



Strasbourg, 8 December 2006

Greco (2006) 25E

31st GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 4-8 December 2006)

DECISIONS

At its 31st Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 4-8 December 2006), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2006) 27E);

Information by the President and the Executive Secretary

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2006) 27E);

International Anti-Corruption day (9 December)

3. took note of the address by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to mark the forthcoming International Anti-Corruption Day;

Second Evaluation Round

4. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco Eval II Rep (2005) 8E)
 - Georgia (Greco Eval II Rep (2006) 2E);
5. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Georgia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 4 above;

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

6. adopted, following two readings, the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Andorra (Greco Eval I-II Rep (2006) 1E);
7. invited the authorities of Andorra to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. approved the composition of the Evaluation Teams in charge of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluations of Austria and Switzerland (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil of 17 November 2006), noting that any necessary subsequent changes would be made by the Secretariat in consultation with the President;

First Round Compliance Procedure

9. adopted the Addendum to the First Round Compliance Report on Croatia (Greco RC-I (2004) 4E Addendum) and thus terminated the first round compliance procedure in respect of that country;
10. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Croatia authorise the publication of the Addendum mentioned in decision 9 above;

Programme of Activities for 2007

11. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2007 as it appears in document Greco (2006) 20E Final;

Seventh General Activity Report (2006)

12. decided to include a substantive section on whistleblowing in its Seventh General Activity Report (2006);
13. noted with satisfaction that Mr Paul STEPHENSON, Public Concern at Work (United Kingdom), had agreed to produce a first draft of the substantive section;

Third Evaluation Round

14. took note that Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg and the Netherlands would form the second wave of countries to be evaluated within the framework of the Third Evaluation Round and that deadlines for the submission of replies to the questionnaires would be fixed with the Secretariat;
15. noted that, in addition to the training module organised during the current plenary, a start-up training workshop on the funding of political parties for GRECO delegation members and third round evaluators would be organised during GRECO's 32nd Plenary Meeting (subject to the necessary financial resources being made available);

Exchange of views

16. adopted a Communication on review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in view of the 1st Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention (Greco (2006) 28E Final) which would be transmitted to the conference;

Elections for the Third Evaluation Round

17. elected, by secret ballot, Mr Drago KOS (Slovenia) as President of GRECO;
18. elected, by secret ballot, Mr Marin MRČELA (Croatia) as Vice-President of GRECO;
19. elected by secret ballot, the following representatives to sit on the Bureau (English alphabetical order of their countries):

Mr Georgi RUPCHEV (Bulgaria)
Mr Dimitrios GIZIS (Greece)
Ms Eline WEEDA (Netherlands)
Ms Laura-Oana STEFAN (Romania)
Mr Mark RICHARD (United States of America)

noted that, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, Mr Edmond DUNGA (Albania, non-elected candidate) would be called to fill the first future vacant seat in the Bureau;

Dates of forthcoming meetings

20. noted that the Bureau would hold its 38th meeting in Strasbourg on 5-6 February 2007;
21. decided to hold its 32nd Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 19-23 March 2007.