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Addendum to the Compliance Report on Denmark

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. GRECO adopted the First Round Evaluation Report on Denmark at its 10th Plenary Meeting (8-12 July 2002). This report (Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 6E), which contains 4 recommendations addressed to Denmark, was made public on 25 September 2002.
2. Denmark submitted the Situation Report required by GRECO's compliance procedure on 10 March 2004. On the basis of this report and a Plenary debate, GRECO adopted the First Round Compliance Report (RC-report) on Denmark at its 20th Plenary Meeting (27-30 September 2004) which was made public on 11 October 2004. The Compliance Report (Greco RC-I (2004) 10E) concluded that Denmark had implemented all the recommendations of the First Round Evaluation Report with the exception of one which had been partly implemented. Recommendations ii, iii and iv had been implemented satisfactorily. Recommendation i had been partly implemented. GRECO requested additional information on its implementation. The information requested was submitted on 29 March 2006.
3. Pursuant to Rule 31, paragraph 9.1 of GRECO's Rules of Procedure the objective of the present Addendum to the First Round Compliance Report is to appraise the implementation of recommendation i in the light of the additional information referred to in paragraph 2.

II. ANALYSIS

Recommendation i.

4. *GRECO recommended to maintain and enhance:*
 - *the general awareness of corruption in its wider sense, its dangers to society and to the particular sectors which are likely to be affected,*
 - *the cooperation between the law enforcement authorities and other State bodies, agencies and authorities which play a role in the prevention and control of corruption.*
5. GRECO recalls that the information provided by Denmark about the follow up given to this recommendation was insufficient to conclude that it had been fully implemented. Whilst measures had been taken in respect of the second part of the recommendation on interagency cooperation, GRECO had found that the first part on awareness-raising measures needed further consideration by the Danish authorities. As it was underlined in the Compliance Report, the first paragraph of this recommendation is - above all - about enhancing the general awareness of corruption *in Denmark*, with a view to *inter alia* "refrain from the perception that corruption only exists outside Denmark" (Evaluation Report, paragraphs 101 and 102), as such a view could be a danger to the alertness to possible corruption now or in the future. In this respect the authorities had only referred to a press release (available to GRECO), including a description of GRECO's work, its visit to Denmark and a general conclusion of the Minister of Justice that corruption at large does not exist in Denmark and a reference to the website of GRECO.
6. The Danish authorities, in the additional information provided for the present addendum, recall that the Danish system is governed by an overall principle of transparency and openness. They also add that the general impression is that the Danish population is already aware of the fact that corruption is criminalised, and of the threat that corruption can pose to a society. They refer as an example, to the fact that in 2005 the magazine "Økonomisk Ugebrev" published an article about possible corruption among municipal officers. This article was followed by a survey initiated by The Danish Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Håndværksrådet) and the

opinion-research institute Observer for The Danish Construction Association and the Danish newspaper Politiken. Further articles published thereafter, which were subject to a wide media coverage, indicated that there might be a problem with corruption among municipal officers.

7. As far as government initiatives are concerned, the Danish authorities further report that the Ministry of Justice decided in March 2005 to start the drafting of a leaflet about corruption. The purpose of the leaflet is to inform the public that corruption is wrong and constitutes a criminal act no matter where it might occur. The leaflet will be accessible to the public on the homepages of the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Public Prosecutor for Serious Economic Crimes and the police. The leaflet will also be available at police stations, courthouses, libraries and local authority offices. According to the Danish authorities, the leaflet will be released at the end of 2006.
8. The expected publication of the leaflet will be a modest but positive step in the right direction. GRECO encourages Denmark to ensure that the leaflet is made widely available (including to the various administrations, chambers of commerce etc.), and that further awareness raising measures regarding domestic corruption be taken. For the time being, GRECO notes that the recommendation has not been fully complied with to date.
9. GRECO concludes that recommendation i has been partially implemented.

III. CONCLUSION

10. In addition to the conclusions contained in the First Round Compliance Report on Denmark and in view of the above, GRECO concludes that recommendation i remains partially implemented.
11. The adoption of the present Addendum to the Compliance Report terminates the First Evaluation Round compliance procedure in respect of Denmark.