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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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Revised draft agenda

37th meeting

Opening of the meeting: Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 9:30

Closing of the meeting: Thursday 2 February 2023 at 18:00

Venue: Room 10, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
and KUDO platform

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37th MEETING OF THE LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

1. Opening of the meeting

- 1.1. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.2. Consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine – Modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee
- 1.3. Up-date on ratifications of/accessions to the Lanzarote Convention

2. Increased vulnerability of children to sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as a consequence of the war in Ukraine

- 2.1. Presentation by Ms VYKHOR, Ombudsman's office of Ukraine, on "Children of Ukraine in the conditions of war"
- 2.2. Presentation of Council of Europe initiatives to protect children against sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as a consequence of the war in Ukraine
 - 2.2.1. Presentation of awareness raising tools produced by the Council of Europe:
 - [Checklist](#) and [Handbook](#) on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in crisis and emergency situation: States' main obligations under the Lanzarote Convention
 - [GRETA's Guidance Note](#) on addressing the risks of trafficking in human beings related to the war in Ukraine and the ensuing humanitarian crisis
 - [Working with Victims of Sexual Violence during Armed Conflict: A manual for Ukrainian mental health and emergency response professionals](#), developed under the project "Combatting violence against women in Ukraine (COVAW)"
 - 2.2.2. Activities carried out by the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
 - 2.2.3. Cooperation projects "[Combatting violence against children in Ukraine – Phase III](#)" and "[Combatting violence against children in the Republic of Moldova – Phase III](#)"

3. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

- 3.1. Awareness raising tools prepared on the basis of the Lanzarote Committee's monitoring findings

- Presentation of factsheets on the key monitoring findings of the implementation report “The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs): addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos”
 - Presentation of [Factsheet No. 1](#): The Special Report and related compliance procedure (on the basis of the Committee’s monitoring findings in the Special Report “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse”)
- 3.2. “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust”: presentation of the process and indicative timeline for the continuation of the monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (evaluation procedure for 22 Parties and compliance procedure for 26 Parties)

4. Exchange of information, experiences and good practices

- 4.1. Panel showcasing of Lanzarote Committee observers recent and up-coming work:
- ECPAT
 - Hope for Children
 - International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
 - INHOPE
 - Internet Watch Foundation
 - Missing Children Europe
 - Save the Children
 - WeProtect Global Alliance
- 4.2. Presentation of other relevant activities by national authorities, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, experts, as well as departments of the Council of Europe
- 4.2.1. Exchange of views with Ms MANOJLOVIC, [End Violence Against Children Fund](#) (EVAC) representative, on EVAC’s priorities
- 4.2.2. Exchange of views with Mr McVARISH, [Brave Movement](#) representative, on the priorities of survivors of child sexual violence
- 4.2.3. Exchange of views on the [proposal for a EU Regulation laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse](#):
- Presentation by the Commission of the main elements of the proposal
 - Presentation of the Outcome report of the Expert workshop on EU proposed Regulation on preventing and combatting child sexual abuse held in Leiden on 17-18 October 2022 and jointly organised by the Center for Law and Digital Technologies (eLaw) of Leiden University and ECPAT International

- 4.2.4. Information by members, participants and observers on changes in national policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, and practice:
- Presentation by a representative of the WeProtect Global Alliance of its recently established [Global Taskforce on Child Sexual Abuse Online](#)
 - Exchange of views with Ms SINGHATEH, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, on her report “[A practical approach to addressing the sale and sexual exploitation of children](#)” (document A/HRC/49/51) and the “check list” for States and other stakeholders to use as a concrete and user-friendly tool in their work
 - Debriefing of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November 2022)
 - Exchange of views with Her Excellency BIO, First Lady of Sierra Leone, and Dr PH WORTHAM, Research Associate, Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University, Secretariat [Global Collaborative](#) for the Protection and Healing of Child Dignity, on the setting up of a World Day for the Protection of the Dignity of the Child
 - Presentation of EUROPOL’s [Guidelines for law enforcement first responders in child sexual exploitation and abuse cases](#)
- 4.2.5. Recent and up-coming activities carried out by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 4.3. Debriefings by Lanzarote Committee representatives having participated in outside events and in meetings of Council of Europe bodies on the Lanzarote Committee’s behalf:
- Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) for the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) and the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)
 - Ms BOROVIČANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) for the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)
 - Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) for the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and 10th Annual Meeting of the Secretary General with the Heads of the Monitoring and Advisory Bodies
 - Ms ASENSIO, Children’s Rights Division, for the Barnahus mapping study carried out by the Children’s Rights Division
- 4.4. Presentation of preliminary observations on the replies by Parties to the questionnaires on legal age for sexual activities and on statute of limitations for sexual offences against children sent in February 2021

5. Council of Europe cooperation projects on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

- 5.1. Up-date concerning on-going projects' development
- 5.2. State of play concerning the Voluntary Contribution dedicated to the "Lanzarote Convention monitoring mechanism project"

6. Procedural matters

- 6.1. Presentation of the 2023 workplan for the Lanzarote Committee
- 6.2. Strengthening the effectiveness of the monitoring mechanism and procedure in the short or medium term
 - 6.2.1. Up-date on the pilot country overviews and on the way forward
 - 6.2.2. State of play on the follow-up given to suggestions put forward by civil society organisations to strengthen cooperation with the Lanzarote Committee
- 6.3. Appointment of a Lanzarote Committee representative and his/her substitute:
 - to the Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE)
 - to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)
- 6.4. Granting of the observer status to the [Brave Movement](#) and to the [End Violence Against Children Fund](#) (EVAC)
- 6.5. Adoption of the activity report of the Lanzarote Committee covering the period 1 July 2021 - 2 February 2023
- 6.6. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

7. Any other business