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LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe
Convention on the protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse

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List of decisions

17th meeting

Strasbourg, 1-3 March 2017

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 3 March 2017

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 17th meeting in Strasbourg on 1-3 March 2017.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of the expression of interest made by Tunisia for accession to the Lanzarote Convention.
2. Took note of the welcome words by Ms Elda MORENO, Head of the Children’s Rights and Sport Values Department in the Council of Europe.
3. Examined in depth and adopted the revised special report “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” and its appendices.
4. Exchanged preliminary views on the draft Interpretative Opinion on “*Applicability of the Lanzarote Convention to sexual offences against children facilitated through the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)*” prepared by the Working Group on Trends in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and decided to resume its work on this issue at its 18th meeting (10-12 May 2017). Members of the Lanzarote Committee, participants and observers, were asked to send any additional comments on the draft Interpretative Opinion to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) before 31 March 2017.
5. Exchanged preliminary views on the draft Thematic Questionnaire to launch the monitoring round on “*Criminal use of child self-generated sexual images and videos facilitated by information and communication technologies*” and decided to resume its work on this issue at its 18th meeting (10-12 May 2017). Members of the Lanzarote Committee, participants and observers, were asked to send any additional comments on the draft Thematic Questionnaire to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) before 31 March 2017.
6. Continued its discussion in view of the second part (“The Strategies”) of the 1st implementation report “*Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust*” and, in this context, exchanged views on replies to Questions 3, 8 and 9b of the Thematic Questionnaire, respectively on the basis of the observations on:
 - Recruitment and screening, prepared by Rapporteur Ms Svitlana ILCHUK (Ukraine);
 - Reporting suspicion of sexual abuse by Rapporteur Mr Joan FORNER ROVIRA (CDDH);
 - Denial of exercise of professional or voluntary activity by Rapporteurs Mr Charlie AZZOPARDI / Ms Lorna MUSCAT (Malta).

7. Asked the Secretariat to prepare the relevant parts of the 2nd implementation report on the basis of the discussions held on the observations examined during the present and previous meetings.
8. Heard presentations from and exchanged views with:
 - Ms Katlijn DECLERCQ and Ms Ariane COUVREUR (ECPAT International), on the report of the [ReACT](#) Project (REinforcing Assistance to Child victims of Trafficking) – Better support, better protection – Steps lawyers and guardians can take to better identify and protect trafficked children;
 - Ms Anastasia ATABEKOVA (Russian Federation) on the website the authorities have developed on the Lanzarote Convention: <http://lanzarote.rudn.ru/en/>
 - Mr Mohamed AIT AAZIZI (Morocco) on the programme for the protection of children on the Internet, which is part of the Moroccan integrated public policy for the protection of children.
9. Re-elected by acclamation, for a second term of office, Mr Claude JANIZZI (Luxembourg), as Chairperson of the Committee, Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium) and Ms Sylvie BOLLINI (San Marino), as members of the Committee's Bureau.
10. Elected by acclamation, for a first term of office, Mr George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece), as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, and Mr Stevan POPOVIC (Serbia), as member of the Committee's Bureau.
11. Elected by acclamation Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) as Gender Equality Rapporteur.
12. Decided to postpone the discussion on the enhancing visibility of the role and impact of civil society's representatives in the work of the Lanzarote Committee to its 18th meeting (10-12 May 2017) due to lack of time.
13. Took note that the dates for its next meetings are:
 - 18th meeting: 10-12 May 2017, Strasbourg
 - 19th meeting: 25-27 October 2017, Lanzarote (venue to be confirmed)

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure and as the Lanzarote Committee has not decided otherwise, this list of decisions shall be made public.

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 6 of the Rules of Procedure, a full meeting report shall be submitted to the members, participants and observers of the Lanzarote Committee at a later stage.