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COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN ORGANS

(SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA COMMITTEE)

8TH PLENARY MEETING

Opening at 09.00 a.m., Tuesday
Closing around 17.00 p.m., Wednesday

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

9-10 June 2026
AGORA, ROOM G04
COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will start at 9:00 on Tuesday 9 June 2026.

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

The Committee of the Parties (CoP) will take note of the List of decisions of the last Plenary meeting (16-17 October 2025).

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The CoP members will also adopt the draft annotated agenda of the meeting.

3. Information by the Chair and the Secretariat

The CoP is invited to take note of the information provided by its Chair, Ms Pavla BUREŠOVÁ, and the Secretariat on activities undertaken since the last plenary meeting as well as on the recent developments of relevance to the work of the CoP and within the Council of Europe.

4. Accession of new countries

The CoP is kindly invited to share any progress made on this topic and to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

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5. Monitoring of the Santiago de Compostela Convention and future work**5.1 Summary report of the Country Profile Questionnaire**

CoP members are invited to take note that the report has been published online in both English and French.

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5.2 1st monitoring round report

The CoP is invited to both take note of the finalised report, following the comments and exchanges provided by six States Parties, and adopt the 1st monitoring round report.

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5.3 2nd monitoring round

The CoP members are invited to provide any comments and vote on the adoption of the 2nd monitoring round questionnaire and its provisional timeline.

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5.4 Survey on mandatory reporting of transplantations abroad

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All CoP members are invited to take note of: a) the States of play of the answers provided to the “flash” survey; b) the preliminary report following this first “flash” survey and to vote on the adoption of it.

All States Parties that did not provide answers to this survey will be requested (in a *tour de table*) to explicitly explain their lack of response to it.

5.5 National Platforms

CoP members are invited to take note of the latest information regarding a document on “National Platforms” that will be prepared by the Secretariat for the forthcoming Plenary meeting. This document will highlight the importance of, and providing a model for, a national platform that integrates all relevant national actors to foster effective cross-sectoral collaboration. Once the document will be ready and once revised by the Bureau, the State Parties will decide the following steps..

CoP members are kindly invited to take note of the presentation made by Costa Rica on their national Platform.

5.6 Position paper on websites promoting illicit transplant tourism

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Following the [Statement](#) from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the occasion of European Day for Organ, Tissue and Cell Donation (11 October 2025), the CoP members are invited to discuss and adopt a position paper on this topic.

5.7 Guidance Note on reporting criteria principles

The CoP is invited to take note of the Bureau decision of postponing this item for a future plenary meeting. States Parties are kindly invited to provide the Secretariat with written proposals covering this matter for its discussion at a future plenary meeting. The rationale may be developing concrete criteria for reporting, as required under Article 22 of the Convention. A draft survey on national practices may be considered.

5.8 Potential common position paper on financial neutrality

CoP members are invited to take note of the latest information regarding this initiative.

5.9 Comments on NETTA’s Terms of Reference

Following the discussion held at the previous plenary meeting in the context of the establishment of a Network against THO within the Committee of the Parties, the CoP instructed the Secretariat to circulate NETTA’s Terms of Reference to the CoP members for comments. As of 21 May 2026 only 3 States Parties have provided comments to NETTA’s Terms of Reference.

The Bureau has instructed the Secretariat to postpone this item for a forthcoming plenary meeting pending the reception of written comments from additional States Parties.

5.10 Discussions about tissues and cells

CoP members are invited to take note of the latest information regarding this discussion in accordance with the Explanatory report of the Convention.

5.11 Paper on the distinction between THO and THBOR

Following a careful analysis of the preliminary report by the members of the Bureau, the latter have instructed the Secretariat to postpone this item to a forthcoming plenary session, pending the finalisation of the document prior to its circulation of the document to all CoP members.

5.12 Data collection

The CoP members are invited to take note of the Draft Terms of Reference prepared for a Working Group on this topic and to vote on their adoption.

5.13 Gender Equality Rapporteur (GER)

CoP members are invited to discuss, together with the GER, Ms Mirjana VLAHOVIĆ ANDRIJAŠEVIĆ (Montenegro), what initiatives they would like to consider.

5.14 Analysis of reservations and declarations to the Convention

Following analysis of the relevant documents by the members of the Bureau, the latter have instructed the Secretariat to postpone this item to a future plenary meeting.

5.15 Extraterritoriality

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6. Exchange of information, experiences and good practices

6.1 The work of NETTA

The CoP is invited to take note of the latest activities of NETTA by its Chair, Ms Anna PSZENNY.

6.2 Information from representatives participating in other bodies

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The CoP is invited to have an exchange of views with the representatives from other bodies (CDBIO, CD-P-TO, Anti-Trafficking Convention, PACE, others) and take note of the latest information.

6.3 Presentation by Dr Frederike AMBAGTSHEER, Vice-Chair of ELPAT

The CoP is invited to take note of the information provided by Dr Frederike AMBAGTSHEER, Vice-Chair of ELPAT (European Platform on Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Organ Transplantation) on the following topic: *Walls of Secrecy and Silence in the Human Organ Trade: Facilitating, Concealing and Laundering Illegal Transplants*.

6.4 Presentation by Dr Roza PATI, Founder and Director of the John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy

The CoP is invited to take note of the information provided by Dr Roza PATI, Founder and Director of the John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy.

6.5 Presentation of relevant activities by international governmental organisations and other observers

The CoP is invited to an exchange of views and to take note of the information provided by representatives of international governmental organisations and other observers on their recent and planned activities relevant to the objectives of the Convention.

7. Activities to promote the Santiago de Compostela Convention

7.1 International Day against organ trafficking

All CoP members are invited to take note of the outcome of IDAOT 2026.

7.2 Education & Training about organ trafficking

1. HELP Training

CoP members are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and that, so far, one expert from Portugal and one from Spain, supported by the independent expert Mr Hugo BONAR, have expressed willingness to work in the Working Group for a HELP Training course, and that additional experts are needed before the initiative can proceed (for budget reasons, CoP members are invited to take note that the language of this Working Group will be English).

2. Contact with other entities

CoP members are invited to inform the Secretariat of any centre/entity dealing with training on THO with whom the Secretariat can liaise with for potential collaboration.

8. Decisions to be taken by the Committee of the Parties

8.1. Observer status to the Santiago de Compostela Committee

CoP members are invited to both have an exchange of views with the representative from the Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) and vote for granting observer status. This vote will take place in camera. Only States Parties may be present in the room or online.

9. Events

All CoP members are invited to inform the Secretariat of possible events in 2026/2027 related to the topic of the Santiago de Compostela Convention and where the Committee of the Parties can be it may be introduced.

10. Working Methods

All CoP members are invited to both take note of the "reminder policy" followed by the Secretariat to the different requests submitted to the States Parties and discuss the proper way to follow in the future.

11. Any other business

The CoP members are invited to inform the Secretariat of any issues they may wish to raise under this agenda item. Moreover, they are also invited to make any suggestion for possible new initiatives, topics or any other relevant issue to be considered by the CoP: plastinated body exhibitions.

12. Dates of the next meetings

The CoP is invited to take note of the dates of the forthcoming plenary meeting.

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