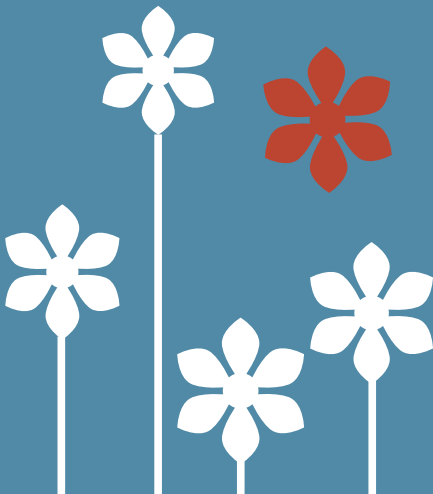




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Main achievements

- ▶ Continuation of the 2nd monitoring round: “The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs”
- ▶ Adoption of an Opinion on child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children
- ▶ Adoption of the evaluation of the follow-up by Parties to the 5 recommendations urging action, of the Special report on “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse”
- ▶ Adoption of the assessment of the follow-up given by the Hungarian authorities to the recommendations addressed to them further to a visit undertaken by a delegation of the Lanzarote Committee to transit zones at the Serbian/Hungarian border (5-7 July 2017)
- ▶ Adoption of a Declaration on protecting children in out-of-home care from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse
- ▶ Participation in the capacity-building event “Ending sexual abuse of children in sport” (6 November 2018, The Hague, Netherlands)
- ▶ Participation in the capacity-building event on a multidisciplinary approach and interagency co-operation in Cyprus to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (15 October 2019, Nicosia, Cyprus)

1. Article 39 of the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the “[Lanzarote Convention](#)”) provides for the creation of a Committee of Parties to the Convention (the “Lanzarote Committee”).

■ This activity report covers the period from the 21st meeting of the Lanzarote Committee (20-22 June 2018) to its 25th meeting (15-18 October 2019) (see Appendix I – List of the meetings of the Lanzarote Committee). It follows on from the Committee’s first four [activity reports](#), adopted on 11 September 2014, 17 March 2016, 12 May 2017 and 22 June 2018, respectively.

I. Composition of the Lanzarote Committee

■ The committee is composed of:²

- ▶ members (the [Parties to the Lanzarote Convention](#));³



■ State Parties to the Lanzarote Convention

■ Council of Europe member states which haven't ratified the Lanzarote Convention

2. According to Rule 2 – Composition – of the [Rules of Procedure](#) of the Lanzarote Committee. The Committee’s Rules of Procedure were adopted by the Committee at its 2nd meeting on 29-30 March 2012, and amended at its 14th meeting on 15-17 March 2016.
3. The Committee is composed of 45 members at the date of adoption of this report: see the [mapping out of the Lanzarote Convention](#), which shows the countries which have ratified/acceded to the Convention. The Council of Europe member states which have not yet ratified the Lanzarote Convention are: Armenia, Azerbaijan and Ireland. Under Article 46 of the Convention, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has invited Morocco to accede to the Convention. The relevant accession instruments of this state, however, have not been deposited at the date of adoption of this activity report.

- ▶ participants (in particular, Council of Europe member states and observer states which are not yet Parties to the Convention, the United Nations, the European Union and other intergovernmental organisations, together with the Council of Europe institutions and bodies);
- ▶ observers, particularly representatives of civil society.

■ The current composition of the Lanzarote Committee appears in Appendix II.

■ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) chairs the Committee. The composition of the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee and the list of the representatives of the Committee before other bodies appear in Appendix III.

II. Functions of the Lanzarote Committee

■ The functions of the Lanzarote Committee are based on two main pillars:⁴ monitoring the implementation of the Convention by the States Parties and facilitating the collection, analysis and exchange of information, experiences and good practices in order to build capacity to prevent and combat sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

A. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

■ As outlined in the previous [activity reports](#), the Lanzarote Committee decided that the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention by the Parties be carried out on a thematic basis and that all the parties be monitored at the same time, rather than on a country-by-country basis.

1. Follow-up to the 1st monitoring round recommendations: Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust

■ The Lanzarote Committee adopted two reports on the implementation of the 1st thematic monitoring round, each dealing with a specific sub-theme.⁵ These reports are based on a review of the situation in each country, as reflected in the replies to a [thematic questionnaire](#) by the 26 States Parties

4. See Article 41 of the Lanzarote Convention.

5. The [1st report](#) covers the criminal law framework and the related legal proceedings concerning the sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust ("The framework"). The [2nd report](#) covers the structures, measures and processes in place to prevent and protect children from sexual abuse in the circle of trust ("The strategies").

which had ratified the Convention when the monitoring round was launched⁶ and by other stakeholders (mainly civil society). The replies are published on the [Committee's website](#).

■ The Lanzarote Committee has agreed to manage the follow-up to recommendations addressed to States Parties in its 1st monitoring round on the basis of the decisions it will take in the context of its working methods (see item 5, below).

■ All documents relating to the 1st round (questionnaire, replies by States and other stakeholders and 1st and 2nd implementation reports) are published on the [Committee's website](#).

2. 2nd monitoring round: The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)

■ The 2nd monitoring round concerns "The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)". It focuses, in particular, on self-generated sexually explicit images and/or videos produced by children and sexual coercion and/or extortion based thereon.

■ To that end, the Committee prepared and adopted a [thematic questionnaire](#) addressed to the 42 Parties which had ratified the Convention when the second monitoring round was launched.⁷ Other stakeholders working to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation and abuse of children (particularly civil society) were also able to reply and comment on the Parties' replies. The aim is to expand the sources of information available to the Lanzarote Committee, in order to refine the analysis of national situations and so improve the quality of the monitoring report.

6. Namely: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine.

7. Namely: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine. Norway ratified the Lanzarote Convention after the launch of the 2nd monitoring round and was therefore not under an obligation to respond to the thematic questionnaire, although it nevertheless provided a voluntary response.

■ Moreover, the Committee decided, for the first time, to [involve children](#) in its 2nd monitoring round, based on guidelines drafted for the occasion. The Committee's objective was to obtain children's views on a subject that is of primary relevance to them, confronted as they are on a daily basis with the risks addressed in the 2nd monitoring round. Contributions from children in 10 States Parties were submitted in a variety of forms, ranging from formal reports, to drawings and videos. The opinions expressed by these children will be taken into consideration by the Lanzarote Committee and will feed into the future monitoring report. This process also contributed to the choice of theme for the [2019 Edition of the European Day](#), "Empowering children to stop sexual violence".

■ All replies to the thematic questionnaire and comments received from the various partners are published on the [Committee's website](#).

■ Some members of the Lanzarote Committee, participants and observers acted as rapporteurs and prepared comments on the replies to each of the questions in the questionnaire. These comments are currently being examined by the Committee, with a view to preparing the monitoring report which will be submitted for adoption in 2020.

■ Alongside this work, and to assist it in its task of monitoring implementation of the Convention in relation to the theme of the 2nd round, the Lanzarote Committee adopted an [Opinion on child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children](#) on 6 June 2019.

■ In this Opinion, the Lanzarote Committee addresses the difficult question of the possible criminalisation of "sexting" by children (generating, receiving and sharing sexually suggestive or explicit images/videos of themselves through mobile technology). In particular, the Committee considers that this practice does not amount to conduct related to "child pornography", when it is intended solely for the children's own private use. Children coerced into such conduct should be addressed to victim support and not subjected to criminal prosecution.

■ Mindful that children are increasingly using information and communication technologies (ICTs) to explore and express their sexuality, especially through "sexting", and without wishing to endorse this practice, the Lanzarote Committee seeks to ensure that the best interests of the child are always a primary consideration, and holds that:

- ▶ children's conduct (self-generation, sharing, reception and possession of images) does not amount to the "production, possession, offering or making available, distributing or transmitting, procuring, or knowingly

obtaining access to child pornography”, when it is intended solely for their own private use;

- ▶ when the sexually suggestive or explicit images/videos are generated by very young children, or children in particularly vulnerable situations, these children should be addressed to victim support and not subjected to criminal prosecution, as these children should be considered victims of manipulation or coercion;
- ▶ when children knowingly distribute sexually suggestive or explicit images and videos that were meant to remain private, they should be criminally prosecuted for intentional conduct related to “child pornography” only as a last resort, and priority should be given to more appropriate methods of dealing with their harmful behaviour (e.g. educational measures, therapeutic assistance).

3. Follow-up to the recommendations of the Special report "Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse"

■ Recognising the high risk of children affected by the refugee crisis being or becoming victims of sexual exploitation or abuse, the Lanzarote Committee decided to launch an urgent monitoring round on this issue at its 15th meeting (14-17 June 2016). A [Special report](#) on “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” was adopted, following this process, on 3 March 2017. It is based on an analysis of national situations drawing on replies to a [focused questionnaire](#) from the 41 States Parties which had ratified the Convention at the time that the urgent monitoring round was launched⁸ and other stakeholders (mainly civil society). The replies received are published on the [Committee’s website](#).

■ This report contains specific recommendations drawn up by the Lanzarote Committee on measures to be taken to improve or reinforce the protection of children affected by the refugee crisis against sexual abuse. Promising practices are also highlighted.

■ The Lanzarote Committee adopted its [evaluation of the follow-up given by Parties to the 5 recommendations of the Special report “urging” them to act](#), in June 2019.

8. i.e.: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.

■ In particular, it noted that only a few Parties had taken action following the adoption of the Special report. It also noted that some of the recommendations did not apply to certain other Parties, but that the Committee was not sufficiently informed at the time of adoption of the report, which meant that they could not be excluded from the list of Parties covered by these recommendations. The Committee therefore recognises the need to expressly indicate to which Parties each of its recommendations are addressed in its future monitoring reports.

■ On a more substantive note, the Committee has observed that the main difficulty for Parties implementation of Recommendation R18. This concerns the obligation to effectively screen all persons whose professions bring them into regular contact with children affected by the refugee crisis, to establish whether they have past convictions for acts of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse of children, in line with their internal law, as requested by Article 5 of the Convention.

■ The Committee also requested Parties complying with the 5 recommendations to inform it of their good practices, in the framework of the exchange of information, experiences and good practices that takes place at each Committee meeting.

■ In addition, the Committee decided to assess the follow-up by the Parties of 10 recommendations requiring them to act, as these correspond to situations that need to be brought into full compliance with the Lanzarote Convention. To do so, it agreed to use the same procedure as for the 5 recommendations of the Special report “urging” them to act and thus asked all 41 Parties covered by the Special report to send information to the Secretariat by 31 December 2019 at the latest to demonstrate that their situation in law and/or practice complies with each one of these 10 recommendations.

4. Follow-up given by the Hungarian authorities to the recommendations addressed to them further to a visit undertaken by a delegation of the Lanzarote Committee to transit zones at the Serbian/Hungarian border (5-7 July 2017)

■ It is recalled that on 7 March 2017, the Hungarian authorities adopted a new law, Law XX of 2017, on the amendment of certain laws in order to tighten up border management procedures. The law came into force on 29 March 2017 and made amendments, in particular, to Law LXXX of 2007 on asylum. The new law extends the grounds on which the government may declare a “crisis situation”. It requires, in particular, that asylum applications only be made in a transit zone and that all asylum seekers, except unaccompanied minors under

the age of 14, remain in a transit zone throughout the asylum procedure. This means that, since 29 March 2017, unaccompanied minors aged 14 to 18 have had to remain in a transit zone while their asylum application is being examined, whereas prior to this, they were sent to an open facility. Families with children must also remain in a transit zone throughout the asylum procedure.

■ Having been informed of the new law, the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, acting in accordance with the Committee's urgent procedure (under Rule 28.3 of the Rules of Procedure), sent a letter to Mr Viktor ORBÁN, the Hungarian Prime Minister, on 22 March 2017, expressing the Committee's concerns regarding the impact of the new law on migrant children seeking asylum and asking the authorities for additional information.

■ The additional information was discussed at the Committee's 18th meeting (10-12 May 2017), during which the Hungarian authorities invited the Committee to carry out an on-site visit. From 5 to 7 July 2017, a delegation of the Lanzarote Committee visited the transit zones of Röszke and Tompa to assess the situation of children seeking asylum on the ground, focusing on their protection against sexual exploitation and abuse. It was the first on-site visit organised by the Lanzarote Committee since its inception.

■ The "Special report further to a visit undertaken by a delegation of the Lanzarote Committee to transit zones at the Serbian/Hungarian border (5-7 July 2017)", prepared by the delegation, was presented to the Committee at its 20th meeting (29-31 January 2018). The Committee approved the [recommendations](#) in the report, took note of certain new developments since the visit reported on by the Hungarian authorities at the meeting and asked them to inform the Secretariat of the measures taken to act on the recommendations before 31 January 2019, so that they could be assessed by the Committee at its first meeting of 2019.

■ The Hungarian authorities submitted a [report on actions taken](#) to implement these recommendations on 5 February 2019. A [revised report](#) was sent by the Hungarian authorities on 12 April 2019, further to the clarification request made on certain issues addressed to them by the Bureau and the Committee's delegation who participated in the visit.

■ The Lanzarote Committee welcomed the constructive approach of the Hungarian authorities in the follow-up to this process. It will, nevertheless, continue to pay close attention to the actions taken. It thus adopted the [assessment of the follow-up given by the Hungarian authorities to the recommendations addressed to them further to a visit undertaken by a delegation of the Lanzarote Committee to transit zones at the Serbian/Hungarian border \(5-7 July 2017\)](#) at its 24th meeting (4-6 June 2019) and, in particular:

- ▶ acknowledged that some progress had been made on a number of issues, but nevertheless deplored the fact that insufficient progress had been made to protect migrant and asylum-seeking children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse since the visit;
- ▶ considered, as a consequence, that the risk to children held in the transit zones of becoming victims of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse had not sufficiently been reduced since the visit of the delegation in July 2017 because of the remaining challenges described in the assessment;
- ▶ called on the Hungarian authorities to fully implement the recommendations made in the report of 31 January 2018 in light of the findings made in the present report;
- ▶ declared that it stood ready to provide technical assistance to the Hungarian authorities upon request and recalled the possibility for the Council of Europe to develop cooperation activities in this field upon request;
- ▶ decided that further assessment of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Special report would be pursued in the context of the assessment of the implementation by the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention of the recommendations contained in its Special report on “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse”.

5. Working methods

■ As its membership has increased considerably since its first meeting (from 12 Parties to 45), the Committee deemed it necessary to start discussing the efficiency of its working methods in order to strengthen them.

■ The Committee acknowledged that it should further ensure that Parties implement the Convention effectively (as required by Article 1§2 of the Convention), in particular in acting upon the recommendations addressed to them in the context of its monitoring reports.

■ The Committee thus decided that it will consider the feasibility of involving independent experts in the process of assessing the steps taken by Parties to implement its monitoring findings.

■ It also exchanged experiences at its 23rd meeting (5-7 March 2019) with secretariat members of other Council of Europe monitoring bodies (GRETA – trafficking in human beings, GRECO – corruption, MONEYVAL - money laundering, Committee of experts - regional or minority languages and ECRI

– racism and intolerance), to identify good practices for verifying whether monitoring findings are acted upon.

■ The Committee continued its discussions on this subject at its 25th meeting (15-18 October 2019) and decided to set up two working parties. The first is tasked with reflecting on possible ways and means in the short/medium term to maintain monitoring process efficiency and to ensure that operational follow-up is given to monitoring findings. The second is responsible for considering steps to be taken, in the longer term, for the establishment of a Group of experts (as with GRETA and GREVIO), to complement the current monitoring mechanism with an independent body.

6. Declaration on protecting children in out-of-home care from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

■ The Lanzarote Committee adopted a [Declaration on protecting children in out-of-home care from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse](#), at its 25th meeting (15-18 October 2019).

■ The Lanzarote Committee Declaration calls upon the State parties to the Convention to support families and to strengthen their capacity before resorting to out-of-home care settings.

■ “Out-of-home care” represents all settings in which children can be placed out of their home for care, excluding placements for education and criminal justice measures. “Residential care” is a non-family-based form of alternative care provided by paid professionals working in shifts. When a care facility hosts many children, it is called “an institutional setting”.

■ Residential care and institutional settings place children in a vulnerable situation and increase the risk of those children being sexually abused by the professionals or volunteers taking care of them, or by other children residing there. Once victimised, such children face additional difficulties in disclosing their experiences and thus bear long-lasting psychological implications throughout their childhood and adult life.

■ The Lanzarote Committee Declaration also calls upon States parties to the Convention to ensure that, when it is necessary to resort to out-of-home care settings, all of these settings have:

- ▶ comprehensive screening procedures for all persons taking care of children;
- ▶ specific measures to prevent abuse of children’s increased vulnerability and dependence;

- ▶ adequate mechanisms for supporting children to disclose any sexual violence;
- ▶ protocols to ensure that, in the event of disclosure, effective follow-up is given in terms of assistance to the alleged victims and investigation of the alleged offences by the appropriate authorities;
- ▶ clear procedures to allow for the possibility of removing the alleged perpetrator from the out-of-home care setting from the onset of the investigation;
- ▶ effective monitoring of the practices and standards, to prevent/combat child sexual abuse.

■ In addition, victims of sexual abuse in out-of-home care settings should be provided with long-term assistance in terms of medical, psychological and social support, as well as with legal aid and compensation.

■ Professionals working in the public, private or voluntary sectors either committing or failing to report offences, as well as legal persons failing to protect children in their care, must be held liable.

■ Children who sexually offend in out-of-home care settings should be provided with access to intervention programmes or measures to meet their developmental needs and address their sexual behavioural problems.

B. Exchange of information, experiences and good practices

■ The Lanzarote Committee is also tasked with facilitating the collection, analysis and exchange of information, experience and good practices among States to enhance their capacity to prevent and combat sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children. Accordingly, the Committee can organise capacity-building activities, information exchanges, hearings on specific issues raised by the implementation of the Convention or any other activity it deems useful.

1. Capacity-building activities

■ Committee members took part in the capacity-building event “[Ending sexual abuse of children in sport](#)”, held on 6 November 2018 in The Hague (Netherlands) and organised by the Council of Europe, the Dutch Government and the Dutch Olympic Committee. The event marked the launch of the [Start to Talk](#) campaign in the Netherlands, which encourages adults to break the silence and give child victims of sexual violence in sport a voice. The aim of this activity was to strengthen the dialogue among key stakeholders and identify the measures that must be taken to make sport a safe and empowering environment for all children.

■ Committee members also took part in the capacity-building event organised by the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance and Hope for Children CRC Policy Center. This event, focusing on a “[Multidisciplinary approach and interagency co-operation in Cyprus to protect children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse](#)”, was held in Nicosia (Cyprus) on 15 October 2019, back to back with the 25th meeting of the Committee. It afforded members of the Lanzarote Committee an opportunity to gain knowledge of Cyprus’s national legislation, policy and action in this area. Committee members also visited the Children’s House in Nicosia, set up and funded by the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance and run by Hope for Children CRC Policy Center. This is a multidisciplinary and interagency centre where different professionals from different backgrounds (police, social welfare services, mental health services, educational psychologists) work under one roof, investigate suspected child sexual abuse cases and provide appropriate support for child victims. The members of the Committee consider that it would be useful to create a Children’s House / “Barnahus” network within the Committee to showcase the different models, with the aim in particular of assisting countries where these do not yet exist to establish such structures.

■ The Lanzarote Committee also learnt about the good practice of the multi-stakeholder National Strategy Implementation Council - “Foni” (Voice), established by law to coordinate the implementation of all actions regarding the prevention and combatting of child sexual abuse and exploitation in Cyprus, and which also integrates the voices of children and youth in the development and implementation of policies concerning them. It also took note of the forthcoming establishment of a Centre for Adults, to be run by the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Family Planning Association, aimed at providing support to adult survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

2. Comments on recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

■ The Lanzarote Committee responded positively to invitations from the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, which, for the first time, requested its comments on the following Parliamentary Assembly recommendations:

- ▶ [Recommendation 2155 \(2019\)](#), “The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done”;
- ▶ [Recommendation 2159 \(2019\)](#), “Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals”;
- ▶ [Recommendation 2160 \(2019\)](#), “Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children”.

■ In its replies, the Committee referred to its work and indicated its willingness to explore these topics further.

3. Other themes addressed by the Lanzarote Committee

■ During exchanges of information, the Lanzarote Committee addressed various other themes, paying particular attention to the following topics:

- ▶ Child-like sex robots/dolls

■ The Lanzarote Committee continued its discussions on how States Parties to the Convention are addressing the issue of child-like sex robots/dolls. Its members have agreed to assist Europol in gathering the information necessary to better understand this phenomenon and the ways in which European states are dealing with it, by answering a questionnaire. The Committee will return to this issue once Europol has presented it with its findings.

- ▶ Protection of children against sexual abuse committed within the context of faith-based institutions

■ The Lanzarote Committee was informed of the concrete steps taken by the Holy See during the first half of 2019 to enhance the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in the Roman Curia and the Vatican City, in particular, but also more broadly. It also welcomed the [Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities: Child Dignity Online](#) (19-20 November 2018 in Abu Dhabi), which brought together the world's religious leaders to address the issue of online child abuse and expressed its interest in being informed of the outcomes of this important forum as well as any following activities on the subject matter.

- ▶ Sexual violence against boys

■ The Lanzarote Committee is represented by Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) in the Global Initiative on Boys, led by ECPAT International. Recent studies have shown that the extent of sexual violence against boys is underestimated, especially sexual violence committed online, not least because boys are more reluctant to confide in others about the abuse they have suffered.

■ On the 4th edition of the [European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#) (18 November 2018), the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, made a statement, which was published for the occasion. The theme of the European Day in 2018 was "The protection of children against sexual abuse in sport", to encourage European Day partners to highlight this difficult theme and help children to talk about sexual violence experienced in this context.

■ The Lanzarote Committee also plays an active role in the work of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF) and its Group of Experts on responses to violence against children (CAHENF-VAC).

■ The Committee was regularly informed on the progress of the Council of Europe “End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @ Europe” Project (EndOCSEA@Europe), which promotes a child-friendly/victim-centred approach in all aspects of responses to online child sexual exploitation and abuse and which has 10 focus states (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine).

■ The secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee was involved in the preparation of the [Guidelines on the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography](#) (UN OPSC), adopted by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child at its 81st session (13-31 May 2019), as well as their [explanatory report](#). These texts, which largely reflect the obligations set out in the Lanzarote Convention, were presented to the Committee at the 25th meeting (15-18 November 2019).

■ In addition, representatives of the Lanzarote Committee have taken part in various events organised at the initiative of states or other stakeholders, in order to facilitate exchange of views and experience on the implementation of the Convention (see Appendix IV). Finally, several representatives of other international, governmental and non-governmental organisations and experts presented their activities which are relevant to the work of the Committee (see Appendix V).

Appendices

Appendix I – List of meetings of the Lanzarote Committee

Plenary meetings

- ▶ 22nd meeting: The Hague, 7-9 November 2018
- ▶ 23rd meeting: Strasbourg, 5-7 March 2019
- ▶ 24th meeting: Strasbourg, 4-6 June 2019
- ▶ 25th meeting: Nicosia, 15-18 October 2019

Appendix II – Composition of the Lanzarote Committee

(as of 18 October 2019)

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Appendix III – Composition of the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee and list of the representatives of the Lanzarote Committee to other entities

Composition of the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee

Since 6 June 2019

- ▶ Chairperson: Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece
- ▶ Vice-Chairperson: Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Belgium
- ▶ Members: Mr Artur DEGTEARIOV, Republic of Moldova
Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Portugal
Ms Svitlana ILCHUK, Ukraine

From 7 March 2019 to 6 June 2019

- ▶ Chairperson: Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece
- ▶ Vice-Chairperson: Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Belgium
- ▶ Members: Ms Vesna PETROVA, Bulgaria
Mr Artur DEGTEARIOV, Republic of Moldova
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From 18 October 2018 to 7 March 2019

- ▶ Chairperson: Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece
- ▶ Vice-Chairperson: Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Belgium
- ▶ Members: Ms Vesna PETROVA, Bulgaria
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Ms Laura PURINÉ (Lithuania), representative (since 6 June 2019)
Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium), substitute (until 6 June 2019)
Ms Marlena JUKIĆ (Croatia), substitute (since 6 June 2019)

Group of Experts on responses to violence against children (CAHENF-VAC)

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Ms Dorothea CZARNECKI (ECPAT International), substitute

Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY)

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Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal), substitute

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Appendix IV – Participation of the Lanzarote Committee and of the Council of Europe Secretariat in outside events

2018

28 June	Training of Directors of social and medico-social institutions, Strasbourg	Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
12 July	Exchange of views with the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) on the overlap between the on-line streaming of images of sexual abuse of children and trafficking in human beings, Strasbourg	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Belgium Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal
13 July	Octopus Conference Workshop on Cyberviolence, Strasbourg	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Belgium Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal
5-7 September	Safety for Children: New thinking – New approaches, Reykjavik	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece

18-19 September	2nd meeting of the Group of Experts on responses to violence against children (CAHENF-VAC), Strasbourg	Ms Tijana BOROVIĆANIN, Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina
25 September	Expert Workshop on the implementation of the EU child sexual abuse directive with regard to background checks and the use of ECRIS, Brussels	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
27 September	Seminar organised by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales on reporting child sexual abuse, London	Mr Joan FORNER ROVIRA, CDDH, Rapporteur on reporting suspicion of child sexual abuse in the context of the Committee's 2nd implementation report
15 October	Gender Equality Training, Strasbourg	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee and Gender Equality Rapporteur, Portugal
16-18 October	5th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Strasbourg	Ms Emmanuelle WACHENHEIM, Member of the Lanzarote Committee, France

22 November	Awareness-raising Workshop “Crossing perspectives on international instruments for the protection of the rights of the child” organised by the Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences, Mohammedia, Morocco	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal
27 November	20th meeting of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), Strasbourg	Mr Claude JANIZZI, Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Luxembourg
11 December	Presentation of the Lanzarote Committee’s 4th activity report to the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Rapporteur Group on Human Rights, Strasbourg	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece

2019

7-8 January	6th annual Conference of Stop Sexual Violence (<i>Stop aux Violences Sexuelles – SVS</i>), Paris	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
31 January	Training of professionals of the Bas-Rhin Department Children’s Home, Strasbourg	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

4 February	Meeting and working lunch organised by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe with the Chairpersons of the Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies, Strasbourg	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Belgium Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
28 February	International Conference on the urgent need to take specific measures against sexual abuse of children, organised by "The Smile of the Child", Athens	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece
21-22 March	Round table "Towards more effective implementation of the Lanzarote Convention in Georgia: Challenges and good practices in responding to child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse", Tbilisi	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal Ms Zsuzsanna RUTAI, Policy Advisor, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe
27 March	Information visit of a delegation of the French Senate on Child sexual violence, Strasbourg	Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

28 March	Expert Workshop organised on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) in Armenia, Yerevan	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece
2-3 April	12th European Forum on the rights of the child, Brussels	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece
5 April	3rd Interagency Working Group preparing draft Guidelines on the Implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC), Geneva	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
8-9 April	International Conference "Strengthening civil society participation in the implementation and monitoring of the Lanzarote Convention", Strasbourg	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
29-30 April	Conference on Sexual Violence against Women and Children in Sports, Helsinki	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece

3 May	Workshop on the hearing of child victims of sexual violence, Tunis	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal
13-14 May	3rd meeting of the Group of Experts on responses to violence against children (CAHENF-VAC), Strasbourg	Ms Tijana BOROVIČANIN, Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina
21-22 May	6th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Strasbourg	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Belgium
26 June	Exchange of views with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, on "Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe", Strasbourg	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
26 June	Final conference of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, Strasbourg	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
8 July	21st Plenary meeting of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), Strasbourg	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal

18-19 September	Working Group meeting on a gap analysis of legislation, policies and practices in Ukraine, in the context of the End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse@ Europe Project, Kiev	Ms Svitlana ILCHUK, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Ukraine
24 September	Seminar “Engaging with Council of Europe Human Rights Mechanisms relevant to the rights of the child”, side-event to the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC), Belfast	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
24-25 September	Conference of high-ranking representatives of Ministers of Internal Affairs on dealing with Domestic violence, “The police, a key player in the fight against domestic violence”, Strasbourg	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Belgium
26 September	Launch event to the Guidelines and Explanatory Report on the Implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OPSC), Geneva	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
30 September – 1 October	International conference “Online investigations: Dark web and online child abuse”, The Hague	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Belgium

1 October	Exchange of views with members of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly on “Co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly on the protection of children’s rights”, Strasbourg	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
1 October	Commemorative ceremony for the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Greece
3-4 October	Seminar “The Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse – The Lanzarote Convention”, Podgorica	Ms Marlena JUKIĆ, Member of the Lanzarote Committee, Croatia

Appendix V – Presentation of relevant activities by international governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as experts in meetings of the Lanzarote Committee

2018

22nd meeting (7-9 November)

- ▶ Ms Claudia VAN DIESEN, Policy advisor, Halt: *Programme for juvenile offenders*;
- ▶ Mr Dennis VAN TILBORG and Mr Thomas SANDERS, AKD lawyers: *Enforcing prompt removal of child porn - the Dutch approach*;
- ▶ Ms Aimee VAN WYNSBERGHE, Assistant Professor of Ethics and Robots, Technical University of Delft: *The ethics behind recent legislative solutions concerning child-like sex robots based on research findings*;
- ▶ Mr Anton Toni KLANČNIK, Specialist in AP Twins, O3 European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), EUROPOL: *EUROPOL's questionnaire on child-like sex dolls*;
- ▶ Father Hans ZOLLNER, President of the Centre for Child Protection (CCP), Head of the Institute of Psychology, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome: *Mission and vision of the Centre for Child Protection (CCP) of the Pontifical Gregorian University*;
- ▶ Ms Jane LARSSON, Executive Director, Council of International Schools (COIS): *An International Protocol for managing allegations of child abuse by educators and other adults*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece: *Project "Support to Adult Survivors of Child Abuse in institutional settings (SASCA)"*;
- ▶ Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee: *4th Edition of the European Day on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (18 November), dedicated to "The protection of children against sexual abuse in sport"*.

2019

23rd meeting (5-7 March)

- ▶ Secretariat members of the GRETA (trafficking in human beings), GRECO (corruption), MONEYVAL (money laundering), Committee of experts (regional or minority languages) and ECRI (racism and intolerance);
- ▶ Ms Sandra FISCHEROVÁ, Slovak Republic: *Campaign "It does concern me"*;

- ▶ Mr Artur DEGTEARIOV, Republic of Moldova: *Campaign on child sexual abuse online, conducted by the NGO La Strada-Moldova*;
- ▶ Ms Katerina TOURA, Programme Manager, Education Policy Division, Council of Europe: *The Council of Europe Campaign “Free to speak – Safe to learn” – Democratic Schools for All*;
- ▶ Ms Alessandra AULA, Holy See: *Meeting organised by the Holy See “The Protection of Minors in the Church”, Vatican City, 21-24 February 2019*;
- ▶ Ms Tracy SARTIN, United Kingdom: *The current discussions at EU level on the E-Directive*.

■ 24th meeting (4-6 June)

- ▶ Ms Regina JENSDÓTTIR, Head of the Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Conference for the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), Strasbourg, 13-14 November 2019*;
- ▶ Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee: *5th Edition of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November), dedicated to “Empowering children to stop sexual violence”*.

■ 25th meeting (15-18 October)

- ▶ Ms Velina TODOROVA, UN CRC Vice-Chairperson: *The Guidelines regarding the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography*;
- ▶ Baroness Doreen MASSEY, Full Member of the Sub-Committee on Children, Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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