

Strasbourg, 20 June 2014

Greco (2014) 8E

**64<sup>th</sup> GRECO Plenary Meeting**  
(Strasbourg, 16-20 June 2014)

**DECISIONS**

At its 64<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 16-20 June 2014), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2014) 9E);

#### Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting), with reference, in particular, to the discussions held at the 68<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau (Greco (2014) 7E);

#### Fourth Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:

- Croatia (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 7E)
- Norway (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 10E)

and set the deadline of 31 December 2015 for the submission of Situation Reports on measures taken to implement the recommendations contained in the reports;

4. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Croatia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. invited the authorities of Norway to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
6. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the Fourth Round compliance procedures regarding Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom (Greco Eval IV (2014) 5 – Eng. only);
7. noted that in 2015 the following members will be evaluated (on-site visits) in the fourth round: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Moldova, Portugal, Romania and Turkey;

#### Third Evaluation Round

8. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:

- Italy (Greco RC-III (2014) 9E)
- Monaco (Greco RC-III (2014) 4E)
- the Russian Federation (Greco RC-III (2014) 1E)

and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 31 December 2015;

9. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Italy and Monaco authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 8 above;
10. invited the authorities of the Russian Federation to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;

11. adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Hungary (Greco RC-III (2014) 10E)

and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation of Hungary to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 31 March 2015 at the latest;

12. invited the authorities of Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;

13. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Reports on:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco RC-III (2014) 11E)
- Switzerland (Greco RC-III (2014) 14E)

and in both cases 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;

14. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Heads of Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Switzerland to provide reports on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 31 March 2015 at the latest;

15. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (ii) a) of the Rules of Procedure, instructed its President to send letters – with a copy to the President of the Statutory Committee – to the Heads of Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of Switzerland on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;

16. adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Greece (Greco RC-III (2014) 10E – 2<sup>nd</sup> *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;

17. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation of Greece to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 31 March 2015 at the latest;

18. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (ii) c) of the Rules of Procedure, invited the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to send a letter on the level of non-compliance with the recommendations to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece;

19. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece and Switzerland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the *interim* reports mentioned in decisions 13 and 16 above;

20. noted that in 2015 the following members will be evaluated (on-site visits) in the third round: Belarus, Liechtenstein and San Marino;

### Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

21. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on:
- San Marino (Greco RC-I/II (2014) 2E);
- and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 31 December 2015;
22. invited the authorities of San Marino to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 21 above;
23. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on:
- Belarus (Greco RC-I/II (2014) 1E)
- 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;
24. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Belarus to provide reports on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations by 31 December 2014 at the latest;
25. recalled that the authorities of Belarus had stated, at GRECO’s 62<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting, that they preferred to maintain the confidentiality of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report (adopted by GRECO in June 2012) until the adoption of the Compliance Report mentioned in decision 23 above, and urged them to now lift the confidentiality of both reports;

### Publication of adopted reports

26. 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);<sup>1</sup>

### Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

27. took note of the information provided by Delegations, including information from a sample of countries on the Fourth Round evaluation process (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);

### Presentations

28. took note of the following presentations (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting):
- International IDEA Handbook on Funding of political parties and election campaigns (Samuel JONES, Programme Officer, International IDEA)
  - Transparency International EU integrity system report (Mark PERERA and Carl DOLAN, Transparency International EU Office);

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- agree a same-day publication date with the Secretariat
- clearly mark both the date of adoption and date of publication on the cover page
- make the national language version available and easily accessible on a domestic website
- notify the Secretariat of the location of the report by communicating the internet link to it
- include a link on the domestic website to the official language versions on GRECO’s website.

### Follow-up to the report by the Secretary General on the State of democracy, human rights and the Rule of Law in Europe

29. welcomed the Report by the Secretary General and noted that key concerns emanating from over 15 years of monitoring by GRECO are reflected therein ;
30. noted in particular, the Secretary General's conclusion that the "operational practices of several monitoring mechanisms" (including GRECO) need to be amended, so that the Council of Europe can "respond faster and more effectively to emergency situations and urgent requests from member States";
31. agreed that the main strategy for responding to "emergency situations" related to its mandate could involve an ad hoc focused dialogue with the authorities of the country concerned on controversial developments or otherwise urgent issues;
32. asked its Bureau to clarify the conditions under which such a dialogue should take place, as well as the respective responsibilities of the Bureau and the plenary in this connection, and to report back to the plenary;

### European Union (EU) accession to GRECO

33. noted with satisfaction the Council of the European Union Conclusions on the EU anti-corruption report, adopted on 5-6 June 2014 in which the Council "calls for the full accession of the EU to GRECO as soon as possible and for the ensuing evaluation of the EU institutions under GRECO's evaluation mechanism while taking into account the different characteristics of the states and the EU institutions, and asks the Commission to speed up preparatory work to that effect";

### Review of Council of Europe Conventions

34. took note of an exchange of letters between the Chair of the CDPC and GRECO's President concerning follow-up to be given to a decision of the Committee of Ministers on the "Review of Council of Europe conventions – Report by the Secretary General (1168<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers Deputies – 10 April 2013);
35. agreed with the general approach of the President's reply with respect to the Criminal Law Convention and its Additional Protocol (ETS nos. 173 and 191) and considered that it should be complemented in light of its debate on this issue;
36. entrusted its Bureau with preparing and transmitting a document reflecting the above considerations to the CDPC;

### Forthcoming meetings

37. took note of the state of preparation of the **Conference on "The fight against corruption: international standards and national experiences"**, organised by the Chairmanship of Azerbaijan of the Committee of Ministers, that will be held in Baku on 30 June – 1 July 2014;
38. noted that, on invitation by the authorities of Switzerland, the Bureau will hold its 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Bern on 5 September 2014;
39. noted that the 65<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting will be held in Strasbourg on 6-10 October 2014.