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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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List of decisions

3rd meeting
Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2012

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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 3rd meeting in Strasbourg on 15-16 October 2012.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of the forthcoming deposit of the instrument of ratification of the Lanzarote Convention by Italy as well as progress in the ratification process by Belgium, Lithuania and Slovenia.
2. Decided to elect its Bureau (Vice-Chairperson and up to three other members) at its 4th meeting when the Chairperson’s term of office (renewable once) comes to an end so that both elections may take place at the same time.
3. Decided to keep an exchange of views on the *Barnahus* model on its agenda so as to further reflect on how to make this good practice better known and further implemented.
4. Took note of the forthcoming conference to be held in Rome on 29-30 November 2012 on “*The role of international cooperation in tackling sexual violence against children*” and asked the Secretariat to remind members, participants and observers in the Committee to send it (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) examples of good practices in the implementation of Article 38 of the Lanzarote Convention by **23 October 2012**.
5. Held a first reading of the two draft questionnaires (the one for a general overview of the implementation of the Convention and the one on the implementation of the Convention with respect to the theme “*sexual abuse in the circle of trust*”) prepared respectively by Mrs Turkovic and Mr Spano. The Committee set **15 November 2012** as a deadline for members, participants and observers to send the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) amendments (not already discussed during the meeting) to the draft questions in view of clarifying their exact scope.
6. Decided that a balance between the two questionnaires had yet to be found and, based on the discussions held during the meeting, asked the Secretariat to put forward suggestions on how to better articulate the two sets of questions with a view to adopting the questionnaires at its next meeting.
7. Agreed that with regard to decision 6 above, in compliance with Rule 25 of its Rules of Procedure, where necessary and in cooperation with the Chairperson, the Secretariat would commission the services of independent experts to help it carry out its tasks.
8. Took note of the progress in the ONE in FIVE Campaign in an increasing number of member states of the Council of Europe as well as of the initiatives taken within the parliamentary and congress dimensions of the campaign.¹
9. Took note that the dates for its next meeting are 20-22 March 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.

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