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LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe
Convention on the protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse (T-ES)

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List of decisions

12th meeting

Strasbourg, 15-17 June 2015

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 12th meeting in Strasbourg on 15-17 June 2015.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of the entry into force of the Convention in Cyprus and Poland.
2. Took note of the progress in the ratification process by the Czech Republic, Hungary and Liechtenstein as well as the attention drawn to the Convention by Tunisia.
3. Completed its analysis of replies to Question 14 of the Thematic Questionnaire, on the basis of the observations on “Child-friendly investigations and procedures”, prepared by Rapporteur Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal).
4. Continued its examination of the draft 1st implementation report and:
 - agreed, with a few minor changes, on the text of the introduction;
 - noted that with regard to the criminal offence of sexual abuse in the circle of trust, some countries would provide further information to demonstrate that the recommendations brought against them should be removed;
 - started to assess the part of the report on data collection but could not complete it for lack of time;
 - could not examine the rest of the report for lack of time.
5. Agreed that amendments to the existing text of the report (including its appendices) should be submitted to lanzarote.committee@coe.int by 15 July 2015.
6. Asked the Secretariat to finalise the draft report on the basis of:
 - the amendments received by 15 July 2015;
 - any additional information received in due time before the meeting;
 - the outcome of the discussions held on the Rapporteurs’ observations examined during the present and previous meetings.
7. Took note that the report as a whole should be adopted during its 13th meeting (13-15 October 2015).
8. Discussed at length the final wording of the explanatory note to its Opinion on Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention: Solicitation of children for sexual purposes through information and communication technologies (“Grooming”).
9. Voted on various alternatives of the contested paragraph of the text of the Opinion which had not been agreed upon during its 11th meeting (17-19 March 2015).
10. Adopted its Opinion on Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention and its explanatory note.

11. Was informed of the results of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Trends in Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse and agreed that it should carry out its tasks as indicated in document T-ES-WG(2015)01.
12. Agreed that the Working Group should invite the European Commission to be represented in its next meetings.
13. Took note of the recent activities of the Council of Europe's ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children¹ and of the decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to establish 18 November as the European Day on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in every member state.
14. Heard a presentation from and exchanged views with Ms Marta SANTOS PAIS, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children and agreed to join hands with her Office in supporting the target of ending all violence against children as a priority in the Post 2015 Global Agenda.
15. Heard a presentation from and exchanged views with Ms Turid HEIBERG, Head of the Children's Unit at the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat and decided to invite CBSS as an observer to its forthcoming meetings.
16. Heard a presentation from and exchanged views with Mr Matthew McVARISH on the statute of limitations (Article 33 of the Lanzarote Convention) and agreed to consider the follow-up to this exchange at a forthcoming meeting.
17. Postponed the following items to its next meeting for lack of time:
 - Item 3.6: Participation of the Lanzarote Committee in outside events: debriefings;
 - Item 4: Procedural matters (review of the Rules of Procedure and appointment of Rapporteurs).
18. Agreed to reschedule the following presentations and exchanges as the speakers could not attend its 12th meeting:
 - Item 3.3.1 Exchange of views with Ms Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child pornography and child prostitution;
 - Item 3.3.3: Presentation by Missing Children Europe, ECPAT International or eNACSO of the results of their Workshop on the transposition of Directive 2011/93/EU with regard to the topics of grooming, disqualification & screening, and child-friendly justice (24 April 2015, Brussels).

¹ Please visit the ONE in FIVE website for up-to-date information on the Campaign:
http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/default_en.asp

19. Took note that:

- the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on Trends in Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse will be held on 8 September 2015;
- the 13th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee will be held on 1-4 December 2015 (and not on 13-15 October 2015 as initially indicated).

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure and as the Lanzarote Committee has not decided otherwise, this list of decisions shall be made public.

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure, a full meeting report shall be submitted to the members, participants and observers of the Lanzarote Committee at a later stage.