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46th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 22 – 26 March 2010)

DECISIONS

At its 46th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 22 – 26 March 2010), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2010) 8E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2010) 8E);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Switzerland (Greco RC-I/II (2009) 2E);
4. invited the authorities of Switzerland to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above

Second Evaluation Round

5. adopted the Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Greece (Greco RC-II (2007) 14E Addendum);
6. decided that the additional information Greece is asked to submit, by 30 September 2010, under Rule 31, paragraph 9.1 of the Rules of Procedure (cf Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Greece, paragraph 30), will be examined by GRECO 49 [29 November – 3 December 2010] in a Second Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Greece;
7. adopted the Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Ireland (Greco RC-II (2007) 11E Addendum);
8. invited the authorities of Greece and Ireland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 5 and 7 above;

Third Evaluation Round

9. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Turkey (Greco Eval III Rep (2009) 5E – Themes I and II) and
 - “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Greco Eval III Rep (2009) 6E – Themes I and II);
10. invited the authorities of Turkey and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 9 above;
11. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Estonia (Greco RC-III (2010) 1E),
 - Iceland (Greco RC-III (2010) 2E),
 - the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-III (2010) 3E),
 - Slovenia (Greco RC-III (2009) 1E) and
 - the United Kingdom (Greco RC-III (2009) 3E);

12. concluded, as regards the Third Round Compliance Reports on Iceland and the Slovak Republic, that the current very low level of compliance is “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
13. in light of the conclusions referred to in decision 12 above, decided to apply Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure and asked Iceland and the Slovak Republic to provide a report on progress made in implementing pending recommendations as soon as possible, and by 30 September 2010 at the latest, for examination by GRECO 49 [29 November – 3 December 2010];
14. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Slovak Republic authorised the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;
15. invited the authorities of Estonia, Iceland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 11 above;
16. approved the list of rapporteur countries for Third Round Compliance Procedures regarding Latvia and Poland (Greco Eval III (2010) 3E);

Round table

17. held a round table on recent developments regarding anti-corruption institutions with the participation of speakers from the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalunya, the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crime Agency of Kazakhstan and UNODC;
18. asked the Secretariat to prepare and publish a summary record of the round table;

Fourth Evaluation Round

19. considered the thematic proposal by Bureau 52 for GRECO’s Fourth Evaluation Round, (Greco (2010) 6E revised);
20. decided, in order to ensure an in-depth analysis, to focus on either 2 or 3 sub-themes to be selected from the following list:

Corruption prevention in

- a. parliamentary assemblies
 - b. public administration
 - c. the private sector
 - d. the Judiciary;
21. noted that several delegations suggested to postpone the evaluation of the sub-theme “Private Sector” to a future Evaluation Round whereas a comparable number of delegations were in favour of including “Judicial corruption” in the Fourth Evaluation Round;
 22. asked the Bureau to present the options in a summary document which would include references to the relevant Council of Europe standards and would present the rationale for the reference to Human Rights in the Bureau’s thematic proposal, with a view to reaching a final decision on the themes for the Fourth Evaluation Round at GRECO 47 (7-11 June 2010);

Revision of the Rules of Procedure

23. adopted amendments proposed by Bureau 52 to Rule 31 of its Rules of Procedure (Greco (2010) 3E Final);
24. agreed that Rule 31 as revised would not apply to Second Round and Joint First and Second Round compliance procedures;

Tenth General Activity Report (2009)

25. adopted its Tenth General Activity Report (2009) (Greco (2010) 1E Final) – including a feature article on Experience with the criminal offence of trading in influence in France – and instructed the Secretariat to forward the report to GRECO's Statutory Committee and to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 1, iii of the Statute;
26. noted that the President would present the Tenth General Activity Report to the Committee of Ministers on 9 June 2010;
27. invited its members to translate the feature article into their national language, where appropriate, and to make the chapter available to interested circles and the public at large;

Recommendation 1896 (2010) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Judicial Corruption

28. adopted Comments (Greco (2010) 4E Final) on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1896 (2010) and instructed the Secretariat to transmit them to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

29. noted that the Bureau will hold its 53rd meeting in Strasbourg on 30 April 2010;
30. decided to hold its 47th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 7 – 11 June 2010.