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COMMITTEE OF THE PARTIES

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

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Draft Annotated Agenda

4th meeting
Strasbourg, 21-22 March 2013
Palais de l'Europe, Room 5

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Children's Rights Division
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DRAFT AGENDA

Please note that the meeting will start at 9:30 am on 21 March and will not end before 6 pm on 22 March.

There will thus be two full working days.

1. Opening of the meeting

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

The “tour de table” will also include an up-date on the availability or not of the Lanzarote Convention in languages other than English or French. To facilitate this up-dating exercise, the Secretariat has prepared a table listing the linguistic versions it is aware of and would be grateful if representatives in the Committee may check and up-date where needed.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Chairperson will present the draft agenda and will say a few words about the elections.

3. Debriefing by the Chairperson on his participation in a panel discussion with representatives of civil society on the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

On 20 March 2013 the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee will take part in a panel discussion on the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention with representatives of civil society. The event is organised by ELSA – The European Law Students’ Association which, on the occasion, will present the results of an academic comparative research on the national implementation of European and International instruments for the protection of children against violence and sexual abuse in 24 different European Countries.

The programme of the event will be communicated for information as soon as it is available.

4. Exchange of views on the discussion paper “Protecting children against sexual violence: the criminal law benchmarks of the Lanzarote and Budapest Conventions”

The above discussion paper was prepared by the Secretariat of the Cybercrime Convention Committee as part of the Global Project on cybercrime, which started before the Lanzarote Committee was established. It is available at: http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/cooperation/economiccrime/cybercrime/Documents/Reports-Presentations/2571_Child_benchmark_study_V32_pub_4_Dec12.pdf

Representatives in the Committee are invited to consider in particular the information in the discussion paper concerning their country as a starting point to discuss how the Lanzarote Committee may make use of this information in its monitoring of the Convention.

Representatives of the Committee might also wish to look at the information collected by:

- ICMEC’s Global review of child pornography legislation at:
http://www.icmec.org/en_X1/icmec_publications/English_6th_Edition_FINAL_.pdf
- ECPAT’s Country reports in the 2nd edition of its Agenda for Action at:
http://www.ecpat.net/EI/index_A4A.asp

5. Capacity building activities

- **De-briefing on the Conference in Rome on 29-30 November 2012**

Representatives in the Committee having participated in the event are invited to exchange views on the usefulness of the activity and the possible follow-up which may be given to it.

- **Information on any other up-coming activities**

Representatives in the Committee are invited to inform the Committee about any good practice sharing activity they may wish to organise. The Secretariat will also put forward some suggestions.

- **Call for topics for the second edition of the Council of Europe publication “Protecting children from sexual violence”**

The above mentioned publication has had a great success and the Secretariat would like to publish a second edition of it. Representatives in the Committee are invited to reflect on the topics the new publication may include and submit suggestions of whom to contact to for such topics.

- **Information from the Secretariat on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE campaign**

6. Monitoring of the Convention:

- **General overview of the situation with respect to the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention**

The Secretariat will present the revised version of the draft questionnaire to enable the Lanzarote Committee to take stock of the situation in State Parties. The Committee is invited to examine the draft with a view to adopting it.

It is recalled that according to the Committee’s Rules of Procedure:

“Rule 23 – General overview

1. Following ratification, every Party to the Convention shall be required to reply to a questionnaire aimed at providing the Lanzarote Committee with a general overview of the legislation, institutional framework and policies for the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional and local levels.
2. States having signed the Convention shall be invited to reply to the questionnaire referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule.
3. The Secretariat shall compile the replies received.”

- **First thematic monitoring round: “Sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust”**

The Secretariat will present the revised version of the draft questionnaire for the first thematic monitoring round on the theme selected by the Committee, i.e. “Sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust”. The Committee is invited to examine the draft with a view to adopting it.

It is recalled that according to the Committee’s Rules of Procedure:

“Rule 24 – Thematic monitoring

1. The monitoring of the implementation of the Convention in the Parties shall be based on a procedure divided by rounds, each round concerning a theme decided by the Lanzarote Committee or any other approach deemed appropriate by the Lanzarote Committee within the scope of the Convention.
2. The Lanzarote Committee will determine the length of each monitoring round in the light of the themes selected and the provisions of the Convention to be monitored.
3. The monitoring round will be initiated by addressing a questionnaire on the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Convention with respect to the selected theme.

4. All Parties for which the Convention has entered into force within three months from the adoption of the questionnaire shall undergo the monitoring round. Parties, for which the Convention enters into force three months after the adoption of the questionnaire, shall join in the following monitoring round.”

7. Elections

The first term of office of the Committee’s Chairperson comes to an end. The members of the Committee should therefore vote for a Chairperson. According to the decision taken at its 3rd meeting, the members of the Committee shall also vote for a Bureau at the same time.

It is recalled that according to the Committee’s Rules of Procedure:

“Rule 3 – Chairperson

1. The Lanzarote Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among its members.
2. The Chairperson shall conduct proceedings and sum up conclusions whenever she/he thinks necessary. She/he may call to order a speaker who departs from the subject under discussion or from the Lanzarote Committee’s functions set out in Rule 1 above. The Chairperson shall retain the right to speak and to vote in her/his capacity as a member of the Lanzarote Committee.
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall replace the Chairperson if the latter is absent or otherwise unable to preside the meeting. If the Vice-Chairperson is absent, the Chairperson shall be replaced by another member of the Bureau, appointed by the latter, or where there is no Bureau, by a member of the Lanzarote Committee appointed by the Lanzarote Committee.
4. The terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be of one year, renewable once.
5. The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. The elections are held by secret ballot, unless the Lanzarote Committee decides otherwise by unanimity.
6. The Lanzarote Committee shall strive to achieve gender balance, as well as geographical balance while electing its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Rule 4 – Bureau

1. The Lanzarote Committee shall appoint a Bureau consisting of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and up to three other members of the Lanzarote Committee. The functions of the Bureau are:
 - a. to assist the Chairperson in conducting the Lanzarote Committee’s business;
 - b. to supervise the preparation of meetings at the Lanzarote Committee’s request;
 - c. to ensure continuity between meetings as necessary;
 - d. to execute other additional specific tasks delegated by the Lanzarote Committee.
2. The other members of the Bureau shall be elected in the same manner as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, taking into account geographical distribution and gender balance. Their terms of office shall be of one year, renewable once.”

8. Other business

9. Date and place of the next meeting