



DIRECTORATE GENERAL I – LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF CRIME PROBLEMS

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Greco (2004) 7E

# **18<sup>th</sup> GRECO Plenary Meeting**

(Strasbourg, 10-14 May 2004)

# DECISIONS

At its 18<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 10-14 May 2004), the Group of States against corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2004) OJ18);

# Information by the President

 took note of the information provided by the President, including on the results of the Bureau 24 meeting – Strasbourg, 22-23 April 2004, as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 8E);

# Information by the Executive Secretary

3. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 8E);

# Second Evaluation Round

- 4. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Poland (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 6E);
- 5. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Luxembourg (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 5E);
- 6. decided to postpone the second reading of the Draft Second Round Evaluation Report on Estonia (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 4E) to its 19<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting;
- 7. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Poland authorise publication of the report mentioned in decision 4 above;
- 8. invited the authorities of Luxembourg to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;
- 9. bearing in mind the Second Round Evaluation Schedule approved by GRECO 17, decided to extend the Second Evaluation Round to end 2005;

### First Round Compliance Procedure

- 10. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Bulgaria (Greco RC-I (2004) 3E);
- 11. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Germany (Greco RC-I (2004) 1E);
- 12. invited the delegations of Bulgaria and Germany to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Reports mentioned in decisions 10 and 11 above;
- 13. took note of the information provided by the representative of Georgia pursuant to Rule 32, para 2, al (i) of the Rules of Procedure, and encouraged the Georgian authorities to pursue their efforts to implement GRECO's First Round Recommendations in respect of Georgia;
- 14. invited the Georgian authorities to provide further, updated reports on this matter at its 19<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting and all subsequent Plenaries in 2004, in accordance with decision 12 of GRECO 16 (Greco (2003) 31E);

#### Observer Status with GRECO

15. decided to postpone its decision on the request by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for observer status with GRECO to its 19<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting;

#### <u>Miscellaneous</u>

- 16. agreed to invite the World Bank and the International Chamber of Commerce to hearings on the occasion of forthcoming Plenary Meetings;
- 17. entrusted the Bureau to prepare, together with the Secretariat, proposals concerning possible cooperation between GRECO and the OSCE;

#### Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

- 18. noted that the Bureau will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in Brussels on 7-8 June 2004;
- decided to hold its 19<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 28 June 2 July 2004, emphasising that **5 meeting days** were required in order to allow GRECO to deal with the number of Evaluation and Compliance Reports to be considered;
- 20. in view of decision 19 above, requested the Secretariat to find the appropriations required within GRECO's budget for 2004.