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53rd GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 5 – 9 December 2011)

DECISIONS

At its 53rd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 5 – 9 December 2011), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2011) 21E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President, delegations and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2011) 21E);
3. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure that the recently established Anti Corruption Agency (ACA) is allocated sufficient resources to ensure its proper functioning;

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

4. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on San Marino (Greco Eval I/II Rep (2011) 2E);
5. invited the authorities of San Marino to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 4 above;

Third Evaluation Round

6. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Austria (Greco Eval III Rep (2011) 3E – Themes I and II) and
 - United States of America (Greco Eval III Rep (2011) 2E – Themes I and II);
7. invited the authorities of Austria and the United States of America to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on
 - Croatia (Greco RC-III (2011) 12E)
 - Germany (Greco RC-III (2011) 9E) and
 - Ireland (Greco RC-III (2011) 10E);
9. concluded, as regards the Third Round Compliance Report on Germany, that the response to the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
10. in light of the conclusions referred to in decision 9 above, decided to apply Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and asked the Head of delegation of Germany to submit a report, pursuant to paragraph 2(i) of that Rule, on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations, by 30 June 2012;
11. invited the authorities of Croatia, Germany and Ireland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 8 above;

12. adopted the Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on Sweden (Greco RC-III (2011) 4E Interim Report) and concluded that the response to the recommendations remained "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(ii) of the Rules of Procedure and asked the Head of Delegation of Sweden, to submit a report, pursuant to paragraph 8.2 of Rule 31 (revised), regarding the action taken to implement the pending recommendations by 30 September 2012;
14. invited the authorities of Sweden to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 12 above;
15. adopted the Second Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-III (2010) 3E Second Interim Report) and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;
16. invited the authorities of the Slovak Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 15 above;
17. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on Finland (RC-III (2011) 13E) and terminated the third round compliance procedure in respect of that member;
18. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Finland authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 17 above;

Fourth Evaluation Round

19. approved the composition of the teams in charge of the Fourth Round evaluation of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom (Greco Eval IV (2011) 1bil of 2 December 2011);

Rules of Procedure

20. adopted revisions to Rules 5, 7 and 9 of its Rules of Procedure as they appear in document Greco (2011) 18E;

Programme of Activities for 2012

21. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2012 as it appears in document Greco (2011) 17E Final;
22. stressed in this connection, that the total number of evaluation reports scheduled for adoption in 2012 should not exceed ten, in order to leave sufficient time for the discussion of the first fourth round evaluation reports;

Elections for the Fourth Evaluation Round

23. elected, by secret ballot, Marin MRČELA (Croatia), as President of GRECO;
24. elected, by secret ballot, Christian MANQUET (Austria), as Vice-President of GRECO;
25. elected by secret ballot, the following representatives to sit on the Bureau (English alphabetical order of their countries):

Edmond DUNGA (Albania)
Helena LIŠUCHOVÁ (Czech Republic)
Aslan YUSUFOV (Russian Federation)
Ernst GNAEGI (Switzerland)
Slagjana TASEVA ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia");

Miscellaneous

26. entrusted its Bureau with preparing comments on Resolution 1988 (2011) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on "The underground economy: a threat to democracy, development and the rule of law" and to forward them to the Committee of Ministers by 28 February 2012;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

27. decided to hold its 54th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 20 – 23 March 2012 (four day meeting).