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SUMMARY REPORT

I. Opening of the Plenary Meeting

- 1. The 34th Plenary Meeting of GRECO was chaired by Drago KOS (President, Slovenia). The list of participants appears in Appendix I to this report.
- 2. The President opened the meeting by welcoming all representatives, referring in particular to those who had been newly nominated. He warmly greeted the delegations of GRECO's most recent members: Italy which had joined GRECO as its 45th member on 30 June 2007 and Monaco as its 46th member on 1 July 2007. The Delegations of both countries were invited to address the plenary. Italy which had acceded to GRECO following notification to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe had, since 1994, played an active role in the Council of Europe's anticorruption work which led to the setting up of GRECO. Bills on the ratification of the Criminal and Civil Law Conventions on Corruption (ETS 173 and 174) would very soon be submitted to Parliament. The country's authorities attached considerable importance to GRECO's peer review process. Monaco had acceded to GRECO following ratification of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173). The country's authorities looked forward to establishing close and open cooperation within GRECO.
- 3. The President informed the plenary that Liechtenstein and San Marino were the only Council of Europe member States not to have acceded to GRECO.

II. Adoption of the agenda

4. Examination of the draft Addendum to the First Round Compliance Report on Greece was postponed (see para. 16 below). The agenda was adopted as it appears in <u>Appendix II</u> to this report.

III. Information provided by the President

- 5. With reference to the report of Bureau 40 (cf. Greco (2007) 14E) the President mentioned the following points:
 - Ms Eline WEEDA (Netherlands) had left GRECO and its Bureau on 1 October upon taking up a new position at the Ministry of Justice, Mr Richard ROGERS (United States of America) had replaced her in the Bureau;
 - the attention of national TI chapters (and possibly other NGOs) would be drawn to GRECO reports upon their publication;
 - once the first Third Round Evaluations had been completed, another training workshop might be organised to cover any particular problems met, if the necessary financial resources were available;
 - in the context of GRECO's compliance procedures, the Bureau would in future monitor the level of compliance of members with GRECO recommendations (including through qualitative analysis) and member States' compliance with GRECO's Rules of Procedure in respect of deadlines for the submission of situation reports. The President and/or the Executive Secretary would contact, as necessary, member States with low compliance levels or which do not respect the deadlines for submitting situation reports; and the Bureau would identify areas where members face common problems which would be discussed in the plenary during targeted tours de table / exchanges of views;
- 6. The President reported on his participation in a meeting on "Double Standards in a Corruptive Environment" (Austria, August), a meeting of the Council of Government

Ethics, Canada (September), and a Roundtable "No need to prevent corruption in Europe?" organised jointly by the State Council and the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption of Slovenia (Ljubljana, October).

- 7. He asked the Plenary to start to reflect on ways in which GRECO's 10th anniversary (May 2009) could be celebrated.
- 8. In the light of recent examples brought to his attention of challenges faced by anticorruption bodies and concerns that political resolve to fight corruption was weakening, the President informed the Plenary that at each future Plenary Meeting, following the information provided by the President, the floor would be opened to any delegation wishing to share information on specific problems they face in the anti-corruption field.
- 9. In this context, the President updated the plenary on the situation of Slovenia's Commission for the Prevention of Corruption; in particular new draft legislation aimed at amending the Law on Incompatibility of Public Functions with Profitmaking Activity following a decision by the Constitutional Court that parts of the Law were not in conformity with the Constitution. The representative of Latvia took the floor to inform the plenary of actions being taken in relation to the Director of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB), head of Latvia's Delegation to GRECO, who had been suspended in connection with an alleged lack of procedures for keeping accounts linked to intelligence work. The suspension seemed disproportionate (the State Audit Office, for example, would not dismiss someone from their agency for such problems; also the Prosecutor General confirmed that there were no grounds for suspending the Director)¹.

IV. Information provided by the Executive Secretary

- 10. The Executive Secretary reported on the following developments since GRECO's 33rd Plenary Meeting (May/June 2007):
 - the ratification in March 2006 by Belarus of the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 174) had not led to the accession of Belarus to GRECO on the date of entry into force of the convention in its respect (1 July 2006) due to the need to first conclude a special agreement between the country and the Council of Europe on the privileges and immunities of members of GRECO evaluation teams. Moreover, the Treaty Office of the Council of Europe had been informed that Belarus would soon submit its instrument of ratification of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173);
 - the authorities of San Marino had recently announced in the press their intention to join GRECO, however, no official notification had yet been received;
 - the Secretary General's budget proposals for GRECO for 2008, approved by GRECO in May, had also been approved in September by the Council of Europe's Budget Committee. GRECO's draft budget for 2008 would go to GRECO's Statutory Committee (composed of the Representatives in the Committee of Ministers of member States of the Council of Europe which are also members of GRECO and of a specifically designated Representative of the United States of America) for final decision on 29 November; as a result of new accessions (Russian Federation, Italy, Monaco) contributions of nearly all members to the budget would decrease, despite foreseen increased operational expenditure due in particular to the carrying out of more visits and higher participation in plenary meetings (increased membership and Third Round evaluation teams);

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¹ On 9 November, the Prime Minister issued a decision restoring Mr Aleksejs Loskutovs to his duties.

- in 2008 it was planned to hold five plenary meetings. Moreover, in 2008, Joint First and Second Round visits to the Russian Federation, Monaco and Italy were foreseen; dates for the Third Round visit to Latvia had been fixed (21-25 January); third Round evaluation visits to Poland, Spain, Norway, France, Albania, Belgium, Denmark and possibly Sweden or Lithuania (selection based on Second Evaluation Round chronology cf. Bureau 40 Report: Greco (2007) 14E) would be scheduled; the Secretariat would send proposals for deadlines for submission of replies to the questionnaires and dates for the visit to all countries concerned, paying particular attention to ensuring a well-planned programme of activities with an even workload both for GRECO and the Secretariat; longer term planning involved four plenary meetings in 2009, each with three evaluation reports scheduled for adoption;
- the Comments made by GRECO on Recommendation 1792 (2007) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Fair trial issues in criminal cases concerning espionage or divulging state secrets (document Greco (2007) 10E revised, adopted at GRECO 33) had been used by the Committee of Ministers when preparing a draft reply to the Parliamentary Assembly which would be examined by the Ministers' Deputies Rapporteur Group on Legal Cooperation on 9 November;
- the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe was increasingly interested in GRECO's work; in a motion for a recommendation on judicial corruption presented by Mr Bartumeu Cassany and other members of the Parliamentary Assembly, reference was made to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173) and relevant GRECO work regarding corruption of the judiciary;
 - in response to an invitation from the OECD, the Secretary General had designated the Executive Secretary to participate on his behalf in a high level conference to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions (Rome, 21 November);
 - his participation in the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Vienna, 29-31 August) – cf. paragraphs 34-37.
- 11. Other members of the Secretariat reported on their participation in international anti-corruption events as follows:
 - Tania VAN DIJK on the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions (Paris, 19 June) during which the Phase 2 review of Slovenia was carried out as well as on the UNODC Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery (Vienna, 27-28 August);
 - Michael JANSSEN on a conference on political financing "Transparency Who cares?" (12-13 July) organised by Transparency International (TI) and the Carter Center where he made a presentation on GRECO's current work on party funding and participated in a panel on "Building democracy from abroad Can international actors contribute to fostering integrity in political finance?"; the focus was essentially on TI's "Crinis" project with which TI wished to associate GRECO's secretariat.

V. First Round Compliance Procedure - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malta, Georgia

- 12. The draft Addenda to the First Round Compliance Reports on Bosnia and Herzegovina and Malta were based on information provided by the authorities of the countries as required by the conclusions of GRECO's First Round Compliance Reports. Following a detailed reading, GRECO adopted the Addenda to the First Round Compliance Reports on Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco RC-I (2005) 1E Addendum) and Malta (Greco RC-I (2005) 3E Addendum) and thus terminated the first round compliance procedure in respect of those countries.
- 13. The authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Malta were invited to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the Addenda.
- 14. GRECO examined additional information provided by Georgia, pursuant to the conclusions of the Final Overall Assessment adopted by GRECO 29 (June 2006) and adopted an Addendum to the First Round Final Overall Assessment Report on Georgia (Greco Eval I (2005) 4E Addendum), thus terminating the First Evaluation Round compliance procedure on Georgia.
- 15. GRECO noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Georgia authorise the publication of the Addendum.
- 16. The President informed the plenary that despite six written reminders, Greece had not yet submitted the additional information required by GRECO's First Round Compliance Report on Greece (deadline: 31 May 2006) nor had the situation report on implementation of GRECO's Second Round recommendations been submitted (deadline: 31 July 2007). Under these circumstances, he planned to write to the Minister of Foreign Affairs about the delays. He again urged members 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.

VI. Second Round Compliance Procedure – Albania, Netherlands, Spain, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

- 17. The draft Second Round Compliance Reports on Albania, the Netherlands, Spain and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" were prepared on the basis of Situation Reports forwarded by the relevant authorities and in consultation with Rapporteurs designated on behalf of Croatia and Greece for Albania, Georgia and Germany for the Netherlands, Poland and Portugal for Spain and Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the United Kingdom for "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". The rapporteurs communicated their observations on the draft compliance reports to the plenary and a detailed reading of each report followed.
- 18. GRECO adopted the Second Round Compliance Reports on Albania (Greco RC-II (2007) 12E), the Netherlands (Greco RC-II (2007) 7E), Spain (Greco RC-II (2007) 10E) and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (Greco RC-II (2007) 8E). The deadline fixed for the submission of additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations was 30 April in each case.
- 19. GRECO noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Spain authorise the publication of the compliance report.

- 20. The authorities of Albania, the Netherlands and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" were invited by GRECO to authorise, as soon as possible, publication of the compliance reports.
- 21. The draft Second Round Compliance Report on Romania was prepared on the basis of a Situation Report forwarded by the authorities and in consultation with Rapporteurs designated on behalf of Austria and Azerbaijan. The rapporteurs communicated their observations on the draft compliance report and a detailed reading of the report followed. Due to the need for further clarification of a number of points, GRECO decided that a second reading of the draft compliance report would be carried out during GRECO 35 (December 2007), in the light of additional information to be provided by the Romanian authorities by 9 November 2007.

VII. Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

- 22. GRECO 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).
- 23. GRECO noted the information provided by the Executive Secretary (para. 10 above) on Joint First and Second Round evaluations to be scheduled in 2008.

VIII. Third Evaluation Round

- 24. The plenary was provided with copies of the programmes of the first on-site visits held within the Third Evaluation Round: Finland and the Slovak Republic (11-15 June 2007); Slovenia (2-6 July 2007) and the United Kingdom (1-5 October 2007) (Greco Eval III Inf (2007) 1E). The delegations of these countries provided the plenary with feedback on the preparation and organisation of the evaluations. The following practices were highlighted as having contributed significantly to the success of the procedure:
 - the setting up of working groups to prepare the replies to the questionnaires
 - consulting potential participants in the programme in order to identify the most appropriate interlocutors as well as interpretation needs
 - close cooperation with the GET and the Secretariat on the content of the programme before elaborating the final version so that sugggestions by the evaluators can easily be taken into account
 - thorough advance briefing of all participants in the programme on the context, GRECO methodology, themes under evaluation, replies submitted to the questionnaires and likely expectations of a GRECO Evaluation Team
 - holding all meetings in the same place.

The announcement of a GRECO visit can give rise to much media interest, yet the substance of the evaluation remains confidential until adoption of the evaluation report. It was suggested that it might be useful to hold a press conference before a visit providing information on the context of the visit and of GRECO's modus operandi, specifying clearly that the substance and results of the evaluation would be available to the public only after adoption of the report.

25. The Secretariat thanked the authorities concerned for the considerable efforts made to ensure that the GETs were able to prepare the evaluations thoroughly, that they met with the appropriate interlocutors and were able to carry out their evaluation work unhindered by logistical considerations.

- 26. The Secretariat underlined that Heads of GRECO delegations had an important role to play in ensuring that their evaluators are aware of what is expected of them. Once they commit to an evaluation they are required to contribute at every stage of the process, i.e. commenting on the draft programme; preparing themselves as to the substance of the evaluation prior to the visit; engaging actively in on-site meetings; submitting their written analysis to the Secretariat promptly after the visit; commenting within a short time frame on various draft versions of the report.
- 27. In addition to the points mentioned by delegations (para. 24 above), the following were highlighted as further examples of good practice which constitute the components of a successful evaluation:
 - replies to questionnaires are as complete as possible (for example, developing on what is contained in the criminal code) and specific to GRECO's purposes (extracts from reports by other bodies do not necessarily adapt well to GRECO requirements)
 - all pertinent legal instruments (preferably the entire criminal code but, if not possible, at least all relevant provisions) are appended in English/French to the replies to the questionnaire in order to facilitate the preparation of the draft Descriptive Part of the report before the visit
 - meetings during which interpretation will be provided are identified on the draft programme (when commenting on the draft programme the GET needs to bear in mind the extra time needed to accommodate consecutive interpretation during an interview)
 - formal ceremonies, addresses and luncheons are not included in the programme unless strictly necessary, in which case they are as brief as possible
 - journalists are informed in advance that the GET/Secretariat can only discuss GRECO in general terms, that no specific information regarding the country or the evaluation can be revealed until publication of the evaluation report approximately 6 months later.
- 28. The Executive Secretary pointed out that all the points made were also of relevance to forthcoming Joint First and Second Round Evaluations. A summary of the information provided would be made available on GRECO's website.
- 29. GRECO noted the information provided by the Executive Secretary (para. 10 above) on Third Round evaluations to be scheduled in 2008.

IX. Tour de Table

- 30. GRECO held a *tour de table* on Rules and guidelines regarding *revolving doors/pantouflage*. It was the first to be organised following Bureau 37 decision to strengthen GRECO's compliance procedure by, *inter alia*, holding "a tour de table (on a voluntary basis) on the stage of implementation of recommendations every 6 months" (cf. Greco (2006) 26E).
- 31. GRECO was provided with an information document (Greco Inf (2007) 3E) containing a list of countries which had received a Second Round recommendation on revolving doors/pantouflage and the pertinent extracts from Second Round Compliance Reports. The tour de table was structured by presentations made by intervenors from four countries which have detailed regulations in this field: Serge MAUREL, Service Central de Prévention de la Corruption (France), Inese GAIKA, Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB) (Latvia), Sally PUGH and Lisa HARLOW, Propriety and Ethics Team, Cabinet Office (United Kingdom) and Jane LEY, Office of Government Ethics (United States of America). They presented to the plenary the approach taken in their respective countries with

regard to definitions, who and what situations are subject to regulation and how best to regulate. Subsequently, delegations informed the plenary of specific issues which had been examined and obstacles faced when dealing with recommendations on *revolving doors/pantouflage* issued by GRECO during its Second Evaluation Round.

- 32. GRECO asked the Secretariat to prepare and publish a summary record of the *tour de table*.
- 33. In response to a request by the Bureau, GRECO authorised the publication of the Summary of information provided by delegations at the *tour de table* on "recent developments in anti-corruption institutions and strategies including measures taken to raise awareness in this area" held during GRECO 33 (Greco (2007) 12E Rev3).

X. United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

- 34. The Executive Secretary drew the attention of the plenary to the report on the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Vienna, August 2007) in which he had participated. GRECO had been the only regional monitoring body present. The report would be presented to the Second Session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Indonesia, 28 January 1 February 2008). Moreover, the Working Group had tasked the UN Secretariat with preparing a report for the Conference containing a comparative analysis of methods employed by existing regional or sectoral mechanisms, including conclusions on whether such mechanisms could contribute to the performance of its mandated tasks for review of the implementation of the Convention.
- 35. Several delegations informed of their participation in a voluntary pilot programme in which pairs of States examine possible feasible review procedures, possible weaknesses in the self-assessment checklist and other matters such as linking review with the delivery of technical assistance and referring to the results of regional monitoring mechanisms. The preliminary conclusions of the pilot might be presented at the Second Session of the Conference.
- 36. The President stressed that States should not be too reluctant to have weaknesses in their systems identified; GRECO was a good example of a monitoring mechanism which provides countries with constructive assistance by identifying shortcomings and proposing appropriate remedial action. Given that for the time being no consensus as to the exact remit and layout of a possible UNCAC review mechanism or body had emerged in the context of the United Nations, it would be difficult for GRECO to offer any concrete assistance at this stage.
- 37. GRECO asked the Bureau to examine at its next meeting the advisability of preparing a draft Communication to the Second Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention.
- XI. (Renewal) of declarations and reservations: implications of Article 38, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173) for GRECO's modus operandi
- 38. The President reminded GRECO that, pursuant to Article 38, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173), members are expected to provide GRECO with an explanation of the grounds justifying the continuance of a declaration or reservation. Background information, including the relevant

- provisions of ETS 173 and extract from the Explanatory Memorandum to the Convention, was available (Greco (2007) 17E).
- 39. Further, the Executive Secretary had been instructed by the Bureau to ask the opinion of the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (Jurisconsult) on whether GRECO would be able to issue recommendations to its members to withdraw or change reservations made to ETS 173, in particular in light of Article 38, paragraph 3. GRECO took note of the Jurisconsult's opinion (Greco (2007) 16E) which concludes that GRECO is empowered to recommend to its members the withdrawal or modification of declarations/reservations made. Several delegations did not share the Jurisconsult's opinion.
- 40. At the close of the ensuing exchange of views it was felt that, in the context of forthcoming draft Third Round Evaluation reports, reservations and declarations needed to be dealt with on a case by case basis, bearing in mind their specific reasons and justification.

XII. Memorandum of understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union

- 41. The Executive Secretary informed the plenary of the Memorandum of understanding concluded between the Council of Europe and the European Union which formed a new framework for enhanced co-operation and dialogue between the two institutions. He drew the plenary's attention to the following provisions of the Memorandum which were of relevance to GRECO:
 - "The Council of Europe and the European Union will continue to strive to develop appropriate forms of cooperation in response to the challenges facing European society, and to enhance the security of individuals, particularly as regards combating terrorism, organised crime, corruption, money laundering and other modern challenges ..." (article 26)".
 - "The Council of Europe and the European Union will draw on each other's expertise and activities to promote and strengthen democracy and good governance ..." (article 27).
 - "The Council of Europe and the European Union will further co-operate by using the opportunities provided by existing partial agreements and conferences of specialised ministers" (article 48).
- 42. The plenary held an exchange of views on possible fields of mutual interest which could offer opportunities for cooperation (e.g. good governance, political party funding, EU Contact-point network against corruption) and identifying appropriate interlocutors within the EU structure.
- 43. GRECO decided to invite Mr Franz-Hermann BRÜNER, Director General of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) to an exchange of views during GRECO 35 (December 2007) during which possibilities for future exchanges between OLAF and/or other appropriate EU bodies could be explored.

XIII. International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2007) – possible GRECO contribution

44. Having discussed various options for marking International anti-corruption day, which would be celebrated on the Sunday following GRECO 35, GRECO asked the Secretariat to make arrangements for an Internet video statement by the

President and to explore possibilities for issuing a joint statement with other international key players in the anti-corruption field.

XIV. Adoption of decisions

45. The decisions of the 34th Plenary Meeting were adopted, as they appear in document Greco (2007) 18E.

XV. Dates of forthcoming meetings

46. The 35th Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 3-7 December 2007. GRECO noted that the 41st meeting of the Bureau would take place in Strasbourg on 15-16 November 2007 (date subsequently changed by the Bureau to 16 November).

APPENDIX I

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TOUR DE TABLE

on rules and guidelines regarding revolving doors / pantouflage sur les règles et lignes directrices en matière de pantouflage / revolving doors

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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 agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
- 3. Information from the President and the Executive Secretary (including on Bureau 40) / Information du Président et du Secrétaire Exécutif (y compris sur Bureau 40)
- 4. Examination and adoption of the Addenda to the First Round Compliance Reports on **Bosnia and Herzegovina** and **Malta** / Examen et adoption des Addenda aux Rapports de Conformité du Premier Cycle sur **la Bosnie-Herzégovine** et **Malte**
- 5. Examination and adoption of the Addendum to the First Round Final Overall Assessment Report on **Georgia** / Examen et adoption de l'Addendum au Rapport d'Evaluation Globale Finale du Premier Cycle sur la **Géorgie**
- 6. Examination and adoption of the Second Round Compliance Reports on Albania, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / Examen et adoption des Rapports de Conformité du Deuxième Cycle sur l'Albanie, les Pays-Bas, la Roumanie, l'Espagne et « l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine »
- 7. 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 (**Wednesday afternoon**) / Tour de table sur les règles et lignes directrices en matière de pantouflage/revolving doors, y compris des présentations spéciales par des intervenants de la France, la Lettonie, le Royaume-Uni et les Etats-Unis d'Amérique (**mercredi après-midi**)
- 8. Third Evaluation Round: feedback from first evaluation visits oral reports by the delegations of Finland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the United Kingdom as well as the Secretariat / Troisième Cycle d'Evaluation: retour d'informations sur les premières visites d'évaluation rapports oraux par les délégations de la Finlande, la Slovaquie, la Slovénie et le Royaume-Uni ainsi que par le Secrétariat
- 9. Exchange of views on possible ways in which the review mechanism/body to be established under the United Nations Convention against Corruption could benefit from GRECO and its expertise / Echange de vues sur la façon dont le mécanisme/organe de suivi à établir en vertu de la Convention des Nations Unies contre la Corruption pourrait tirer bénéfice du GRECO et de son expertise.
- 10. (Renewal of) declarations and reservations: implications of Article 38, paragraph 3, ETS 173 for GRECO's modus operandi / (Renouvellement des) déclarations et réserves: implications de l'Article 38, paragraphe 3, STE 173 pour le modus operandi du GRECO
- 11. Memorandum of understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union exchange of views on possible implications / Mémorandum d'accord entre le Conseil de l'Europe et l'Union européenne échange de vues sur les éventuelles implications

- 12. International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2007) possible GRECO contribution / Journée internationale de lutte contre la corruption (9 décembre 2007) contribution éventuelle par le GRECO
- 13. Miscellaneous / Divers
- 14. Adoption of decisions / Adoption des décisions
- 15. Dates of next meetings / Dates des prochaines réunions