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LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

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

List of decisions

13th meeting

Strasbourg, 1-4 December 2015

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 13th meeting in Strasbourg on 1-4 December 2015.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

- 1. Took note of the entry into force of the Convention in Hungary and the forthcoming entry into force of the Convention in Liechtenstein (January 2016) and Germany (March 2016).
- 2. Was informed of progress in the ratification process by the Czech Republic, Estonia and Ireland.
- 3. Examined all amendments to the revised draft $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ implementation report and following an in-depth-discussion, adopted its $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ implementation report on: "The protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: the framework" and its Addendum.
- 4. Was informed of the proposed cooperation projects on violence against children to provide country specific follow-up to its recommendations and of the possibility to make voluntary contributions to it.
- 5. Considered that the Working Group on Trends in Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse would need more than just a day's meeting to accomplish its tasks and asked its Secretariat to verify whether the Group could meet more than just once.
- 6. Decided that the Bureau should establish the date of the next meeting of its Working Group on Trends in Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.
- 7. Welcomed the success of the first edition of the European Day on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (18 November) during which many initiatives and actions were undertaken.
- 8. Was informed that the next Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child should be adopted by the Committee of Ministers early 2016.
- 9. Took note of the upcoming High level Conference to launch the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child, taking place in Sofia, Bulgaria on 5 and 6 April 2016.
- 10. Welcomed the instructive demonstration by Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) of the database for a "<u>Co-ordinated Response to Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) via Minimum Data Set (MDS)</u>" developed by stakeholders from several countries within the context of DAPHNE III programme by DG Justice of the European Commission.

- 11. Postponed the examination of the revised Rules of Procedure to its next meeting and welcomed any suggestion for amendments to be sent to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) by 15 February 2016.
- 12. Took note that the 14th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee will be held on 15-17 March 2016.
- 13. Agreed that the date of the 15th meeting (November) should be changed not to coincide with the week of the 2nd edition of the European Day on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

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.