

Departamento de Europa

Council of Europe

Committee of Ministers

121st Session, 10-11 May 2011

Decisions adopted

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda

Decision

The Committee of Ministers adopted the agenda of the 121st Session.

Item 2

The Council of Europe: a strategy for values in action –
Activity report by the Secretary General

Decisions

The Committee of Ministers

1. agreed to review at its next Session the progress made in the reform process of the Organisation;

2. welcomed the enhancement of co-operation between the Council of Europe and other international organisations, in particular of the partnership with the European Union, as part of this process;

3. took note of the progress report presented by the Secretary General on the implementation of the Strasbourg Declaration on Roma (SG/Inf(2011)11 rev) and encouraged its further implementation;

4. took note of the consolidated report on the conflict in Georgia (October 2010 – March 2011) of the Secretary General (SG/Inf(2011)8);

5. took note of the proposal concerning a possible partnership between the Conference of Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government and the Committee of Ministers.

Item 3

European Convention on Human Rights

Decisions

The Committee of Ministers

1. took note of the measures taken so far to implement the Interlaken Declaration and invited all concerned to pursue this work in order to meet the deadlines set forth in the Declaration;

2. welcomed the first measures taken by the Court to adapt its procedures to the new provisions of the Convention as amended by Protocol No. 14, while noting that this will not provide a comprehensive solution to the problems facing the Convention system;

3. endorsed the Declaration and Follow-up Plan unanimously adopted at the High-level Conference on the future of the European Court of Human Rights, held in Izmir on 26 and 27 April 2011, and paid tribute to the Turkish authorities for this initiative;

4. expressed its determination to implement, as a matter of priority, the Izmir Declaration and its

Follow-up Plan which builds on the Interlaken Action Plan and, in this context, instructed its Deputies to take the necessary decisions to this end;

5. invited the Court and the Secretary General to ensure on their own part implementation of the

Follow-up Plan;

6. instructed also its Deputies to report at its next Session on further measures to be taken and amendments to the Convention which may be required in order to secure the long-term effectiveness of the supervisory mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Item 4

Living together in 21st century Europe –
Report of the Group of Eminent Persons

Decision

The Committee of Ministers took note with thanks of the report on “Living together – Combining diversity and freedom in 21st century Europe” prepared by the Group of Eminent Persons and asked its Deputies to examine it.

Item 5

Neighbourhood policy of the Council of Europe

Decisions

The Committee of Ministers

1. took note of the proposals made by the Secretary General regarding a Council of Europe policy towards its immediate neighbourhood aimed at promoting dialogue and co-operation with the countries and regions in the vicinity of Europe which request Council of Europe assistance, based on the common values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;
2. invited the Secretary General to develop action plans for the implementation of this policy, with a view to their approval by the Committee of Ministers;
3. agreed to conduct an initial review of this new policy at its next Session.

Item 9

Date and venue of the next Session

Decision

The Committee of Ministers agreed that their 122nd Session will be held on 14 May 2012 in Strasbourg.