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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**

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting  
Strasbourg, 29-30 March 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 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Strasbourg on 29-30 March 2012.

**During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:**

1. Took note of the forthcoming ratification of the Lanzarote Convention by Belgium, Iceland, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland as well as the forthcoming signature of the Convention by the Russian Federation.
2. Adopted its Rules of Procedure as they appear in document T-ES(2012)001.
3. Decided to start the monitoring of the Lanzarote Convention by taking stock of existing child protection legislation, measures and institutional set-up in the field of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children at the national, regional and local levels.  
→ To this effect, for its next meeting, asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft questionnaire to comply with Rule 23 paragraph 1 of its Rules of Procedure.
4. Confirmed that the monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention would then be carried out through a thematic approach as decided at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (20-21 September 2011) and as outlined in document T-ES(2012)002.
5. Decided that the first monitoring theme would be “sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust”.  
→ To enable it to adopt at its next meeting a specific questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention with respect to this theme, asked the Secretariat to prepare an in-depth concept paper on the theme and a draft questionnaire covering all relevant provisions of the Convention related to the theme.
6. Agreed that with regard to decisions 3 and 5 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.  
→ To this effect, decided that the Parties to the Convention as well as participants and observers in the Lanzarote Committee, may indicate to the Secretariat ([lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int)) possible independent experts.
7. With regard to the theme “sexual abuse of children in the virtual world”, asked the Secretariat to prepare an overview of the work already carried out in relation with this theme with regard to the Cybercrime Convention with a view to identify areas where the work of the Lanzarote Committee would be of an added value.
8. Agreed that the other themes suggested in document T-ES(2012)002 might be subsumed in the former ones or assessed in more detail at a later stage.
9. Decided that the next meeting of the Lanzarote Committee would be preceded by an in-depth exchange of views with experts based on the above mentioned concept paper concerning the circle of trust theme and the road map concerning the virtual world theme.
10. Took note of the new Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015) and the possibility of organising, within this framework, a one and a half study visit on the Icelandic model of “children’s house” for a maximum of 20 participants at the end of May 2012.  
→ In this context, the members of the Lanzarote Committee are required to express their interest in participating in such a study visit **as soon as possible and at the latest by 27 April 2012.**

11. 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.<sup>1</sup>
12. Took note that the representative of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities invited the Lanzarote Committee to suggest to her any amendments to improve the draft resolution and recommendation prepared by her as a Rapporteur for the Current Affairs Committee of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional authorities on “Regional legislation and action to combat sexual exploitation and abuse of children”.  
→ In this context, the members of the Lanzarote Committee are invited to send their suggestions to the Secretariat ([lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int)) **by the 25 May 2012**.
13. Took note of the information provided by the Dutch member of the Lanzarote Committee on the situation concerning the association Martijn.
14. Took note that the dates for its next meeting (and the event referred to in decision 8 above) are 15-17 October 2012 and decided to explore the possibility of convening in Brussels so as to also best exchange views and share experiences with the relevant stakeholders in the EU.

As provided in Rule 10 paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure, this list of decisions shall be made public, unless the Lanzarote Committee decides otherwise.

As provided in 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.

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<sup>1</sup>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/default_en.asp)  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/PACE/Activities\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/PACE/Activities_en.asp)  
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