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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 11<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The Hague, 17-19 March 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 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at Europol in The Hague, The Netherlands, on 17-19 March 2015.

**During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:**

1. Thanked Europol for hosting its meeting.
2. Took note of the entry into force of the Convention in Georgia, Latvia and Monaco and of the forthcoming entry into force of the Convention in Cyprus and Poland.
3. Took note of the progress in the ratification process by the Czech Republic, Germany and Morocco.
4. Agreed on the text of its opinion on Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention (except for paragraph 16) as revised during this meeting and asked its Secretariat to revise its explanatory note accordingly.
5. Decided that amendments to paragraph 16 of the above mentioned opinion should be sent to the Secretariat ([lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int)) by Friday 15 May 2015.
6. Heard presentations by representatives of the Dutch authorities on the implementation by the Netherlands of Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention and discussed issues which would require common reflection.
7. Decided to set up a working group which would draft a reflection paper on sexting, sextortion, live streaming of sexual abuse and other similar phenomena.
8. Took note that the working group would be composed of 5 State representatives and 2 representatives of other stakeholders and that in addition Europol and ITU would be associated to the work of the group.
9. Took note that the following States manifested an interest to be members of the working group: Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Portugal and The Netherlands and that ECPAT was also keen on being represented in the group.
10. Agreed to discuss the reflection paper of the working group possibly during its meeting on 15-17 June 2015.
11. Held a de-briefing of its capacity building study visit on EUROPOL’s work against child sexual exploitation which took place on 16 March 2015 and decided to enhance cooperation with Europol on specific, commonly agreed, targeted areas.

12. Agreed that one of these areas should be the management of high risk sex offenders, including the possibility of establishing a European registry of convicted sex offenders.
13. Completed its analysis of replies to Question 1 of the Thematic Questionnaire, on the basis of the observations on “Data collection”, prepared by Rapporteur Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece).
14. Advanced in 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).
15. Exchanged views on the suggested structure for the 1<sup>st</sup> implementation report and agreed on it.
16. Asked the Secretariat to prepare the relevant parts of the implementation report on the basis of the discussions held on the observations examined during the present and previous meetings, in view of the examination of the draft 1<sup>st</sup> implementation report at its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (15-17 June 2015).
17. Welcomed any additional information any Party would wish to submit to complement or update the information already provided on the issues covered by the implementation report.
18. Took note of the recent activities of the Council of Europe’s ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children<sup>1</sup>.
19. Heard a presentation from and exchanged views with Ms LICCIARDELLO, Child Online Protection Officer at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), on ITU’s on-going projects to combat online sexual abuse of children.
20. Heard presentations from and exchanged views with Mr DOEK (independent expert) and Ms GREIJER (ECPAT, project manager) on the Terminology and Semantics Project on Sexual Exploitation of Children currently carried out by an Interagency Working Group (IWG);
21. Agreed to send possible comments on the first draft of the Guidelines on Terminology and Semantics prepared in the context of the above-mentioned Project to the Secretariat ([Lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:Lanzarote.committee@coe.int)) by Wednesday 15 April 2015.
22. Agreed on issues which its representative to the Committee of experts on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (DECS-ENF), Ms VERZIVOLLI (Albania), should put forward for the 2016-2019 Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/default_en.asp)

23. Took note of the up-coming Cross-Regional Meeting on violence against children to be held in Strasbourg on 18-19 June to which it has been invited to contribute.
24. Re-elected Mr GUÐBRANDSSON (Iceland), as Chairperson of the Committee, Mr JANIZZI (Luxembourg) as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms VERZIVOLLI (Albania) and Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece), as members of the Committee's Bureau.
25. Elected Ms ZANNINI (Italy) as member of the Committee's Bureau.
26. Appointed the following Rapporteurs for its up-coming work on the replies to the thematic questionnaire:
  - Mr POPOVIĆ (Serbia) on question 2 ("Education for children");
  - Ms VERZIVOLLI (Albania) on question 4 ("Raising awareness on sexual abuse in the circle of trust");
  - Ms DIMITROVA (Bulgaria) on question 6 ("Participation of children, the private sector, the media and civil society");
  - Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium) on question 7 ("Preventive intervention programmes or measures").
27. Decided to invite as observers to its forthcoming meetings ITU and INHOPE.
28. Postponed to its next meeting the discussion on its Revised Rules of Procedures for lack of quorum to adopt them.
29. Took note that the dates for its next meetings are:
  - 15-17 June 2015<sup>2</sup>
  - 13-15 October 2015.

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.

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<sup>2</sup> The annual Cross-Regional Meeting on Violence against Children will take place on 18-19 June 2015. The Lanzarote Committee is invited to take part in the meeting's special focus on sexual violence which will be on 18 June (all day) and 19 June (morning).