

Strasbourg, 6 December 2013

Greco (2013) 17E

62nd GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 2-6 December 2013)

DECISIONS

At its 62nd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 2-6 December 2013), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the Meeting (Greco (2013) 18E);

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:
 - France (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 3E)
 - Spain (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 5E)
 - “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 4E);
4. invited the authorities of France, Spain and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. approved the composition of the teams in charge of the Fourth Round evaluations of Armenia, Greece, Hungary, Montenegro, Portugal and Serbia (Greco Eval IV (2013) 12 Revised);

Third Evaluation Round

6. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Ukraine (Greco RC-III (2013) 14E)and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 30 June 2015;
7. invited the authorities of Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. adopted the 2nd Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Croatia (Greco RC-III (2013) 28E)
 - Ireland (Greco RC-III (2013) 10E)and terminated the Third Round compliance procedure in respect of both members;
9. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Croatia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;
10. invited the authorities of Ireland to authorise, as soon as possible, the report mentioned in decision 8 above;

11. adopted the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Malta (Greco RC-III (2013) 22E)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
12. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Malta to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 June 2014 at the latest;
13. invited the authorities of Malta to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;
14. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - the Czech Republic (Greco RC-III (2013) 23E)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;
15. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of the Czech Republic to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2014 at the latest;
16. 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 the Czech Republic, on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;
17. invited the authorities of the Czech Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 14 above;
18. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - France (Greco RC-III (2013) 25E)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;
19. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of France to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2014 at the latest;
20. 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 France, on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;
21. invited the authorities of France to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 18 above;

22. adopted the 3rd *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
- Sweden (Greco RC-III (2013) 24E)
- 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;
23. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Sweden to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2014 at the latest;
24. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Sweden authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 22 above;

Publication of adopted reports

25. noted that the authorities of Belarus had not lifted the confidentiality of GRECO’s Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Belarus that had been adopted in June 2012;
26. adopted, pursuant to Rule 34, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure, a Summary of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Belarus and decided that in the absence of an authorisation from the authorities of Belarus to publish the entire report, the summary would be made public on 3 February 2014;
27. 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);

Programme of Activities 2014

28. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2014 (Greco (2013) 15E Final);

Exchange of views

29. held an exchange of views with Kitty NOOY, National Programme Manager and Heleen SMIT, Integrity Coordinator from the Prosecution Service Integrity Bureau (BI-OM) of the Netherlands;

Miscellaneous

30. • noted with concern the resignation of the three members of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption of Slovenia;
- hopes that, throughout the selection process for the future members of the Commission, it will be ensured that the new commissioners fulfil the highest standards of integrity and independence;
 - asked the delegation of Slovenia to keep GRECO informed about further developments regarding this situation;

Forthcoming meetings

31. took note of the most recent version of the draft Programme (Greco (2013) 12E Rev11) of the Conference on “Gender Dimensions of Corruption” to be organised by GRECO, under the auspices of the President of the Senate and the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, in Prague on 13 December 2013;
32. noted that the Bureau would hold its 67th Meeting in Strasbourg on 21 February 2014;
33. noted that the 63rd Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 24-28 March 2014.