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Greco (2007) 18E

34th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 16-19 October 2007)

DECISIONS

At its 34th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 16-19 October 2007), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2007) 19E);

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) 19E);
3. noted that, at each future Plenary Meeting, following the information provided by the President, the floor will be opened to any delegation wishing to share information on specific problems they face in the anti-corruption field;

First and Second Round Compliance Procedures

4. adopted the Addenda to the First Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco RC-I (2005) 1E Addendum)
 - Malta (Greco RC-I (2005) 3E Addendum)and thus concluded the first round compliance procedures in respect of those countries;
5. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Malta to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the Addenda mentioned in decision 4 above;
6. adopted the Second Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Albania (Greco RC-II (2007) 12E)
 - Netherlands (Greco RC-II (2007) 7E)
 - Spain (Greco RC-II (2007) 10E) and
 - "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (Greco RC-II (2007) 8E);
7. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Spain authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. invited the authorities of Albania, the Netherlands and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 6 above;
9. decided to carry out a second reading of the Second Round Compliance Report on Romania (Greco RC-II (2007) 9E) at GRECO 35, in the light of additional information to be provided by the Romanian authorities by 9 November 2007;
10. adopted the Addendum to the First Round Final Overall Assessment Report on Georgia (Greco Eval I (2005) 4E Addendum) and thus terminated the First Evaluation Round compliance procedure on Georgia;
11. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Georgia authorise the publication of the Addendum mentioned in decision 10 above;

12. noted that the President would write to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece about the country's delays in submitting the additional information required by GRECO's First Round Compliance Report on Greece (deadline 31 May 2006) and a situation report on implementation of GRECO's second round recommendations (deadline 31 July 2007);
13. noted the President's reiterated 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; the Bureau would closely monitor member States' compliance with GRECO's Rules of Procedure in this respect;

Joint First and Second Evaluation Round

14. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Ukraine authorise the publication of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Ukraine (Greco Eval I-II Rep (2006) 2E), adopted by GRECO 32 (March 2007);
15. noted that Joint First and Second Round evaluation visits to the Russian Federation, Italy and Monaco are foreseen during the first half of 2008;

Third Evaluation Round

16. took note of the feedback on the first third round evaluation visits provided by the delegations of Finland, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the United Kingdom as well as by the secretariat and asked the Secretariat to make a summary of the information provided available on GRECO's website;
17. noted that Third Round evaluation visits to Poland, Belgium, Norway, France, Denmark, Albania, Spain, and possibly Sweden and/or Lithuania (second round chronology) would be scheduled in 2008 and that the secretariat would contact the members concerned individually with regard to deadlines for submitting replies to the questionnaires and the dates of visits;
18. noted that a Third Round evaluation visit to Latvia is scheduled for 21-25 January 2008;

Tour de table

19. held a *tour de table* on Rules and guidelines regarding *revolving doors / pantouflage*, including special presentations by intervenors from France, Latvia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America;
20. asked the Secretariat to prepare and publish a summary record of the *tour de table*;
21. authorised the publication of the Summary of information provided by delegations at the *tour de table* held during GRECO 33 (Greco (2007) 12E Rev3);

Article 38, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173)

22. held an exchange of views on the implications of Article 38, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173) for GRECO's *modus operandi* and took note of the opinion of the Council of Europe's Directorate of Legal Advice and public International Law (Jurisconsult) (Greco (2007) 16E);

Other questions

23. asked the Secretariat to make arrangements for an Internet video statement by GRECO's President on the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2007) and to explore possibilities for a joint statement with other international key players in the anti-corruption field;
24. proposed that Mr Franz-Hermann BRÜNER, Director General of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), or his representative, be invited to an exchange of views at GRECO 35 - possibly to be linked to the Anti-Corruption Day;
25. asked the Bureau to examine the advisability of preparing a draft Communication to the Second Session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption for adoption at GRECO 35;

Dates of forthcoming meetings

26. noted that the Bureau would hold its 41st meeting in Strasbourg on 15-16 November 2007;
27. decided to hold its 35th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 3-7 December 2007.