

Strasbourg, 12 December 2003

**Greco (2003) 31E**

**16<sup>th</sup> GRECO Plenary Meeting**  
(Strasbourg, 8-12 December 2003)

**DECISIONS**

The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), at its 16<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting, which was held in Strasbourg on 8-12 December 2003:

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2003) OJ16);

Information by the President

2. noted the information provided by the President as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 33 E);
3. welcomed the representatives of the newly composed Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
4. took note of the letter addressed by the President of GRECO on 16 October 2003 to the Chairman of the Working Group of the OECD regarding possible synergies in the organisation of evaluation procedures, inviting him to provide, preferably in writing, an analysis of the advantages and possible disadvantages as well as the practical consequences of such an initiative;

Information by the Executive Secretary

5. noted the information provided by the Executive Secretary as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 33E);

Communication by Bureau 21

6. noted the information contained in the Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau (20-21 November 2003), as reproduced in document Greco (2003) 29E;

Second Round Evaluation report

7. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Slovenia (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 1E);
8. invited the authorities of Slovenia to authorise as soon as possible the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;
9. invited the evaluators and the Secretariat to draw inspiration, as far as is possible, from the Second Round Evaluation Report on Slovenia, which is the first Second Round Report to be adopted, when preparing other Second Round reports;

Compliance Reports

10. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Cyprus as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 13E;
11. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Georgia as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 12E;
12. decided to include on the agenda of GRECO 18 and all subsequent Plenary Meetings in 2004, an item relating to the examination of the reports Georgia has been invited to provide regularly under Rule 32, para 2, al (i) of the Rules of Procedure (cf First Round Compliance Report on Georgia, Greco RC-I (2003) 12E, paragraphs 115 and 116);

13. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Ireland as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 14E;
14. invited the delegations of Cyprus, Georgia and Ireland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Reports mentioned in decisions 10, 11 and 13 above;

#### Requests for observer status in GRECO

15. took note that Bureau 22 had instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of a discussion paper on the question of observer status in GRECO for consideration by Bureau 23;
16. decided to reexamine this item at its 17<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting, in the light of the discussion paper to be approved by Bureau 23;
17. taking into account decisions 15 and 16 above, postponed its decision on the request by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to obtain observer status in GRECO until a forthcoming meeting;

#### Request for an opinion by GRECO

18. adopted an Opinion on Corruption in Sport as it appears in document Greco (2003) 32E and instructed the Secretariat to transmit it to the Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

#### Programme of Activities for 2004

19. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2004 – subject to approval by the Statutory Committee of the Budget for 2004 - as it appears in document Greco (2003) 28E Revised 3;

#### Miscellaneous

20. selected the countries to form Groups E and F for Second Evaluation Round procedures as they appear in the Programme of Activities for 2004 (Greco (2003) 28E Revised 3);
21. took note of the composition of Second Round Evaluation Teams in charge of the evaluation of Members included in Groups A, B, C and D (Greco Eval II (2003) 1 bil of 9 December 2003);
22. noted with satisfaction that, on the week of this Plenary meeting, the United Kingdom has ratified the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption;

#### Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

23. noted that the Bureau will hold its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Paris on 26-27 January 2004;
24. decided to hold its 17<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 16-20 February 2004.