLE
CDDH-IA(2024)R1 – Report of the 1st meeting CDDH-IA(2024)R2 – Report of the 2nd meeting	CDDH-IA(2024)R1 – Rapport de la 1 ^e réunion CDDH-IA(2024)R2 – Rapport de la 2 ^e réunion
7: CIVIL SOCIETY	7: SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE
<p>Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society space in Europe CDDH(2024)19 – Compilation of updates received from member States on document CDDH(2018)13 CDDH(2024)20 - Draft CDDH report on its examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 CDDH(2024)28 – Measures and practices in place: Supplementary information from Amnesty International</p> <p>CDDH(2024)29 – Summary of the discussions at the Conference on the protection and promotion of Civil Society Space in Europe held in Helsinki (25 June 2024) CDDH(2024)30 – Compilation of comments received on the draft CDDH report on its examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 on the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society in Europe</p>	<p>Recommandation CM/Rec(2018)11 du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur la nécessité de renforcer la protection et la promotion de l'espace dévolu à la société civile en Europe CDDH(2024)19 – Compilation des mises à jour reçues des États membres sur le document CDDH(2018)13 CDDH(2024)20 - Projet de rapport du CDDH sur son examen de la mise en œuvre de la Recommandation CM/Rec(2018)11 CDDH(2024)28 – Mesures et pratiques en vigueur : Informations complémentaires fournies par Amnesty International (<i>disponible uniquement en anglais</i>) CDDH(2024)29 – Résumé des discussion lors de la Conférence sur l'espace dévolu à la société civile en Europe, tenue à Helsinki (25 juin 2024) CDDH(2024)30 – Compilation des commentaires reçus sur le projet de rapport du CDDH sur son examen de la mise en œuvre de la Recommandation CM/Rec(2018)11 sur la nécessité de renforcer la protection et la promotion de l'espace dévolu à la société civile</p>
8: PROHIBITION OF THE TRADE IN GOODS USED FOR TORTURE AND THE DEATH PENALTY	8: INTERDICTION DU COMMERCE DE BIENS UTILISÉS POUR LA TORTURE ET LA PEINE DE MORT
9: ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY	9: ABOLITION DE LA PEINE DE MORT
<p>Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures against the trade in goods used for the death penalty, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment CDDH(2024)15 – Compilation of the replies received from member States to the questionnaire on the examination of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 CDDH(2024)23 - Draft programme of the workshop “Strengthening Multilateral Efforts to Curb Trade in Torture and Death Penalty Goods” CDDH(2024)31 - Summary of the replies received from member States to the Questionnaire on the examination of the Implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures against the trade in goods used for the death penalty, torture, and</p>	<p>Recommandation CM/Rec(2021)2 du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur des mesures contre le commerce de biens utilisés pour la peine de mort, la torture et autres peines ou traitements cruels, inhumains ou dégradants CDDH(2024)15 – Compilation des réponses reçues des États membres au questionnaire relatif à l'examen de la mise en œuvre de la Recommandation CM/Rec(2021)2 CDDH(2024)23 - Projet de programme de l'atelier « Renforcer les efforts multilatéraux visant à limiter le commerce des biens utilisés pour la torture et la peine de mort » CDDH(2024)31 - Résumé des réponses reçues des États membres au Questionnaire relatif à l'examen de la mise en œuvre de la Recommandation CM/Rec(2021)2 du Comité des Ministres aux États membres sur des mesures contre le commerce des biens utilisés pour la peine de mort, la torture et</p>

other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment	autres peines ou traitements cruels, inhumains ou dégradants
10: ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS	10 : ACCÈS AUX DOCUMENTS PUBLICS
TC-CP(2024)R4 – Report of the 4th meeting of the Consultation of the Parties to the Tromsø Convention AIG(2024)LD7 – List of decisions adopted at the 7th meeting of the Access Info Group	TC-CP(2024)R4 – Rapport de la 4 ^e réunion de la Consultation des Parties à la Convention de Tromsø AIG(2024)LD7 – Liste des décisions adoptées lors de la 7 ^e réunion du Groupe Accès à l'Information
11: HUMAN RIGHTS AND BIOMEDICINE	11: DROITS HUMAINS ET BIOMÉDECINE
12: EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES	12 : ÉVALUATION DES ACTIVITES
CDDH(2024)21 – Terms of reference for the CDDH, DH-SYSC and DH-ENV 2024-2027 CDDH(2024)22REV - Evaluation of activities: background paper prepared by the Secretariat	CDDH(2024)21 – Mandats pour le CDDH, le DH-SYSC et le DH-ENV 2024-2027 CDDH(2024)22REV – Évaluation des activités : document de référence préparé par le Secrétariat
13: CONVENTIONS	13 : CONVENTIONS
CDDH(2024)14 – State of signatures and ratifications of certain treaties under the responsibility of the CDDH	CDDH(2024)14 – État des signatures et ratifications de certains traités sous la responsabilité du CDDH
14: REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES	14 : REPRÉSENTANTS DANS DES ACTIVITES EXTERNES
CDDH(2024)24REV – Review of the CDDH systems of rapporteurs and focal points (document prepared by the Secretariat)	CDDH(2024)24REV – Révision des systèmes du CDDH concernant les rapporteurs et les points focaux (document préparé par le Secrétariat)
15: ELECTIONS	15 : ÉLECTIONS
16: PUBLICATIONS	16 : PUBLICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceedings of the Conference on the protection and promotion of the civil society space in Europe (Helsinki, June 2024). CDDH Publications' website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actes de la Conférence sur la protection et la promotion de l'espace dévolu à la société civile en Europe (Helsinki, juin 2024). Site internet des publications du CDDH
17: CALENDAR	17 : CALENDRIER
18: OTHER BUSINESS	18 : QUESTIONS DIVERSES
19: ADOPTION OF THE ABRIDGED REPORT	19 : ADOPTION DU RAPPORT ABRÉGÉ

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Appendix III

Workshop on facilitating the implementation of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)2 on measures against the trade in goods used for the death penalty, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Atelier sur la facilitation de la mise en œuvre de la Recommandation CM/Rec(2021)2 du Comité des Ministres sur des mesures contre le commerce de biens utilisés pour la peine de mort, la torture et autres peines ou traitements cruels, inhumains ou dégradants

Wednesday / mercredi 27 November / novembre 2024

09:00 – 12:30

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PROGRAMME

09:00: Opening of the Workshop / Ouverture de l'Atelier

Gianluca ESPOSITO, Director General – DGI: Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law / Directeur général – DGI: Direction Générale droits humains et État de droit (5 mins)

09:05: [Video](#) on the CM Recommendation (2021) prepared by Omega Research and Amnesty International / [Vidéo](#) sur la Recommandation CM préparée par Omega Research et Amnesty International (7 mins)

09:10 : Introduction presentations / Présentations introductives (20 mins)

- **States Obligations under CM/Rec(2021)2 / Obligations étatiques sous la CM/Rec(2021)2** – Nicola WENZEL, German representative within the CDDH and former Rapporteur of the CDDH / Représentante de l'Allemagne au sein du CDDH et ancienne Rapporteuse du CDDH
- **Overview of the Global Trade in Law Enforcement Equipment used for Torture / Aperçu du commerce mondial d'équipements de maintien de l'ordre utilisés pour la torture** – Dr Michael CROWLEY, Research Associate, Omega Research Foundation / Chercheur associé, Omega Research Foundation

09:30: Session 1 : Implementing the Council of Europe Recommendation: States and Civil Society Perspectives / Mise en oeuvre de la recommandation du Conseil de l'Europe : perspectives des États et de la société civile

Moderator / Modératrice : Nicola WENZEL

- **States Perspective on Council of Europe Implementation and the Trade in Goods / Perspectives des États sur la mise en œuvre de la recommandation du Conseil de l'Europe et le commerce des biens** – Dr Johannes RICKLER, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany / *Ministère fédéral d'Allemagne des affaires économiques et de l'action climatique (10 mins)*
- **Regulating Security Equipment and Security Fairs / Réglementer les équipements de sécurité et les salons de sécurité** – Fanny GALLOIS, Head of the Freedoms Program, Amnesty International France / *Responsable Programme Libertés, Amnesty International France (10 mins)* – Online / en ligne
- Interactive discussions / Discussions interactives (20 mins)

10:20 : Coffee break / Pause-café (20 mins)

10:40: Session 2: Enhancing the multilateral impact: Developments in measures taken following the adoption of the Council of Europe Recommendation / Renforcer l'impact multilatéral : évolutions des mesures prises suite à l'adoption de la recommandation

Moderator / Modérateur : Dr Michael CROWLEY

- **States obligations to regulate the international trade in law enforcement equipment used in torture and other ill-treatment / Obligations des États de réglementer le commerce international des équipements de maintien de l'ordre utilisés pour la torture et autres mauvais traitements** – Dr Alice Jill EDWARDS, UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment / *Rapporteuse spéciale des Nations Unies sur la torture et autres peines ou traitements cruels, inhumains ou dégradants (10 mins)* – online / en ligne
- **Activities of the European Union to address trade in goods used for torture, other ill-treatment and the death penalty / Activités de l'Union européenne pour lutter contre le commerce de biens utilisés pour la torture, les autres mauvais traitements et la peine de mort** – Laura AUGER-PEREZ, Senior Expert, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), European Commission / *Experte spécialisée, Service des instruments de politique étrangère (FPI), Commission européenne (10 mins)* – online / en ligne
- **Options for developing international standards to address the trade in goods used for torture, other ill-treatment and the death penalty / Options pour développer des normes internationales visant à encadrer le commerce de biens utilisés pour la torture, les mauvais traitements et la peine de mort** – Patrick WILCKEN, Researcher, Arms Control, Security & Human Rights, International Secretariat, Amnesty International / *Chercheur, Contrôle des armes, sécurité et droits humains, Secrétariat international, Amnesty International (10 mins)*
- Interactive discussions / Discussions interactives (20 mins)

11:30: Session 3: Addressing Death Penalty Challenges within the Framework of the CoE Recommendation / Relever les défis liés à la peine de mort dans le cadre de la recommandation du CoE

Moderator / Modérateur : Sébastien POTAUFEU, Coordinator for the abolition of death penalty (DGI) / *Coordinateur pour l'abolition de la peine de mort (DGI)*

- **PACE initiatives and global trends: Addressing the trade in anti-torture and death penalty goods / Initiatives d'APCE et tendances mondiales : Lutter contre le commerce des biens liés à la torture et à la peine de mort**, Gala VELDHOEN, PACE General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty / *Rapporteuse générale sur l'abolition de la peine de mort de l'APCE (10 mins) – online / en ligne*
- **Civil Society Perspective to the Implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation and Pharmaceutical Trade / Perspective de la société civile sur la mise en œuvre de la recommandation du Conseil de l'Europe et le commerce pharmaceutique** – Dan DOLAN, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Reprieve / *Directeur des affaires politiques et plaidoyers, Reprieve (10 mins)*
- **Challenges identified to execution techniques used in the USA / Défis identifiés dans les techniques d'exécution utilisées aux États-Unis**, Robin MAHER, Executive Director, Death Penalty Information Centre / *Directrice exécutive, Death Penalty Information Centre (online) (10 mins) – online / en ligne*
- Interactive discussions / Discussions interactives (20 mins)

12:20: Concluding remarks / Remarques finales

Krista OINONEN, Chairperson of the CDDH / *Présidente du CDDH (5 mins)*

Appendix IV**CDDH rapporteurs and representatives**

As appointed by the CDDH at its 101st meeting (25–29 December 2024)

- Rapporteur on gender equality: Philippe WERY (Belgium)
- Thematic rapporteur on human rights and artificial intelligence: Tim KOLK (Estonia)
- Thematic rapporteur on human rights and the environment: Nicola WENZEL (Germany)
- Thematic rapporteur on impunity for serious violations of human rights: Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)
- Thematic rapporteur on human rights and business: Nicola WENZEL (Germany)
- Representative to the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO): Elias KASTANAS (Greece)
- Representative to the International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addictions (Pompidou Group): Milène BLANCHARD (France)

Appendix V**Composition of the Bureau of the CDDH and Chairpersons of subordinate bodies**

BUREAU	END OF THE MANDATE	REFERENCES
Krista OINONEN (Finland) Chairperson	31 December 2025 (elected for 1 year, non-renewable)	101st CDDH meeting (November 2024)
Tonje MEINICH (Norway) Vice-chairperson	31 December 2025 (elected for 1 year, non-renewable)	101st CDDH meeting (November 2024)
Nicola WENZEL (Germany) Member	31 December 2025 (elected for 2 years, non-renewable)	99th CDDH meeting (November 2023)
Tim KOLK (Estonia) Member	31 December 2025 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	99th CDDH meeting (November 2023)
Elias KASTANAS (Greece) Member	31 December 2025 (elected for 18 months, 2-year term renewable once)	100th CDDH meeting (June 2024)
John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT (Ireland) Member	31 December 2025 (elected for 18 months, 2-year term renewable once)	100th CDDH meeting (June 2024)
Milène BLANCHARD (France) Member	31 December 2026 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	101st CDDH meeting (November 2024)
Elīna Luīze VĪTOLA (Latvia) Member	31 December 2026 (elected for 2 years, renewable once)	101st CDDH meeting (November 2024)
CHAIRPERSONS		
DH-SYSC John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT (Ireland)		101st CDDH meeting (November 2024)
DH-SYSC-PRO Babette KOOPMAN (Netherlands)		99th CDDH meeting (November 2023)
"46 + 1" Tonje MEINICH (Norway)		92nd CDDH meeting (November 2019)
CDDH-IA Alfonso BREZMES (Spain)		99th CDDH meeting (November 2023)
CDDH-ELI Hans-Jörg BEHRENS (Germany)		99th CDDH meeting (November 2023)
CDDH-PTS <i>To be appointed by the CDDH-PTS at its 1st meeting</i>		

Appendix VI

Calendar

*As adopted (for the first semester 2025) and approved (for the second semester 2025)
by the CDDH at its 101st meeting (25–29 November 2024)*

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| 14 – 16/01/2025 | <u>3rd meeting of the Drafting Group on the eradication of impunity for serious human rights violations / 3^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur l'élimination de l'impunité pour les violations graves des droits humains</u> (CDDH-ELI) |
| 03 – 05/02/2025 | <u>8th meeting of the Council of Europe Access Info Group / 8^e réunion du Groupe Accès à l'information du Conseil de l'Europe</u> |
| 04 – 06/02/2025 | <u>3rd meeting of the Drafting Group on human rights and artificial intelligence / 3^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits humains et l'intelligence artificielle</u> (CDDH-IA) |
| 04 – 06/03/2025 | 1st meeting of the Drafting Group on the safe third country concept / 1 ^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur la notion de pays tiers sûr (CDDH-PTS) |
| 12 – 14/03/2025 | <u>3rd meeting of the Drafting Group on the first effects of Protocols Nos. 15 & 16 ECHR / 3^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les premiers effets des Protocoles 15 & 16 à la CEDH</u> (DH-SYSC-PRO) |
| 01 – 03/04/2025 | <u>4th meeting of the Drafting Group on human rights and artificial intelligence / 4^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits humains et l'intelligence artificielle</u> (CDDH-IA) |
| 28 – 30/04/2025 | <u>4th meeting of the Drafting Group on the eradication of impunity for serious human rights violations / 4^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur l'élimination de l'impunité pour les violences graves des droits humains</u> (CDDH-ELI) |
| 05 – 07/05/2025 | <u>7th meeting of the Committee of experts on the system of the ECHR / 7^e réunion du Comité d'experts sur le système de la CEDH</u> (DH-SYSC) |
| 13 – 15/05/2025 | 1st réunion of the Drafting Committee on human rights and the environment / 1 ^e réunion du Comité de rédaction sur les droits humains et l'environnement (DH-ENV) |
| 14 – 16/05/2025 | <u>9th meeting of the Council of Europe Access Info Group / 9^e réunion du Groupe Accès à l'information du Conseil de l'Europe</u> |
| 27 – 28/05/2025 | <u>113th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 113^e réunion du Bureau du Comité directeur pour les droits humains</u> (CDDH-BU) |
| 11 – 13/06/2025 | <u>5th meeting of the Consultation of the Parties to the Tromsø Convention / 5^e réunion de la Consultation des Parties à la Convention de Tromsø</u> |
| 24 – 27/06/2025 | <u>102nd meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 102^e réunion du Comité directeur pour les droits humains</u> (CDDH) |
| 08 – 12/09/2025 | 2nd réunion of the Drafting Committee on human rights and the environment / 2 ^e réunion du Comité de rédaction sur les droits humains et l'environnement (DH-ENV) |

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- 15 – 19/09/2025 | [2nd meeting of the Drafting Group on the safe third country concept / 2^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur la notion de pays tiers sûr \(CDDH-PTS\)](#)
- 22 – 26/09/2025 | [4th meeting of the Drafting Group on the first effects of Protocols Nos. 15 & 16 ECHR / 4^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les premiers effets des Protocoles 15 & 16 à la CEDH \(DH-SYSC-PRO\)](#)
- 06 – 10/10/2025 | [5th meeting of the Drafting Group on human rights and artificial intelligence / 5^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur les droits humains et l'intelligence artificielle \(CDDH-IA\)](#)
- 13 – 17/10/2025 | [5th meeting of the Drafting Group on the eradication of impunity for serious human rights violations / 5^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur l'élimination de l'impunité pour les violences graves des droits humains \(CDDH-ELI\)](#)
- 27 – 31/10/2025 | [3rd réunion of the Drafting Committee on human rights and the environment / 3^e réunion du Comité de rédaction sur les droits humains et l'environnement \(DH-ENV\)](#)
- 03 – 07/11/2025 | [3rd meeting of the Drafting Group on the safe third country concept / 3^e réunion du Groupe de rédaction sur la notion de pays tiers sûr \(CDDH-PTS\)](#)
- 10 – 14/11/2025 | [114th meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 114^e réunion du Bureau du Comité directeur pour les droits humains \(CDDH-BU\)](#)
- 19 – 21/11/2025 | [10th meeting of the Council of Europe Access Info Group / 10^e réunion du Groupe Accès à l'information du Conseil de l'Europe](#)
- 24 – 28/11/2025 | [103rd meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights / 103^e réunion du Comité directeur pour les droits humains \(CDDH\)](#)