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SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING

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0. The 16th Plenary Meeting of GRECO which was held in Strasbourg on 12-18 December 2003 was presided by Mr Drago Kos (Slovenia). However, the meeting was presided by Mrs Isabelle Van Heers (Belgium), Vice-President of GRECO, during consideration of items I, V, VI - 1 and 3 - and VIII.

I. Opening of the meeting

1. The Vice-President, Mrs Isabelle VAN HEERS (Belgium), opened the 16th GRECO plenary meeting. The list of participants appears in Appendix I to this report.
2. She announced that one of the key items of business was the draft second round evaluation report on Slovenia, which should serve as a "model" for the subsequent reports.

II. Adoption of the agenda

3. The agenda was adopted as it appears in Appendix II.

III. Communication from the President

4. The President informed members that he and the Executive Secretary had taken part in the meeting in Strasbourg with the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina that had led to the appointment of Bosnia and Herzegovina's new GRECO delegation.
5. He asked GRECO representatives to take note of the letter he had sent to the Chair of the OECD Working Group regarding possible synergies in the organisation of evaluation procedures, inviting him to provide an analysis of the advantages and possible disadvantages, as well as the practical consequences, of an initiative of this kind (see Appendix III).

IV. Communication from the Executive Secretary

6. The Executive Secretary welcomed all the representatives, in particular the new delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina, whose members were as follows: Mr Vjekoslav VUKOVIC, Adviser to the Minister for Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Head of Delegation, Mr Srdjo VRANIC, Head of the Office of the Prime Minister of Republika Srpska, Deputy Head of Delegation, and Ms Nermina MUTEVELIC, Prosecutor, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Deputy Head of Delegation, who had apologised for absence because of an accident. The Group wished Ms Nermina MUTEVELIC a speedy recovery.
7. The Executive Secretary also described the following new developments that had taken place since the 15th plenary meeting (13-17 October 2003):
 - Convention ETS No 173 had been ratified by the United Kingdom on 9 December 2003 (entry into force on 1 April 2004). To date, 23 countries had ratified the convention and 23 others had signed it¹.
 - The Government of Luxembourg had adopted a bill in mid-November with a view to the ratification of ETS No 173 and the additional protocol.
 - During his official visit to Italy (13–14 November 2003) Mr Guy De Vel, Director General of Legal Affairs, had been informed by the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice, Mr Giovanni Valentino, that the ratification of the conventions and the protocol was in progress, as was the process of accession to GRECO.

¹ Moldova ratified Convention ETS No 173 after the meeting, on 14 January 2004.

- Convention ETS No 174 had been ratified by 17 countries. On 1 November 2003, it had entered into force in respect of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". On 1 January 2004, it would also enter into force in respect of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Turkey.
- Since 15 May 2003, the Protocol on arbitrators and jurors (ETS No 191) had been signed by 23 states². Only one country had ratified it to date³.
- The following Council of Europe member states still remained outside GRECO: Andorra, Armenia⁴, Austria, Azerbaijan⁵, Italy, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Switzerland and Ukraine.
- Turkey would become a full member of GRECO on 1 January 2004.

8. The Executive Secretary reported on the second group of second round evaluation visits, which had covered Luxembourg, Poland and Iceland. The second round evaluation reports on Slovakia, Finland and Latvia had reached an advanced stage of preparation and should be ready for discussion at the next plenary meeting. To ensure the smooth conduct of the second evaluation round, the evaluators and the Secretariat should take account of the comprehensive guide (vade mecum on GRECO evaluations) and, in particular, the relevant guidelines.

9. In addition, the compliance procedures were progressing in accordance with the agreed timetable, with the individual countries submitting their situation reports as provided for in the activity report for 2004. Moreover, it was probable that GRECO would initiate its procedure of non-compliance in some cases.

10. It was also worth noting that certain countries were faced with large numbers of evaluation procedures: evaluations by GRECO and also by the OECD, the FATF, MONEYVAL, the IMF, the World Bank and perhaps shortly the United Nations⁶, and there was a growing need for co-ordination between these organisations and the member states.

11. Members also took note of the information in the report on the 22nd meeting of the Bureau (20-21 November 2003) as set out in document Greco (2003) 29E.

V. Second round evaluation procedure

Draft second round evaluation report on Slovenia

12. GRECO undertook a first examination of the draft second round evaluation report on Slovenia as set out in Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 1E (P3).

13. First of all, the members of the evaluation team that had visited Slovenia, Mr Wolfgang SCHMID (Germany) and Ms Jane LEY (United States) (Ms Aušra BERNOTIENE (Lithuania) having apologised for absence), gave an oral assessment of the anti-corruption situation in the country, with respect to the themes of the second evaluation round.

14. The representatives of Slovenia presented the Slovenian authorities' comments on the draft report.

² Bulgaria ratified the protocol after the meeting, on 4 February 2004.

³ The United Kingdom ratified the protocol on 9 December 2003.

⁴ Armenia joined GRECO on 20 January 2004.

⁵ Following Azerbaijan's ratification of the Criminal and Civil Law Conventions against Corruption on 11 February 2004, the country will join GRECO on 1 June 2004.

⁶ The new United Nations Convention against Corruption was opened for signature in Merida (Mexico) on 9 December 2003.

15. There followed a general debate based on the documents and explanations supplied. The Group then discussed the draft report paragraph by paragraph.

16. During the first reading of the report, the Group considered drawing up rules to be followed when preparing other second round evaluation reports. Certain countries asked whether practical examples should be included in the report, because of the lack of statistics. Some delegations said that certain states did not have statistics and the reason why one or two examples should be included was to give an idea of the situation in the country. As there were very few cases involving the seizure and confiscation of the proceeds of corruption in Slovenia, the Slovenian authorities believed that it was appropriate to retain the few examples given in the draft report.

17. In addition, the British delegation suggested that the recommendations should be more concise and should be grouped together by field. Some delegations also requested a change in the presentation of the draft report so that each evaluation theme included sub-themes.

18. Another question arose with regard to the description of the institutions that had already been evaluated during the first evaluation round⁷. Following an exchange of views with the participants, the Group agreed that a particular authority could be evaluated in the course of several evaluations if there was a risk of the report being otherwise incomplete.

19. The Group then gave the amended draft report a second reading.

20. After these two readings, the Group adopted the second round evaluation report on Slovenia, as it appears in Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 1E.

21. In addition, it was pointed out that the 18-month deadline for implementing the recommendations remained the same as for the first round evaluation reports.

22. The Group asked the Slovenian delegation to confirm as soon as possible that their authorities agreed to the confidentiality of the evaluation report being lifted.

VI. Compliance procedure following the first evaluation round

23. The Group considered three draft compliance reports.

1. Draft compliance report on Cyprus

24. The Group examined the draft compliance report on Cyprus prepared by the two GRECO rapporteurs, Mr Anton BARTOLO (Malta) and Mr Jacek GARSTKA (Poland), as it appears in Greco RC-I (2003) 13E (P3). The purpose of the report was to assess the implementation of the recommendations made by GRECO to Cyprus in the first evaluation round. It was based on the situation report forwarded by the Cypriot authorities [Greco RS-I (2003) 13E] and additional information subsequently requested by the rapporteurs.

25. The Vice-President, Mrs Isabelle VAN HEERS, introduced the draft report. The Group examined it paragraph by paragraph and agreed on the amendments to be made.

26. The Group adopted the compliance report on Cyprus as it appears in Greco RC-I (2003) 13E.

⁷ The institution in question in the Slovenian report was the ombudsman.

27. The Group asked the Cypriot delegation to confirm as soon as possible that their authorities agreed to the confidentiality of the compliance report being lifted⁸.

2. Draft compliance report on Georgia

28. The Group examined the draft compliance report on Georgia prepared by the two GRECO rapporteurs, Ms Ragna ARNADOTTIR (Iceland) and Mr Alte ROALDSOY (Norway), as it appears in Greco RC-I (2003) 12E (P3). The purpose of the report was to assess the implementation of the recommendations made by GRECO to Georgia in the first evaluation round. It was based on the situation report forwarded by the Georgian authorities [Greco RS-I (2003) 12E] and additional information subsequently requested by the rapporteurs.

29. The President, Drago KOS, introduced the draft report. The Group examined it paragraph by paragraph and agreed on the amendments to be made.

30. After considering the draft report, the Group came to the conclusion that Georgia had made major efforts to implement the recommendations of the first evaluation round, but was still not in compliance with them. It therefore decided to apply Rule 32 of its Rules of Procedure. Under paragraph 2 (i) of that rule, the Group asked the head of the Georgian delegation to submit, as from 30 April 2004, regular reports on the progress made. On this basis, the Group agreed to consider the reports mentioned at each of its plenary meetings after April 2004 in order to assess the progress made by Georgia and, if necessary, apply the other measures provided for in Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure. An overall evaluation of the measures taken by Georgia would be conducted in July 2005.

31. The Group then adopted the compliance report on Georgia as it appears in Greco RC-I (2003) 12E.

32. The Group asked the Georgian delegation to confirm as soon as possible that their authorities agreed to the confidentiality of the compliance report being lifted.

3. Draft compliance report on Ireland

33. The Group, chaired by Mrs Isabelle VAN HEERS (Vice-President), examined the draft compliance report on Ireland prepared by the two GRECO rapporteurs, Mr Akos KARA (Hungary) and Mr Victor QUESADA MORALES (Spain), as it appears in Greco RC-I (2003) 14E (P3). The purpose of the report was to assess the implementation of the recommendations made by GRECO to Ireland in the first evaluation round. It was based on the situation report forwarded by the Irish authorities [Greco RS-I (2003) 14E] and additional information subsequently requested by the rapporteurs.

34. The Vice-President introduced the draft report. The Group examined it paragraph by paragraph and agreed on the amendments to be made.

35. The Group adopted the compliance report on Ireland as it appears in Greco RC-I (2003) 14E.

36. The Group asked the Irish delegation to confirm as soon as possible that their authorities agreed to the confidentiality of the compliance report being lifted⁹.

⁸ Following authorisation by the Cypriot authorities, the compliance report was published on 14 January 2004.

⁹ Following authorisation by the Irish authorities, the compliance report was published on 3 March 2004.

VII. EBRD request for observer status

37. The Vice-President announced that the 22nd meeting of the Bureau had instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the discussion paper on the question of observer status with GRECO for consideration by the 23rd meeting of the Bureau.

38. The Group therefore postponed to its next plenary meeting the decision on the request by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for observer status with GRECO.

VIII. Requests for opinions

Draft opinion on corruption in sport

39. The Vice-President presented the draft opinion on corruption in sport prepared following the request by the Committee of Ministers. Following discussion, the Group agreed on the necessary amendments and adopted the Opinion on Corruption in Sport as it appears in Greco (2003) 32E.

IX. Adoption of the programme of activities for 2004

40. The Group considered the draft programme of activities for 2004. The Executive Secretary said that the Statutory Committee had held its seventh meeting on 5 December 2003 to adopt the scale of contributions and the draft budget and to take note of the draft activity report for 2004. All the delegations had expressed satisfaction with the quality and the impact of the Group's work and had taken due note of the 11.45% increase in the budget compared with 2003. The increase was the result, *inter alia*, of the growth in the number of members of GRECO (two countries), the launch of the operational phase of the second round with sixteen evaluation visits and the increase in the number of evaluation and compliance reports, etc. The 2004 budget also provided for the holding of five plenary meetings (one more than in 2003) and an additional meeting of the Bureau, as well as the recruitment of temporary staff to boost the Secretariat. As France and Germany were unable to accept the proposed increase in the 2004 budget, the Statutory Committee had agreed to adjourn its meeting and reconsider the matter on 15 December 2003 on the basis of a new proposal¹⁰.

41. The representative of the United Kingdom noted that GRECO was set to take in new members. He was concerned about the possibility of a steady increase in the budget and suggested that the scale of contributions to the GRECO budget should be reviewed in the event of new accessions.

42. Subject to approval of the 2004 budget by the Statutory Committee, the Group adopted its programme of activities for 2004 as it appears in Greco (2003) 28E revised 3.

X. Other business

43. The Executive Secretary announced that the Netherlands and the Council of Europe were organising a conference on 30 March and 1 April 2004 on ethical standards in the public sector, with particular regard to the local and regional level and integrity in the police sector. The conference would involve plenary sessions, information fairs and

¹⁰ The Statutory Committee adopted GRECO's revised budget on 15 December 2003 as it appears in Greco (2003) 13Rev.

workshops. GRECO had been invited to take part and set up a stand like the other organisations participating.

44. The Group selected the countries to form Groups E and F for the second round evaluation procedures in accordance with the breakdown set out in the programme of activities for 2004 (Greco (2003) 28E revised 3). The selection took account of the constraints affecting certain countries where elections would be held.

45. The Group noted with satisfaction that the United Kingdom had ratified the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No 173) during the week of the plenary meeting.

XI. Adoption of GRECO decisions

46. The 16th plenary meeting adopted the list of decisions as it appears in Greco (2003) 31E.

XII. Closure of the meeting and dates of next meetings

47. The Group noted that the Bureau would hold its 23rd meeting in Paris, on 26 and 27 January 2004, and decided to hold its 17th plenary meeting in Strasbourg, from 16 to 20 February 2004. The dates subsequently had to be changed as follows: 23rd meeting of the Bureau, Paris, 23 and 24 February 2004; 17th plenary meeting, Strasbourg, 22 to 25 March 2004.

APENDIX I

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APPENDIX II

AGENDA / ORDRE DU JOUR

1. Opening of the meeting at **09h30** / *Ouverture de la réunion à 09h30*
2. Adoption of the draft agenda / *Adoption de l'ordre du jour*
3. Information by the President / *Information par le Président*
4. Information by the Executive Secretary / *Information par le Secrétaire Exécutif*
5. Communication by the Bureau 22 / *Communication du Bureau 22*
6. **First reading** and examination of the draft Second Round Evaluation Report on the following country: / **Première lecture** et examen du projet de Rapport d'Evaluation du Deuxième Cycle sur le pays suivant :
 - **Slovenia / Slovénie** : Monday 8 December, 11h00 – Tuesday 9 December, 18h00 (consideration in plenary) / *lundi 8 décembre, 11h00 – mardi 9 décembre, 18h00 (examen en plénière)*

The evaluators and the national delegation concerned are, nevertheless, requested to be available during the following periods : / Les évaluateurs et la délégation nationale concernés sont, toutefois, invités à être disponibles pendant les périodes suivantes :

 - **Slovenia / Slovénie** : Monday all day, Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning / *lundi toute la journée, mardi toute la journée et mercredi matin*
7. **Second reading** and adoption of the draft Second Round Evaluation Report on **Slovenia** (Friday, 12 December 2003) / **Deuxième lecture** et adoption du projet de Rapport d'Evaluation du Deuxième Cycle sur la **Slovénie** (vendredi, 12 décembre 2003)
8. Examination and adoption of the draft **Compliance Reports** on the following countries : / *Examen et adoption des projets de Rapports de Conformité sur les pays suivants :*
 - **Cyprus / Chypre** : Monday morning / *lundi matin*
 - **Georgia / Géorgie** : Wednesday morning / *mercredi matin*
 - **Ireland / Irlande** : Thursday morning / *jeudi matin*
9. Draft opinion on corruption in sport following the request by the Committee of Ministers – approved by Bureau 22 / *Projet d'avis sur la corruption dans le sport suite à la demande d'avis du Comité des Ministres – approuvé par le Bureau 22*
10. Observer Status within GRECO / *Le Statut d'Observateur auprès du GRECO*
11. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) – Request for observer status in GRECO / *Banque européenne pour la Reconstruction et le Développement (BERD) – Demande de statut d'observateur auprès du GRECO*
12. Adoption of the Draft Programme of Activities for 2004 / *Adoption du Projet de Programme d'Activités pour 2004*

13. Second Evaluation Round : Selection of four countries to be part of Groups E and F/
Deuxième Cycle d'Evaluation : Sélection de quatre pays pour composer les Groupes E et F
14. Miscellaneous / *Divers*
15. Dates of next meetings / *Dates des prochaines réunions*

APPENDIX III



**DIRECTORATE GENERAL I – LEGAL AFFAIRS
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Please quote: JC/MLR/fm

Strasbourg, 16 October 2003

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Dear Mr PIETH

I refer to previous discussions between our respective Secretariats concerning possible synergies and co-operation between the OECD Working Group and the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), in particular, with regard to the possibility of organising some joint evaluation visits.

I would like to inform you that the Bureau of GRECO has informally discussed this matter, notably during its September meeting. Although its members were ready to consider with an open mind any proposal likely to improve the quality and efficiency of GRECO's and OECD's evaluations, the Bureau failed to see the advantages of joint visits, at least with the level of information at its disposal. Moreover, when considering the matter it became obvious that there would be a considerable number of obstacles to implement such proposals in practice resulting from the differences in our respective mandates, membership, working methods, scope of evaluations, time frames, rules of procedure and confidentiality standards.

In the absence of a clear proposal and analysis of the benefits, the Bureau felt unable to go any further in its reflection and instructed me to inform you of our willingness to resume consideration of this issue in the light of a preferably written proposal from your Working Group, outlining the concept, the advantages and possible disadvantages of, and the practical consequences of your synergy proposals.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Drago KOS
President of GRECO