



Strasbourg, 1 June 2007

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33rd GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 29 May – 1 June 2007)

DECISIONS

At its 33rd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 29 May – 1 June 2007), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2007) 11E);

Information from 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 (2007) 11E);

Hearing

3. held a hearing with the Mexican Federal Institute for Access to Public Documents, represented by Mr Alonso Lujambio Irazábal, Commissioner President and Mr José Jarero, Director of International Affairs;

First and Second Round Compliance Procedures

4. adopted the Addendum to the First Round Compliance Report on Portugal (Greco RC-I (2005) 2E Addendum) and thus concluded the first round compliance procedure in respect of that country;
5. invited the authorities of Portugal to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the Addendum mentioned in decision 4 above;
6. adopted the Second Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Belgium (Greco RC-II (2006) 9E)
 - Bulgaria (Greco RC-II (2007) 4E)
 - Germany (Greco RC-II (2007) 3E)
 - Lithuania (Greco RC-II (2007) 5E)
 - Malta (Greco RC-II (2007) 6E) and
 - Sweden (Greco RC-II (2007) 1E);
7. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Germany and Sweden authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. invited the authorities of Belgium, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Malta to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 6 above;
9. took note of the rescheduling to GRECO 34 of the examination of the draft Addenda to the First Round Compliance Reports on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece and Malta and the draft Second Round Compliance Reports on Albania and Spain, initially scheduled to take place at the present Plenary Meeting;
10. took note of the President's call for delegations to respect the 18-month deadline for the submission of situation reports and additional information, in order to ensure equal treatment of all members and an effective and foreseeable planning of plenary meetings;
11. held an exchange of views on the results of the Secretariat's analysis on partly and non-implemented second round recommendations and asked the Bureau to continue the discussion of this matter at its next meeting;

Third Evaluation Round

12. held a Training Workshop on Theme I of the Third Evaluation Round, i.e. the incriminations provided for by ETS 173, ETS 191 and GPC 2 (Strasbourg, 29 May);
13. asked the Secretariat to ensure that the conclusions of the workshop be reflected in the Guidelines for evaluators;
14. approved the composition of the Evaluation Teams in charge of the third round evaluation of Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (Greco Eval III (2007) 1bil of 25 May 2007;

Tour de table

15. held a *tour de table* on "Recent developments in anti-corruption institutions and strategies - including measures taken to raise awareness in this area";
16. decided to devote the *tour de table* at GRECO 34 to the issue of rules and guidelines for situations where public officials move to the private sector ("pantouflage");

Budget 2008

17. approved Budgetary Proposals for 2008 (Greco (2007) 8E) and instructed the Executive Secretary to transmit them to the Secretary General for consideration by the Budget Committee, prior to their transmission to the Statutory Committee for adoption;

Elections

18. elected, by secret ballot, Mr Matthias KORTE (Germany) to sit on the Bureau;
19. established, in accordance with Rule 7 of its Rules of Procedure, the following reserve list (in decreasing order of votes) of non-elected candidates who would be called to fill any seats in the Bureau which might become vacant before the end of the Third Evaluation Round :
 - Mr Richard ROGERS (United States of America)
 - Mr Michel BARRAU (France)
 - Ms Veronika MILINCHUK (Russian Federation);

Miscellaneous

20. adopted Comments (Greco (2007) 10E Revised) on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1792 (2007) on Fair trial issues in criminal cases concerning espionage or divulging state secrets and instructed the Secretariat to transmit them to the Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Dates of forthcoming meetings

21. noted that the Bureau would hold its 40th meeting in Strasbourg on 20-21 September 2007;
22. decided to hold its 34th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg during the week of 15-19 October 2007 – dates to be confirmed.