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(Strasbourg, 27 September – 1 October 2010)

DECISIONS

At its 48th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 27 September – 1 October 2010), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2010) 20E);

<u>Information</u>

 took note of the information provided by the President, delegations and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2010) 20E);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Round

- adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Monaco (Greco RC-I/II (2010) 3E);
- 4. invited the authorities of Monaco to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
- 5. adopted the Addendum to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Azerbaijan (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 4E Addendum):
- 6. invited the authorities of Azerbaijan to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;

Second Evaluation Round

- 7. adopted the Addenda to the Second Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Moldova (Greco RC-II (2008) 8E Addendum) and
 - Portugal (Greco RC-II (2008) 2E Addendum);
- 8. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Moldova and Portugal authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 7 above;

Third Evaluation Round

- 9. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Azerbaijan (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 2E Themes I and II),
 - Bulgaria (Greco Eval III Rep (2009) 7E Themes I and II) and
 - Serbia (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 3E Themes I and II);
- 10. invited the authorities of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and Serbia to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 9 above;
- 11. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on Latvia (Greco RC-III (2010) 6E):
- 12. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Latvia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;
- 13. approved the composition of the Teams in charge of the Third Round Evaluation of Austria, Italy, Monaco, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Ukraine (Greco Eval III (2007) 1bil. of 14 September 2010);
- 14. approved the list of rapporteur countries for Third Round Compliance Procedures regarding Albania, Belgium, France, Norway, Spain and Sweden (Greco Eval III (2010) 11E);

15. noted that, as regards the Joint First and Second Round evaluation visits to Liechtenstein and San Marino as well as Third Round evaluation visits to the United States of America, Ukraine, Switzerland, Austria, the Russian Federation, Monaco and Italy (Second Round chronology) to be scheduled in 2011, the Secretariat would soon contact the members concerned individually with regard to deadlines for submitting replies to the questionnaires and the dates of visits;

Fourth Evaluation Round - exchange of views

- 16. held an exchange of views on Corruption Prevention in Parliamentary Assemblies with the participation of Mr Ghassan E. MOUKHEIBER, Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC) and Chair of GOPAC's Global Task Force on Parliamentary Ethics, as keynote speaker;
- 17. agreed that cooperation with GOPAC, in particular in the context of GRECO's Fourth Evaluation Round, should be intensified, notably by inviting Mr MOUKHEIBER to assist the Working Party entrusted with the preparation of the Fourth Evaluation Round (WP-Eval IV);

Recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

18. adopted Comments on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendations 1908 (2010) on lobbying in a democratic society (European Code of conduct on lobbying) and 1916 (2010) on the protection of "whistle-blowers" (Greco (2010) 17E Final and 16E Final) and instructed the Secretariat to transmit them to the Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

GRECO and the European Union

19. welcomed the information provided by the Executive Secretary and the progress achieved regarding the possible format of cooperation between GRECO and the European Union, notably accession to GRECO, and asked the Secretariat to pursue these matters further with the relevant services of the European Union;

Cooperation with Kazakhstan

20. held an informal exchange of views concerning prospects for cooperation between GRECO and Kazakhstan, including its possible accession to GRECO, and agreed to take up this matter again at a later stage;

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

- 21. noted that an item would be included on the agenda of Plenary Meetings at regular intervals to enable Council of Europe Secretariat members from the Directorate of Cooperation to report on activities planned, or being carried out, in the anti-corruption field;
- 22. asked the Bureau to consider including an item on the agenda of GRECO 49 under which the Austrian Delegation could provide the plenary with up-dated information on the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA);

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

- 23. noted that the Bureau will hold its 55th meeting in Strasbourg on 27 October 2010;
- 24. decided to hold its 49th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 29 November 3 December 2010.