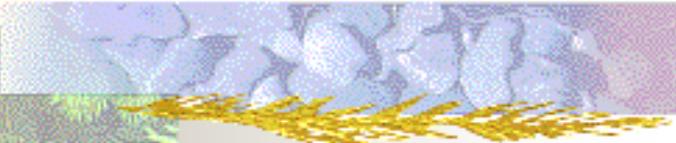


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The Lanzarote Convention



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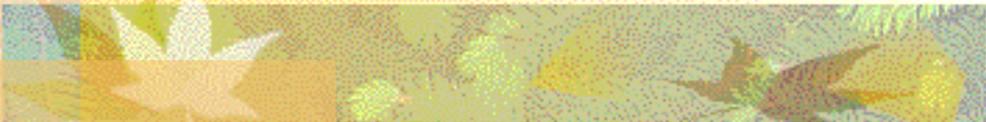
Introduction: the Lanzarote Convention

- ✓ Unique among International Agreements
- ✓ Basic characteristics:
 - ✓ Comprehensive
 - ✓ In terms of scope
 - ✓ In terms of content
 - ✓ Child-friendly
 - ✓ Interdisciplinary/Multiagency
 - ✓ Proactive



General remarks

- ✓ Uniqueness of the Convention
- ✓ Drafted in 2007 and came into effect in 2010
- ✓ Signed by all 47 member states of CoE
- ✓ Ratified by 36 member states
- ✓ Open for accession to all non- member states of the CoE



Comprehensive

- ✓ In terms of definition as it addresses child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation in all their forms including:
 - ✓ sexual abuse within or outside of the family, child prostitution and pornography, solicitation (grooming) and corruption of children
- ✓ In terms of coverage:
 - ✓ Prevention, Protection, Prosecution



Child-friendly

The goal is to identify child-friendly strategies and practices to ensure:

- ✓ The “best interests of the child”

Whilst upholding the human right principle:

- ✓ The “due process” (fair trial)



Interdisciplinary; Multi-agency

- ✓ Proposes a holistic and non-fragmented approach by inter-sectoral coordination, agency cooperation and diversified professional collaboration in terms of:
 - ✓ Prevention
 - ✓ Protection by effective response, assessment and appropriate intervention
 - ✓ Investigation, Prosecution and Judgement



Proactive

- ✓ Identifies the infrastructure and legal provisions to ensure appropriate social protection from child sexual abuse and exploitation

As well as:

- ✓ Proposes principles that reflect dynamic implementation by articulated standard setting and strategies



The Lanzarote Committee: a dual role

✓ Monitoring

- ✓ Ensure that all provisions of the Convention are enforced by identifying what works well and what hinders effective implementation.

✓ Observatory

- ✓ Facilitate the collection, analysis and exchange of information and best practices on legal, policy and technological developments
- ✓ General comments, proposals and opinions



Strategies of Monitoring

- ✓ **General overview:**
 - ✓ With regard to general legal and institutional framework and policies
- ✓ **Thematic Monitoring**
 - ✓ Procedure is divided by rounds, each round addresses a particular “theme”
- ✓ The first theme: **“Sexual Abuse in the Circle of Trust”**

Iceland: Breakdown of victim's relations to offender, the "circle of trust", 2011-2013

