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STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

(CDDH)

MEETING REPORT

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Second extraordinary meeting

Strasbourg, 25 – 27 February 2026

MEETING REPORT

1. The Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) held a second extraordinary meeting in Strasbourg, from 25 to 27 February 2026, with Tonje MEINICH (Norway) in the Chair (see list of participants in Appendix II).

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The CDDH adopted the agenda of the meeting as it appears in Appendix I.

ITEM 2: EXAMINATION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT TEXT FOR THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT

3. The Chairperson noted that a very large number of comments had been submitted concerning the preliminary draft outcome document. As there was limited time available and a very short deadline, the Bureau had decided that comments submitted by participants and observers would be discussed when supported by the delegation of a member State.

4. Several delegations welcomed the preliminary draft text for the outcome document prepared by the Secretariat, which they considered to provide a balanced approach and a solid basis for further work, and thanked the Secretariat for its excellent work. The importance of respecting the integrity and independence of the Court, avoiding any impression of giving instructions to the Court, and respecting the rights of migrants were underlined. Appreciation was expressed for the constructive comments submitted in writing, including by participants and observers.

5. The CDDH examined the preliminary draft text for elements for a political declaration, section by section, taking into account the comments submitted in writing and making certain amendments.

ITEM 3: ORGANISATION OF FUTURE WORK

6. The CDDH instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the draft explanatory text of the outcome document, taking into account the amendments made to the draft elements and seeking to accommodate and reconcile the other comments submitted, whilst ensuring coherency and consistency. This should be accompanied by the text of the elements, as amended at the present meeting, noting any remaining instances of duplication, overlap, or inconsistency and making any necessary editorial revisions.

7. The resulting document will be distributed to the CDDH in advance of the third extraordinary meeting on 10-12 March, when the CDDH is expected to adopt the outcome document as a whole, including both elements for a political declaration and explanatory text.

ITEM 4: OTHER BUSINESS

8. None.

ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT

9. The CDDH adopted the report of the present meeting.

Appendix I

Agenda

1: OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	**1 : OUVERTURE DE LA RÉUNION ET ADOPTION DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR**
CDDH EXTRA(2026)OJ2	CDDH EXTRA(2026)OJ2
2: EXAMINATION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT TEXT FOR THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT	**2 : EXAMEN D'UN AVANT-PROJET DE TEXTE EN VUE DU DOCUMENT FINAL**
Conclusions of the Informal Ministerial Conference (Strasbourg, 10 December 2025) CM/Del/Dec(2025)1546/4.3 – decisions of the Ministers' Deputies on follow-up to the Informal Ministerial Conference (Strasbourg, 10 December 2025) CDDH(2026)01 – Possible issues for inclusion in a political declaration CDDH(2026)03 – Comments received in advance of the first CDDH extraordinary meeting CDDH(2026)04 – Preliminary draft text for the outcome document CDDH(2026)05 – Comments received in advance of the second extraordinary CDDH meeting	Conclusions de la Conférence ministérielle informelle (Strasbourg, 10 décembre 2025) CM/Del/Dec(2025)1546/4.3 – décisions des Délégués des Ministres sur les suites à donner à la Conférence ministérielle informelle (Strasbourg, 10 décembre 2025) CDDH(2026)01 – Éventuelles questions à inclure dans une déclaration politique CDDH(2026)03 – Commentaires reçus avant la première réunion extraordinaire du CDDH CDDH(2026)04 – Avant-projet de texte en vue du document final CDDH(2026)05 – Commentaires reçus avant la seconde réunion extraordinaire du CDDH
3: ORGANISATION OF FUTURE WORK	**3 : ORGANISATION DES TRAVAUX FUTURS**
4: OTHER BUSINESS	**4 : QUESTIONS DIVERSES**
5: ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT	**5 : ADOPTION DU RAPPORT DE RÉUNION**
CDDH(2026)R2_EXTRA – (Draft) Meeting Report	CDDH(2026)R2_EXTRA – (Projet de) Rapport de réunion

Appendix II

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