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Greco (2013) 8E

60th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 17 – 21 June 2013)

DECISIONS

At its 60th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 17 – 21 June 2013), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the Meeting (Greco (2013) 9E);

Information and topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

2. took note of the information provided by the President, delegations and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);

Fourth Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Luxembourg (Greco Eval IV Rep (2012) 9E) and
 - the Netherlands (Greco Eval IV Rep (2012) 7E);
4. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Luxembourg authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. invited the authorities of the Netherlands to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
6. noted that in 2014 the following members will be evaluated (on-site visits) in the fourth round: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal and Serbia;

Third Evaluation Round

7. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Georgia (Greco RC-III (2013) 9E)and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 31 December 2014;
8. invited the authorities of Georgia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;
9. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Albania (Greco RC-III (2013) 7E) and
 - Lithuania (Greco RC-III (2013) 6E);and closed the third round compliance procedure in respect of both members;
10. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Albania, authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 9 above;
11. invited the authorities of Lithuania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 9 above;

12. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Spain (Greco RC-III (2013) 5E)and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Spain to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 31 March 2014 at the latest;
13. invited the authorities of Spain to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 12 above;
14. adopted the Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on:
 - the Netherlands (Greco RC-III (2013) 8E – Interim report)
15. decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of the Netherlands to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 31 March 2014 at the latest;
16. invited the authorities of the Netherlands to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 14 above;
17. adopted the Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on:
 - Greece (Greco RC-III (2013) 13E – Interim report)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remained “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
18. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Greece to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 31 March 2014 at the latest;
19. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (ii) a) of the Rules of Procedure, instructed its President to send a letter – with a copy to the President of the Statutory Committee – to the Head of Delegation of Greece, on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;
20. invited the authorities of Greece to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 17 above;
21. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the third round compliance procedures regarding Austria, Italy, Monaco, the Russian Federation and the United States of America (Greco Eval III (2013) 2 – Eng. only);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

22. adopted the Addendum to the joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on:
 - Italy (Greco RC-I/II (2011) 1E Addendum)and closed the joint first and second round compliance procedure in respect of that member;

23. invited the authorities of Italy to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 22 above;

Publication of adopted reports

24. reminded its members of the action to be taken when publishing adopted reports in order to ensure visibility of their work in GRECO (cf. GRECO 58, decision 26);

Special Session

25. held a special session on “Financial Disclosure” to examine the different forms of declaration systems, with the participation of the following speakers:
- Jane LEY, Head of the Delegation of the United States of America in GRECO
 - Horia GEORGESCU, President, National Integrity Agency (Romania)
 - Ivana ROSSI, World Bank;

Exchange of views

26. held an exchange of views with Arman KHAGHAGHORDYAN, Coordinator, European Research Center for Anti-Corruption and State-Building (ERCAS), Hertie School of Governance, Germany;

Tour de table

27. held a *tour de table* on the feasibility of an Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173) to cover the non-profit sector;
28. agreed that it was premature to take a firm decision on the matter as the question merits further consideration, notably in light of the outcome of the work underway within the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) on a draft Convention against manipulation of sports competitions;

European Union (EU) participation in GRECO

29. held an exchange of views with Reinhard PRIEBE, Director for Internal Security, DG Home Affairs, European Commission;
30. welcomed that the European Commission has launched an impact assessment with a view to full membership of the European Union in GRECO;
31. expressed its willingness to pursue informal cooperation with the European Commission pending the finalisation of the impact assessment;
32. noted that the EU Anti-Corruption Report (to be published in the autumn) would draw widely on GRECO’s reports and findings;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

33. noted that the Bureau would hold its 65th Meeting in Strasbourg on 6 September 2013;
34. noted that the 61st Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 14 – 18 October 2013.