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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**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Strasbourg, 14-17 June 2016

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 17 June 2016

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 15<sup>th</sup> meeting in Strasbourg on 14-17 June 2016.

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

1. Took note of the forthcoming entry into force of the Convention in the Slovak Republic (1<sup>st</sup> July 2016) and the Czech Republic (1<sup>st</sup> September 2016).
2. Was informed of progress in the ratification process by Estonia.
3. Took note that Belarus has manifested its renewed interest in acceding to the Lanzarote Convention.
4. Took note of the information provided by some monitored Parties on the follow-up to the Lanzarote Committee’s 1<sup>st</sup> implementation report. In this context:
  - invited monitored Parties which have not yet filled in the table to do so in due time before the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting ([lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int));
  - invited those monitored Parties which have already filled in the table to send any additional information to [lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int);
  - recalled that a *tour de table* on the follow-up given to the 1<sup>st</sup> implementation report’s recommendations will be held at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. Exchanged views on replies to Questions 2, 5 and 8 of the Thematic Questionnaire, respectively on the basis of the observations on:
  - Education for children, prepared by Rapporteur Mr POPOVIĆ (Serbia);
  - Specialised training, prepared by Rapporteur Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal);
  - Reporting suspicion of sexual abuse, prepared by Rapporteur Mr FORNER ROVIRA (CDDH).
6. Took note that no additional information on Participation of children, the private sector, the media and civil society (Question 6 of the Thematic Questionnaire) had been sent to Rapporteur Ms DIMITROVA (Bulgaria).
7. Asked the Secretariat to prepare the relevant parts of the implementation report on the basis of the discussions held on the observations examined during the present and previous meetings.
8. Taking note of the lack of additional information from monitored Parties on Question 7 of the Thematic Questionnaire on Preventive and intervention programmes, urged these Parties to send the requested additional information by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and postponed its examination of the observations on Question 7, prepared by Rapporteur Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium) to its next meeting.

9. Decided, in the context of observations prepared by Rapporteur Mr FORNER ROVIRA (CDDH) on Question 8 of the Thematic Questionnaire on Reporting suspicion of sexual abuse, that Belgium will circulate an information note on its legal and practical situation in this regard, so that it can be discussed at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

10. Adopted, on the basis of Rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure (Special reports and urgent situations), a focused questionnaire on the protection of children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse to be addressed to all Parties and asked Parties to send their replies to the Secretariat ([lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int)) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

11. Exchanged views on the possible theme for its 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round and decided on the following theme: “The dangerous effects of the child’s interaction through ICT”.

12. Heard a presentation by Mr CARR (independent expert) on web addresses advertising or promoting child sexual abuse material or images or any other offences established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention and adopted a Declaration urging Parties to take the necessary measures in this context.

13. Heard a presentation of the results of the reflection carried out by the Working Group on Trends in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and decided on the following steps forward:

- The Working Group will hold another meeting in September 2016 to:
  - a) suggest specific actions in the light of discussions held during the current meeting (see Document T-ES-WG(2016)02Rev2, Appendix 2, section 4);
  - b) on the basis of Document T-ES-WG(2016)02Rev2, suggest possible issues to be included in the questionnaire for the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round;
- Participants in the Lanzarote Committee meetings are invited to transmit to the Secretariat ([lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int)) any relevant recent research on any of the trends identified in Document T-ES-WG(2016)02Rev2 and any awareness-raising tools that could be used by other Parties;
- No opinion will be prepared before the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round.

14. Heard presentations from and exchanged views with:

- Mr FRANK and Ms SHARPLING, Panel members on the UK Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), on the experience of IICSA in responding to institutional failure to protect children from sexual abuse;
- Ms DETTMEIJER-VERMEULEN, Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children, on the results of ECPAT’s Global and European Study on offenders on the move: sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism;
- Ms DECLERCQ, Vice-Chair of ECPAT International Board of Trustees, on ECPAT Global Survivors Forum;
- Mr SEGER, Head of the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC), on the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, the work of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and programmes to protect against violence online;

- Mr HIBBARD, Council of Europe Internet Governance Coordinator, on an overview of the Council of Europe Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019;
  - Ms JENSDÓTTIR, Council of Europe Children's Rights Coordinator, on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), the High level Conference to launch it, which took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 5 and 6 April 2016 and the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF).
15. Held de-briefings on the:
- Participation of the Lanzarote Committee Chairperson in seminars on the Lanzarote Convention in Morocco (23 April 2016) and Tunisia (12 May 2016) in the context of the Council of Europe Neighbourhood partnership with South Mediterranean countries;
  - Participation of the Lanzarote Committee Chairperson in the "Sexuality and international human rights law" Symposium (Angers, 26-27 May 2016)
16. Appointed its Chair, Mr JANIZZI (Luxembourg), as its representative to the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF).
17. Took note that its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (23-25 November 2016) will be held in Lyon, France, and will be preceded (22 November 2016) by a capacity building activity on INTERPOL's work against child sexual exploitation and abuse.
18. Took note that the dates for its next meetings are:
- 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: 1-3 March 2017, Strasbourg
  - 18<sup>th</sup> meeting: 10-12 May 2017, Strasbourg
  - 19<sup>th</sup> meeting: 23-25 October 2017, Lanzarote (to be confirmed)

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.