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Towards a Council of Europe convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin

Reply to Recommendation¹: Recommendation 2009 (2013)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully examined Recommendation 2009 (2013) of the Parliamentary Assembly “Towards a Council of Europe convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin”, on which it has received comments from a number of intergovernmental committees or bodies.² The Committee welcomes the fact that the Parliamentary Assembly has followed closely the elaboration of the draft Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs.

2. The Committee of Ministers notes that the draft Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs was finalised by the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) in spring 2013 and transmitted in July 2013 to the Parliamentary Assembly for an opinion. Following the receipt of the Assembly opinion in November 2013, the Committee of Ministers examined the draft convention in the light of the Assembly’s opinion and the above-mentioned recommendation as well as in the light of comments by member States. The convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 9 July 2014. The Committee decided to come back to the issue of its opening for signature at a later date. The Committee of Ministers wishes to inform the Parliamentary Assembly that after careful consideration of all options, it chose to adopt the text as proposed at the expert level which reflected a balanced compromise reached between member States.

1. Adopted at the 1206th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (10 September 2014).

2. European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), European Committee on Organ Transplantation (CD-P-TO) and Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO).

