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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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Draft Annotated Agenda

6th meeting
14-15 October 2013
Council of Europe, Agora, Room G01

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee will open the meeting. His opening remarks will be followed by a “tour de table” on progress by States as to the ratification of the Lanzarote Convention.

Mrs Ruotanen, Director of the Justice and Human Dignity Directorate in the Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, will inform the Lanzarote Committee of up-coming changes in the Secretariat’s structure.

2. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

- a. Brief introduction by the Secretariat to reference document T-ES(2013)07 on the relevant case-law concerning “The right of children to be protected against sexual violence”.

It is recalled that while preparing the questionnaires for the 1st monitoring round, the Lanzarote Committee agreed to address to the Parties to the Convention a non-exhaustive summary of the relevant Council of Europe case-law.¹

Document T-ES(2013)07 was addressed to the Lanzarote Committee’s members, participants and observers at the end of June 2013. It is also available online at:

[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/children/T-ES\(2013\)07%20relevant%20CoE%20case-law.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/children/T-ES(2013)07%20relevant%20CoE%20case-law.pdf)

The Secretariat will briefly report on how the document was prepared and will be up-dated in 2014. It will also suggest how it may be used while replying to the questionnaires.

- b. Brainstorming on the possible organisation of an in-depth presentation of the recent European case law concerning the right of children to be protected against sexual violence.

It is suggested to invite representatives of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Committee of Social Rights and the European Court of Justice to present their case law concerning the right of children to be protected against sexual violence.

The Lanzarote Committee is invited to decide whether it wishes the Secretariat to organise such a presentation during one of its forthcoming meetings.

- c. Clarification concerning the number of countries concerned by the 1st monitoring round.

According to Rule 24§4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Lanzarote Committee: “All parties for which the Convention has entered into force within three months from the adoption of the questionnaire shall undergo the monitoring round. [...]”

The questionnaires for the 1st monitoring round were adopted on 16 May 2013.

¹ See the report of the 4th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee (document T-ES(2013)06, § 22) available at: http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/children/Documents4thmeeting_en.asp

After this date, the following three countries deposited their instrument of ratification of the Lanzarote Convention: Sweden, the Russian Federation and Slovenia. The Lanzarote Convention has entered/will enter into force in these new parties respectively on 1 October 2013, 1 December 2013 and 1 January 2014.

According to the above Rule 24§4, none of the new parties shall undergo the 1st monitoring round. However, if the authorities of the parties concerned wish to be included in the 1st monitoring round, they should inform the Committee and it shall decide accordingly.

- d. Exchange of views on working document T-ES(2013)10 (suggestions on how to articulate the thematic questionnaire in subthemes) and agreement on an indicative timetable for the 1st monitoring round (see §§ 6-7 of the list of decisions of the Lanzarote Committee's 5th meeting).

The Committee is invited to discuss the suggestions put forward by the Secretariat and to decide on the articulation of the thematic questionnaire in two sub-themes.

It is also invited to agree on an indicative timetable concerning its 1st monitoring round work.

3. Capacity building activities

- a. Information on the organisation of a Conference to be held in Madrid on 10-11 December 2013 to share good practices on "Preventing sexual abuse of children".

The Secretariat will inform the Committee on the progress in the organisation of this event and will present a draft programme for the event.

The attention of the Committee is drawn on the change of date of the Conference. It is recalled that the 7th meeting of the Committee will be held the day before the Conference, i.e. on 9 December 2013.

- b. Exchange of views and suggestions on possible good practices to be show-cased in Madrid.

The Secretariat has launched a call for good practices with relevant stakeholders, including the Lanzarote Committee. The aim of the call is to identify a number of good practices corresponding to the different themes to be addressed during the Conference to be held in Madrid on 10-11 December 2013. The deadline to submit possible good practices to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) is 21 October 2013.

It is suggested that during its current meeting the Committee hold an exchange of views on good practices to prevent sexual abuse of children.

- c. Debriefing from the Lanzarote Committee members having participated in the:
- 13th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect (Dublin, 15-18 September 2013);
 - EPAS Conference on "Inclusion and Protection of Children in and through Sport" (Budapest, 7-8 October 2013).

- d. Up-date on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign initiatives.

The representatives of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly and Congress of Local and Regional Authorities as well as the Secretariat will inform the Lanzarote Committee about recent ONE in FIVE Campaign initiatives.

4. Other business

- a. Progress concerning the 2nd volume of the Council of Europe publication “Protecting children from sexual violence” (see §§ 31-33 and Appendix IV, Lanzarote Committee 4th meeting report).
- b. Possible appointment of a Gender Equality Rapporteur for the Lanzarote Committee (see § 10 of the list of decisions of the Lanzarote Committee’s 5th meeting).

The Committee is invited to decide whether it wishes to appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur. Members interested in acting as the Committee’s Gender Equality Rapporteur are invited to inform the Secretariat.

5. Date and place of the next meeting

9 December 2013, Madrid.