

LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

Committee of 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
5th meeting

Strasbourg, 15-16 May 2013

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 5th meeting in Strasbourg on 15-16 May 2013.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of the forthcoming entry into force of the Convention in Lithuania and the progress in the ratification process by the Russian Federation and by Sweden.
2. Finalised the questionnaire for its first monitoring round on the implementation of the Convention with respect to the theme “*sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust*” and agreed to some further amendments to the general overview questionnaire.
3. Agreed that the relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights shall appear in a reference document to be finalised by the Secretariat in June 2013, and shall immediately be made available on the Lanzarote Convention website (www.coe.int/lanzarote).
4. Adopted both questionnaires as they appear in documents T-ES(2013)02 and T-ES(2013)03.
5. Decided that the deadline to reply to both questionnaires shall be 31 January 2014.
6. Agreed that the examination of the replies to the thematic questionnaire will be carried out with respect to two subthemes for all the Parties to the Convention.
7. Asked the Secretariat to prepare a document containing proposals on how to articulate the two subthemes, as well as a calendar for the Committee’s monitoring work, which should be discussed and agreed upon at its next meeting.
8. Agreed to the possible organisation of national Round Tables on the issues addressed by the general overview questionnaire with relevant stakeholders.
9. Took note of the progress in the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children.¹
10. Took note of the role of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Rapporteurs and agreed to decide on the possible appointment of such a Rapporteur at its next meeting.
11. Authorised its Bureau to appoint a representative to take part in the Conference to be held in Budapest on 7-8 October 2013 on “Inclusion and Protection of children in and through Sport”.
12. Reiterated that its members, participants and observers were invited to communicate to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) any other suggestions for topics/authors for the chapters of the second edition of the Council of Europe publication “*Protecting children from sexual violence*”.
13. Took note of the debriefing concerning:

¹ For more information on the Campaign click on:
http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/default_en.asp
http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/PACE/Activities_en.asp
http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/Congress/ActivitiesAndEvents_en.asp

- the Conference held in Rome on 29-30 November 2012 on “*The role of international cooperation in tackling sexual violence against children*” at its next meeting given the absence of the Italian representative during this meeting;
- the Conference held in Brussels on 11 April 2013 at the initiative of Internet Watch Foundation on “*The global fight against online child sexual abuse*”.

14. Took note that the dates for its **next meetings** are:

- 14-15 October 2013;
- beginning of December 2013, to be confirmed.

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.