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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

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List of decisions

14th meeting

Strasbourg, 15-17 March 2016

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 14th meeting in Strasbourg on 15-17 March 2016.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of the forthcoming entry into force of the Convention in the Slovak Republic (1 July 2016).
2. Was informed of progress in the ratification process by Estonia.
3. Exchanged views and good practices on follow-up to the Lanzarote Committee’s 1st implementation report. In this context:
 - entrusted the Secretariat to send a table to be filled in by the 26 monitored Parties, in due time for the next meeting and, thereafter, when new developments occur;
 - decided that a *tour de table* on the follow-up given to the implementation report’s recommendations be held once a year, at its last meeting of the year;
 - invited Parties to send to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) any translation they might have made of the implementation report or of its recommendations.
4. Exchanged views on replies to Questions 4, 6 and 7 of the Thematic Questionnaire, respectively on the basis of the observations on:
 - Raising awareness on sexual abuse in the circle of trust, prepared by Rapporteur Ms VERZIVOLLI (Albania);
 - Participation of children, the private sector, the media and civil society, prepared by Rapporteur Ms DIMITROVA (Bulgaria);
 - Preventive intervention programmes or measures, prepared by Rapporteur Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium).
5. Due to lack of time, postponed its examination of the observations on Question 2 of the Thematic Questionnaire on Education for children, prepared by Rapporteur Mr POPOVIĆ (Serbia) to its next meeting.
6. Agreed to continue its examination of the observations on Questions 6 and 7 at its next meeting.
7. Decided that the scope of question 7 should not be limited to its current wording (intervention programmes or measures towards persons who fear that they might commit any of the offences established in accordance with the Convention) but should be extended to intervention programmes or measures towards persons subject to

criminal proceedings or persons convicted of any of the offences established in accordance with this Convention, and should also cover child offenders; as a consequence, entrusted its Rapporteur, Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium), in cooperation with the Secretariat, to prepare and address to Parties additional questions in this respect.

8. Entrusted the Secretariat to ask for additional information from Parties on awareness raising initiatives targeting the circle of trust in particular (Question 4), specific initiatives involving children in the prevention of sexual abuse in the circle of trust and, if and how Parties have raised awareness on the possible misuse of social media in cases of sexual abuse of children (Question 6).

9. Was informed by Mr ESPOSITO, Head of the Council of Europe Human Dignity and Equality Department, about the Council of Europe Secretary General's proposals for priority actions, [Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis: A shared responsibility](#), and the fact-finding mission by the Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees to Greece and "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" on 7-11 March 2016. Took note with concern of the information about cases of prostitution of migrant children in Athens in order to pay, in particular, smugglers to continue their route.

10. In this context, on the basis of Rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure (Special reports and urgent situations) and in the light of the outcome of the fact-finding mission, mandated its Bureau to decide on the Committee's behalf on the need to make urgent requests for information before its 15th meeting (14-17 June 2016).

11. Heard presentations from and exchanged views with:

- Ms JENSDÓTTIR, Council of Europe Children's Rights Coordinator, on her participation in the side event to the 31th meeting of the UN Human Rights Council, organised by the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, on "Tackling the demand for the sexual exploitation of children" (7 March 2016).

12. Heard presentations from and exchanged views with:

- Mr SCHWEITZER, Focal Point Twins - EC3, EUROPOL, on "The impact of the DarkNet on the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention by State Parties";
- Mr HERBERT, Missing Children Europe, on the results of the "Survey on the transposition of Directive 2011/93/EU" conducted by Missing Children Europe, ECPAT and eNASCO;
- Ms VON MARAVIĆ, Children's Rights Division, on the Council of Europe "Child Participation Assessment Tool";
- Ms VEITCH, Oak Fellow, on Children's Participation in Preventing Sexual Violence on ideas for a pilot project on "Involving children in initiatives to guarantee effective follow up to the monitoring findings of the Lanzarote Committee".

13. Took note of the recent activities of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly in the context of the work carried out by its network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, presented by Ms FATALIYEVA (Azerbaijan, PACE General Rapporteur on children).

14. Was informed that the [Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2016-2021\)](#) was adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 2 March 2016. In this context, was informed 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.

15. Decided to invite Ms M'JID (Chair of the high-level global taskforce to end sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism) to present at its 15th meeting (14-17 June 2016) the results of ECPAT's Global Study and European Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism.

16. Decided also to invite a representative of the [#WePROTECT](#) initiative to present this initiative at a forthcoming meeting.

17. Examined in detail and adopted its revised Rules of Procedure.

18. Adopted its 2nd activity report covering the period 12 September 2014 to 17 March 2016 and entrusted the Secretariat to transmit it to the European Committee on Crimes Problems (CDPC) and the Committee of Ministers for information.

19. Elected by acclamation Mr JANIZZI (Luxembourg), as Chairperson of the Committee and Ms VERZIVOLLI (Albania), as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

20. Elected after a vote Ms KLEIN (Austria), Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium) and Ms BOLLINI (San Marino), as members of the Committee's Bureau.

21. Appointed Mr FORNER ROVIRA (CDDH) as Rapporteur for the up-coming work on the replies to the Thematic Questionnaire's Question 8 (Reporting suspicion of sexual abuse).

22. Noted that Mr AZZOPARDI (Malta) was available to act again as a Rapporteur on any of the remaining questions to be examined.

23. Asked members, participants and observers interested in acting as Rapporteurs on any of the following questions to inform the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) by 25 March 2016:

- Question 5 (Specialised training);
- Question 3 (Recruitment and screening);
- Question 9.b (Denial of exercise of the professional or voluntary activity).

24. Was informed of the run-up to the Lanzarote Committee's 2nd monitoring round and decided that possible themes for the next monitoring round should be sent to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) by 13 May 2016.

25. Agreed to invite the World Health Organisation and the International Organisation of the Francophonie to its forthcoming meetings, as participants.

26. Took note that the 15th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee will be held in Strasbourg on 14-17 June 2016.

27. Welcomed INTERPOL's offer to host its 16th meeting (beginning December 2016 - exact dates to be confirmed) at its premises in Lyon (France) and to hold a capacity building activity on INTERPOL's work against child sexual exploitation and abuse just before its meeting.

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 5 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 6 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.