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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 4th meeting

Strasbourg, 21-22 March 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 4th meeting in Strasbourg on 21-22 March 2013.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of progress in the ratification process of the Convention by Liechtenstein and Switzerland.
2. Elected for a second term of office Mr. Eric RUELLE (FRANCE) as Chairperson of the Committee. It also elected Mr Bragi GUÐBRANDSSON (ICELAND) as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee and Ms Lorna MUSCAT (MALTA) and Mr. Claude JANIZZI (LUXEMBOURG) as members of the Committee’s Bureau.
3. Finalised the questionnaire aimed at providing a general overview of the legislation, institutional framework and policies for the implementation of the Convention;
4. Held a second reading of the draft questionnaire for the first monitoring round on the implementation of the Convention with respect to the theme “*sexual abuse in the circle of trust*” and asked the Secretariat of the Committee to prepare a revised version of it for consideration and possible adoption at its next meeting.
5. Took note of the discussion paper¹ prepared within the context of the Global project on Cybercrime which will be one of the documents which may be used for the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention.
6. Was informed about the following studies on the protection of children against sexual violence:
 - the research undertaken by ELSA Europe² on the legislation of 23 European countries,
 - the survey³ conducted by Missing Children Europe on the transposition of EU Directive 2011/93 in 21 EU countries and Switzerland;
 - the publication of the 2nd edition of the global monitoring reports prepared by ECPAT;⁴
7. Took note of the progress in the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children.⁵

¹ The discussion paper “Protecting children against sexual violence: the criminal law benchmarks of the Budapest and Lanzarote Conventions” is available at:

http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/cooperation/economiccrime/cybercrime/Documents/Reports-Presentations/2571_Child_benchmark_study_V32_pub_4_Dec12.pdf

² Extracts of the ELSA report are available at:

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/News/ELSADocument.pdf>

³ The presentation of the results of the survey by Mr Francis Herbert, Secretary General of MCE, is available at:

http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/News/ELSAPanel_en.asp

⁴ The 2nd edition of ECPAT’s reports are available at:

http://www.ecpat.net/EI/index_A4A.asp

⁵ 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

8. Agreed that Mr GUÐBRANDSSON will represent it at the 13th regional Conference of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) to be held in Dublin on 15-18 September 2013.
9. Took note of the suggestions for topics for the second edition of the Council of Europe publication "*Protecting children from sexual violence*" and invited its members, participants and observers to communicate to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) any other suggestions.
10. Decided to hold the debriefing concerning 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.
11. Took note that the dates for its **next meeting** are **15 and 16 May 2013**.

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.