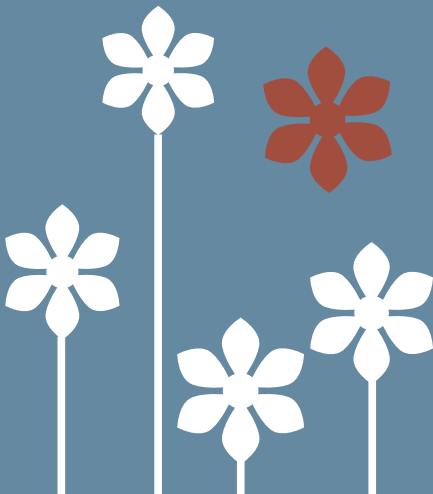




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Main achievements

- ▶ Ratification of the Lanzarote Convention by Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Ireland. All 47 member States of the Council of Europe have now ratified the Convention
- ▶ Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Statement by the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson on “Stepping-up protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse during the COVID-19 Pandemic” and collection of information from Parties to the Lanzarote Convention and other stakeholders
- ▶ Continuation of the 2nd monitoring round: “The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs – Addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos”
- ▶ Continuation of review of compliance with the Recommendations of the Special report on “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” with a special focus on the 10 “consider” Recommendations
- ▶ Celebration of the 5th and 6th editions of the European Day
- ▶ Setting-up a stronger partnership with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children towards a more effective fight against child sexual violence
- ▶ Exchange of information on the use of digital tools to automatically detect online child sexual abuse and exploitation material

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 27th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee (15-17 June 2020) to its 32nd meeting (28-30 June 2021) (see Appendix I – List of the meetings of the Lanzarote Committee). It follows on from the Committee’s first five [activity reports](#), adopted on 11 September 2014, 17 March 2016, 12 May 2017, 22 June 2018, and 18 October 2019, respectively.

■ Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 26th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee (10-12 March 2020) had to be cancelled; the following meetings were all held remotely.

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

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 48 members at the date of adoption of this report (the 47 member states of the Council of Europe and Tunisia): see the [mapping out of the Lanzarote Convention](#), which shows the countries which have ratified/acceded to the Convention. 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 observer states to the Council of Europe which are not yet Parties to the Convention, the United Nations, the European Union (EU) and other intergovernmental organisations, together with the Council of Europe institutions and bodies);
- ▶ observers, particularly representatives of civil society.

■ The Lanzarote Committee welcomed the ratifications of Azerbaijan on 19 December 2019, Armenia on 7 September 2020 and Ireland on 21 December 2020. At the date of adoption of this report, the Lanzarote Committee is therefore composed of 48 members since, in addition to Tunisia all 47 Council of Europe member states have now signed and ratified the Lanzarote Convention.

■ At its 28th meeting (21-25 September 2020), the Lanzarote Committee approved the request by the WePROTECT Global Alliance to attend its meetings as an observer.

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

■ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) chaired the Committee until the 27th meeting of the Committee (15-17 June 2020) when Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium) took over. 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.

⁴ See Article 41 of the Lanzarote Convention.

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 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 review compliance with the recommendations addressed to States Parties in its 1st monitoring round on the basis of the decisions it will take on the strengthening of its monitoring procedure. Reflection in this regard is still underway.

■ 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) – Addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos

■ 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 sexual images and/or videos produced by children and sexual coercion and/or extortion based thereon.

■ To this end, the Committee prepared and adopted a [thematic questionnaire](#) addressed to the 42 Parties which had ratified the Convention when

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”).

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.

the second monitoring round was launched.⁷ Other stakeholders working to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation and abuse of children (particularly civil society) could also reply and/or comment on the Parties' replies in order to expand the sources of information available to the Lanzarote Committee and thus refine the analysis of national situations and improve the quality of the monitoring report overall.

■ 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. Following the submission of all comments and observations, the Committee began at its 28th meeting (21-25 September 2020) a preliminary reading of the draft of the implementation report.

■ Following in-depth discussions and using its [Opinion on child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children](#) adopted on 6 June 2019 as a guidance document, the Committee completed a first reading of the whole draft implementation report at its 32nd meeting (28-30 June 2021). Following a second reading of the "Legal frameworks" chapter to be scheduled in the autumn, the Committee aims to adopt the implementation report by the end of 2021.

■ It should be recalled that, as mentioned in its [5th activity report](#), the Committee decided, for the first time, to [involve children](#) in its 2nd monitoring round and has included, in a visible manner, their contributions throughout the implementation report.

■ In this respect, it should also be underlined that the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium), sent a letter on 19 March 2021 to the young participants, thanking them for their valuable contribution and input and informing them that the Committee will consider the possibility of creating a child and user-friendly version of the key messages and recommendations brought by the implementation report of the 2nd monitoring round once adopted.

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.

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.

■ Following the adoption of the [evaluation of the follow-up given by Parties to the 5 recommendations of the Special report “urging” them to act](#), in June 2019, the Committee decided to assess the follow-up by the Parties to the 10 “consider” recommendations of the Special report, as these correspond to situations that need further improvements in law or in practice to fully comply with the Lanzarote Convention. To do so, it agreed to use the same procedure as for the 5 “urge” recommendations of the Special Report and thus asked all 41 Parties covered by the Special report to send information to the Secretariat.

■ The assessment of compliance by Parties with the 10 “consider” recommendations of the Special Report should be completed by the end of 2021.

4. Working methods

■ As outlined in its [5th activity report](#), the increase in membership (from 12 at its first meeting to 48 Parties in 2021) led the Committee to initiate discussions on how to strengthen the efficiency of its working methods and the Lanzarote Convention’s monitoring procedure in particular.

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.

■ During its 32nd meeting (28-30 June 2021), the Lanzarote Committee considered suggestions to strengthen the effectiveness of the monitoring mechanism and procedure, in particular to:

- ▶ find ways to speed up the examination of the information gathered to evaluate the implementation of the Convention whilst maintaining the quality of its assessment and providing the most accurate overview possible of a given situation;
- ▶ review compliance by Parties with monitoring findings.

■ The Lanzarote Committee invited its members to send comments and suggestions to the Secretariat. It also welcomed the offer made by Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) and Ms Bertille DOURTHE (France) to prepare, with the support of the Secretariat, draft revised Rules of Procedure, reflecting more concretely the main suggestions made to strengthen the effectiveness of the monitoring mechanism and procedure. This draft will be examined by the Committee and decided upon at a forthcoming plenary meeting. The Committee also agreed that the Secretariat prepare one or more pilot country profiles which would contain in particular the information submitted by a Party when replying to the General Overview Questionnaire after ratification of the Convention, updated by the Party concerned, and the recommendations addressed by the Committee to the Party in question in its implementation reports of the Convention, updated following decisions taken by the Committee in the context of the compliance reports.

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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lanzarote Committee was not in a position to organise any on-the-spot capacity building activities. It nevertheless actively exchanged information and organised hearings in a remote way.

■ On the 29 March 2021, for the opening of its 31st meeting, the Lanzarote Committee was honoured to receive a communication by Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, emphasising the Council of Europe's strong support and commitment to ensure that all children are protected from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ praised the ratification by all Council of Europe Member States and the accession to the Convention by countries beyond Europe. Such international

commitment towards the protection of children against sexual violence, sets the grounds for stronger cooperation, the sharing of common practices, and a collective response in taking action against the sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

1. Protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic

■ The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact across all activities world-wide, including human rights and more especially, children's rights.

■ From one day to the next, children's lives and daily routines were completely disrupted and put on hold. Lockdowns and curfews limited their activities and became a habit to acquire. To maintain schooling and friendships during the COVID-19 pandemic, being online became the new norm for many children across the world, with its increased risks of being groomed, bullied, and coming across inappropriate and/or sexually explicit content.

■ While being confined with their families may represent safety for many children, for those who are victims of neglect and abuse at home or who live in out-of-home care, lockdown meant additional danger and limited support.

■ On 3 April 2020, the Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Mr George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) and Vice-chairperson, Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium) published a [Statement on stepping up protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse in times of the COVID-19 pandemic](#), calling on all State Parties to the Lanzarote Convention to:

- ▶ ensure that children are informed of their right to protection against sexual violence and of the services and measures in place to achieve this goal;
- ▶ organise child-friendly awareness raising initiatives to inform children of their right to assistance and support services;
- ▶ uphold the human resources and logistical support to helplines and hotlines, including online platforms, to ensure that they are able to respond to increasing demand by children at heightened risk of abuse, neglect and sexual violence;
- ▶ support parents and caregivers in preventing the risks children may face online and offline and in responding to potential situations of abuse and violence;
- ▶ share the initiatives taken during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect children against exploitation and sexual abuse.

■ Following this statement and in accordance with the Council of Europe's efforts to protect children's rights during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lanzarote Committee's Bureau asked its Parties and relevant stakeholders for more specific

information (including relevant data), on the effect of the crisis response on the maintenance of child safeguarding and support measures, the possible creation of new mechanisms, as well as the ways in which children's views were heard concerning their protection against sexual abuse and exploitation during the crisis and would be taken into account thereafter.

Questions sent to the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention and relevant stakeholders

Question 1: To what extent, if at all, has the threat of child sexual abuse/exploitation changed due to COVID-19? If so:

- ▶ please tell us about whether the level of risk has increased/decreased/ remained the same and if possible specify this with regard to the various types of sexual offences against children (Articles 18-23 of the Convention);
- ▶ you may also wish to indicate any emerging trends relating to child sexual abuse/exploitation, as the result of COVID-19, and point at measures taken to address them.

Question 2: Did lockdown cause child sexual abuse/exploitation cases (identified/reported) to increase, decrease or stay the same? Please submit data (number of victims/offenders) and highlight what you think may explain the trend.

Question 3: Please also tell us whether and how general child safeguarding measures were, or are likely to be, affected by measures taken by governments in response to COVID-19. In addition, highlight any additional, specific measures put in place during lockdown to ensure reporting by victims of child sexual abuse/exploitation as well as to support and assist them, and whether these measures will be maintained even when the lockdown is lifted.

Question 4: Finally, please tell us whether children have been duly listened to on decision-making concerning their protection against sexual abuse/exploitation during this period. Please also tell us whether and how children will be involved in decision-making on or assessing the impact of COVID-19 measures in the future.

■ All replies, relevant initiatives and important efforts to ensure the protection of children against sexual violence made by the State Parties, observers on the Committee and other partners during the COVID-19 pandemic were shared on a [special dedicated webpage](#).

■ In addition, an exchange of views on lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges ahead to ensure protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse during challenging times was held with representatives

of INTERPOL, EUROPOL, INHOPE and the Internet Watch Foundation during the 27th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee (15-17 June 2020).

■ Finally, concerned by the rising fragility of the child protection systems during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece), Chairperson of the Lanzarote took part in the following events to present and promulgate the Lanzarote Committee's work on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse:

- ▶ an online interview on “Protecting children against sexual exploitation and abuse during COVID-19 pandemic confinement”;
- ▶ the high-level online event organised by the Greek 2020 Presidency of Council of Europe Institutions on “Protection of human life and public health in the context of a pandemic” held on the 3rd of June 2020;
- ▶ a webinar organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on “Child Safeguarding and Protection: Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis” of 18th of June 2020.

2. Contribution to the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

■ During its 25th meeting (15-18 October 2019), the Lanzarote Committee asked the Bureau to respond on its behalf to the call of the UN Special Rapporteur regarding her report “*Looking back, looking forward*”. In its reply, the Bureau stressed the importance of the Lanzarote Convention being the most advanced international legally binding instrument, highlighted the work of its monitoring body and called-upon a more systematic interaction between the Special rapporteur and the Committee in order to strengthen cooperation.

■ To this end, the UN Special Rapporteur participated in the Committee's 31st meeting (29 March – 1 April 2021) and informed the Lanzarote Committee of the priorities of her mandate, the findings of her most recent report, and discussed the possibility of collaborating more closely to raise awareness of the Lanzarote Convention at a global level.

■ The Committee invited the UN Special Rapporteur to participate to its future plenary meetings and welcomed her call for input on her next thematic report, setting the path for a stronger partnership and collaboration.

3. Response by the Lanzarote Committee to the European Commission's open call for comments on the forthcoming EU Strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse

■ The Lanzarote Committee responded positively during its 27th meeting (15-17 June 2020) to the European Commission's open call for comments on

the [EU Strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse](#) and welcomed the Commission's decision to step-up action to prevent and combat the sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

■ To this end, the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee prepared a [response](#) on its behalf, which highlighted important elements that the EU strategy should not omit and recalled the importance of a EU and Council of Europe mutual cooperation to help achieve target 16.2 (end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children) of the United Nations Agenda 2030 related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Comments on a Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

■ The Lanzarote Committee responded positively to an invitation from the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, which requested its comments on the following Parliamentary Assembly recommendation:

- ▶ [Recommendation 2175 \(2020\)](#) – “Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe”.

■ To this end, the Committee heard a presentation from and exchanged views with 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) and Rapporteur for this Recommendation.

■ In its reply, the Committee recalled that the Lanzarote Convention does not determine a legal age for sexual activities but that, in accordance with Article 18 (paras 1.a and 2) of the Lanzarote Convention, it is for the Parties to fix such age in their national legislation. In addition, as to the statute of limitation, the Lanzarote Committee recalled that the Lanzarote Convention does not impose any time limit on the Parties (see Article 33 of the Lanzarote Convention).

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

■ The Lanzarote Committee continued to be 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. It was informed of the results of its closing event held on 17 June 2021.

■ At its 30th meeting (7-10 December 2020), the Committee welcomed the launch of the new adventures of *Kiko* who is now discovering screens and the misuse of pictures in the online environment (*Kiko and the Manymes*). The campaign released a *new video* which will be translated in several different languages.

■ The Lanzarote Committee also followed closely other Council of Europe projects on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. It was most particularly impressed by the concrete results of the Joint Council of Europe – European Union *Barnahus project in Slovenia* which resulted in the unanimous adoption of a Barnahus law, a first law of its kind in Europe aiming at comprehensively regulating the establishment and functioning of the Barnahus model in the country.

6. The European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November)

■ The *5th edition of the European Day* (18 November 2019) focused on “Empowering children to stop sexual violence”. This theme was especially relevant for the Lanzarote Committee since it was the opportunity to highlight the important role children will be playing in the second monitoring round. To this end, Parties were able to share their initiatives, and action in which children were given the means, space and support to participate. The Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, made a statement which was published for the occasion.

■ On the *6th edition of the European Day* (18 November 2020), Parties were invited to share their initiatives on “Preventing risky behaviour by children: child self-generated sexual images and/or videos”. The theme echoed the work done by Committee in its *Opinion on child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children* and its current 2nd monitoring round. Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, issued a statement on this occasion recalling the importance of the theme retained.

7. Other themes and issues addressed by the Lanzarote Committee

Use of digital tools to automatically detect online child sexual abuse and exploitation material

■ On 16 November 2020, the Lanzarote Committee organised an exchange of information on the use of digital tools to automatically detect online child sexual abuse and exploitation material. This exchange allowed Parties to share information on the legislation in place and the impact that the entry

into force of the [European Electronic Communications Code](#) (on 21 December 2020) might have for them in the event if a temporary solution was not found at the European Union level to avoid its unintended effects (i.e. a decrease in voluntary detection of online sexual abuse material by the private sector). At its 30th meeting (7-10 December 2020), the Lanzarote Committee noted that the European Commission planned to submit a proposal for a long-term solution in July 2022 and asked for contributions. To this end, acknowledging that a solid contribution to comprehensive long-term solution required an in-depth knowledge not only of child protection against sexual violence but also of data protection and cybercrime benchmarks, it asked its Secretariat to enquire whether the Council of Europe could bring together the relevant expertise to prepare a comprehensive human rights and rule of law compliant framework to support all Council of Europe Member States in understanding how best to reconcile apparently conflicting rights.

■ To this end, the Committee attended at its 32nd meeting (28-30 June 2021) the live public launch of the report prepared by independent experts, with the support of the Council of Europe Secretariat, on [Respecting human rights and the rule of law when using automated technology to detect online child sexual exploitation and abuse](#), which compiles relevant Council of Europe standards for a comprehensive human-rights based framework for the use of automated technology to detect online child sexual abuse and exploitation and sets forward 9 concrete recommendations.

■ Heard with great interest the introduction by Ms Snežana SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ (Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe), explaining why there was a need for this experts' report as well as the presentations of the invited guests, Mr Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS, former president of the European Court of Human Rights and lead expert of the working group and of Ms Katarzyna STACIWA, support of the lead expert.

■ The Committee was also informed more specifically about the complex issues at stake and challenges to be addressed when using automated technology to detect OCSEA, the process of the work carried out by the experts, the overall framework of the report, and the main content of the recommendations therein and decided to hold an exchange of views on its recommendations at its 33rd meeting (21-22 September 2021).

Legal age for sexual activities and statute of limitation for sexual offences against children

■ Recognising that in several Parties internal discussions on new legislation were being held on the legal age for sexual activities and that, in addition, questions were being raised regarding the statute of limitations for sexual

offences against children, the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee decided to send two focused questionnaires to gather precise information on the state of play on these issues in the Parties to the Convention. Due to the wealth of the information gathered through these questionnaires, the Lanzarote Committee decided that this information can be published online, unless the Parties concerned refuse. The Committee also agreed that its Bureau would discuss the possible organisation in 2022 of capacity-building events about possible organisation in 2022 of capacity-building event(s) in relation with the replies of Parties to the focused questionnaires on legal age for sexual activities and statute of limitations for sexual offences against children.

8. Participation of Lanzarote Committee members and its Secretariat in meetings on the Lanzarote Committee's behalf

■ Representatives of the Lanzarote Committee took 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).

■ Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium), Chairperson, thus represented the Lanzarote Committee on several occasions. In particular, on 29 June 2020, she participated in the 8th annual meeting between the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the heads of the monitoring and advisory bodies of the Council of Europe, summarising the strategic priorities of the Committee in the years to come. On 23 September 2020, she had the opportunity to highlight the importance of the work of the Lanzarote Committee in front of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

■ The Lanzarote Committee also played in particular 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). In February 2020, the Ad-Hoc Committee became the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF). In this context, the Lanzarote Committee will continue to be informed on the latest updates of the work carried out by the CDENF, in particular the preparation of the new Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027).

■ The Lanzarote Committee is also represented in the work of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), body responsible for the standard-setting activities of the Council of Europe.

■ Finally, several representatives of other international, governmental, or non-governmental organisations, as well as 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

- ▶ 26th meeting: Strasbourg, 10-12 March 2020
 (cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
- ▶ 27th meeting: Virtual meeting, 15-17 June 2020
- ▶ 28th meeting: Virtual meeting, 21-25 September 2020
- ▶ 29th meeting: Virtual meeting, 23 November 2020
- ▶ 30th meeting: Virtual meeting, 7-10 December 2020
- ▶ 31st meeting: Virtual meeting, 29 March-1 April 2021
- ▶ 32nd meeting: Virtual meeting, 28-30 June 2021

Appendix II – Composition of the Lanzarote Committee

(as of 30 June 2021)

Members

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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 30 June 2021

- ▶ Chairperson: Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Belgium
- ▶ Vice-chairperson: Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Portugal
- ▶ Members: Ms Bertille DOURTHE, France
Ms Lorna MUSCAT, Malta
Mr Luuk ESSER, Netherlands

From 5 February 2021 to 30 June 2021

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

From 17 June 2020 to 5 February 2021

- ▶ Chairperson: Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Belgium
- ▶ Vice-chairperson: Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Portugal
- ▶ Members: Mr Artur DEGTEARIOV, Republic of Moldova
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From 18 October 2019 to 17 June 2020

- ▶ Chairperson: Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece
- ▶ Vice-chairperson: Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Belgium
- ▶ Members: Mr Artur DEGTEARIOV, Republic of Moldova
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Appendix IV – Participation of the Lanzarote Committee and of the Council of Europe Secretariat in outside events

2019

14 November	Hearing on “Parliamentary action empowering children to stop sexual violence”, organised by the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
18 November	22nd Plenary meeting of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), Strasbourg	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Bureau Member, Portugal
20 November	National Conference “International Children’s Day & the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse”, St Julians, Malta	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece
20 November	Visit and exchanges with the “Maison des Adolescents” (Teenagers’ House), Strasbourg	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

4-6 December	11th Global Missing Children's Network Conference, Lisbon	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Bureau Member, Portugal
11-12 December	Global Summit on Tackling Online Child Sexual Exploitation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Mr Jeroen SCHOKKENBROEK, Director of Anti-Discrimination, Council of Europe Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe

2020

6-7 January	7th annual Conference of Stop Sexual Violence (<i>Stop aux Violences Sexuelles – SVS</i>), Paris	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
16 January	Exchange of views with the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee and presentation of the 5 th Activity Report at the Rapporteur Group for Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC), Strasbourg	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece
4-5 February	Seminar on Council of Europe Conventions, organised by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Bureau Member, Portugal

5 May	Intergroup Virtual Roundtable - The impact of COVID-19 on children and the EU Child Rights Strategy, organised by UNICEF Innocenti and the Italian Government	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
28 May	Webinar on "Responding to challenges raised by COVID-19 to the protection of children against online child sexual exploitation and abuse", organised by the Council of Europe C-PROC Office and the EndOCSEA project	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
3 June	Exchange of views on the pandemic and lessons learned on the theme "Protection of human life and public health in the context of a pandemic – Effectively responding to a sanitary crisis in full respect for human rights and the principles of democracy and the rule of law", organised by the Greek Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece
17 June	10th Knowledge Exchange Global Webinar on online violence against children, organised by End Violence against Children	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

18 June	Child Safeguarding and Protection: Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis, organised by the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece
29 June	8th annual meeting of the Secretary General with the Presidents and Secretaries of the Monitoring and Advisory Bodies of the Council of Europe	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Belgium
2 July	Webinar on "High-Level Member State Briefing: Ending violence against children during COVID-19 and beyond", organised by United Nations Member States	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
17 July	Hearing by Ms Alexandra LOUIS, member of the French Parliament (<i>Assemblée Nationale</i>) in the context of the Evaluation Mission of the law of 3 August 2018 strengthening the fight against sexual and gender-based violence	Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee Ms Faustine LABBADI, Policy Officer, Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee
16 September	Intervention on the Lanzarote Convention at the National School of Administration (ENA), Strasbourg	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

22-25 September	6th meeting of the Protocol Drafting Plenary (T-CY)	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal Mr Claude JANIZZI, Lanzarote Committee Member, Luxembourg
23 September	1st Exchange of views between the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee and the Committee of Ministers' Deputies	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Belgium
28-30 September	Hellenic Presidency of the Council of Europe: Workshop on protecting migrant minors from all forms of violence, in cooperation with CEPOL	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
12 November	Council of Europe Webinar on "Educational measures to prevent risks associated with child self-generated sexual images/videos", organised by the Council of Europe EndOCSEA@ Europe project	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
30 November - 3 December	23rd T-CY Plenary and 7th Protocol Drafting Plenary	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal Mr Claude JANIZZI, Lanzarote Committee Member, Luxembourg

14-18 December	2nd meeting of the Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Member, Greece
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27 January	RCF ALSACE radio interview about the Lanzarote Convention, Strasbourg	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee
3 February	The Lanzarote Convention: a major tool to protect children in the digital environment, organised jointly by the Ministry of Justice of Morocco and the Council of Europe	Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe
26 February	8th meeting of the Protocol Drafting Plenary (T-CY)	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal
12 April	9th meeting of the Protocol Drafting Plenary (T-CY)	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal
14-15 April	3rd meeting of the Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Member, Greece

26-27 April	Seminar on “Preventing Child Sexual Abuse – Focus on intervention programmes and measures to prevent sexual exploitation of children”, organised by ERA in cooperation with the Bulgarian National Institute of Justice	Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Belgium
4-5 May	Conference “Ending trafficking in children and young persons: together, towards a future without child trafficking in Europe”, organised in the framework of the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal
6 May	Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) - Preparation of a 2nd Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime - 6th round of consultations with stakeholders	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal
17 May	96th plenary meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal
18-20 May	3rd Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Member, Greece Ms Ana GUERREIRO, Policy Advisor, Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

20 May	Fundamental Rights Network Seminar 2021, organised by the European Commission	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal Ms Stéphanie BUREL, Senior Project Officer (EndOCSEA@Europe), Children's Rights Division
26-28 May	10th meeting of the Protocol Drafting Plenary and 24th T-CY Plenary	Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal
1 June	Regional Discussion on Children's Rights and Alternative Care - Contribution to the UNCRC Day of General Discussion 2021, organised under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Member, Greece
3 June	Webinar "Checking of police records as a tool for safer sport", organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)	Ms Elda MORENO, Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department
14-15 June	4th Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDEF)	Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Member, Greece

17 June	EndOCSEA@Europe project - Closing conference	<p>Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Belgium</p> <p>Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal</p> <p>Ms Faustine LABBADI, Policy Officer, Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee</p>
17-18 June	International Ethics Days – Child abuse and vulnerable persons (<i>Journées internationales d'éthique – Abus sur enfant et personne vulnérable</i>), Strasbourg	Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee

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

2020

■ 26th meeting (10-12 March) – Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

■ 27th meeting (15-17 June)

- ▶ Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Toolkit for member states on respecting democracy, rule of law and human rights in the framework of the COVID-19 sanitary crisis*;
- ▶ Mr Denton HOWARD, Executive Director, INHOPE: *Fighting CSAM – COVID-19 impact*;
- ▶ Mr Michael TUNKS, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Internet Watch Foundation (IWF): *Online Child Protection during COVID-19*;
- ▶ Mr Anton Toni KLANČNIK, Specialist in AP Twins, O3 European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), EUROPOL: *Europol response to Online CSEA in the COVID-19 Pandemic*;
- ▶ Mr Uri SADEH, Coordinator, Crimes against Children Unit, VCO/Organized and Emerging Crime Directorate, INTERPOL: *Impact of COVID on specialized units investigating online child sexual exploitation*;
- ▶ Mr Ovidiu MAJINA, Project Officer (EndOCSEA@Europe), Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Debriefing of the 28 May webinar on "Online child sexual exploitation and abuse in times of COVID-19 pandemic"*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece: *announcements made by Commissioner Johansson during her speech at a webinar held on 9 June on "Preventing and combating child sexual abuse and exploitation: towards a EU response"*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece: *Online interview on "Protecting children against sexual exploitation and abuse during COVID-19 pandemic confinement"*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece: *High-level online event organised by the Greek 2020 Presidency of Council of Europe Institutions on "Protection of human life and public health in the context of a pandemic"*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Greece: *PACE webinar on "Child Safeguarding and Protection: Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis"*;

- ▶ Baroness Doreen MASSEY, Full member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: *adoption by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe of the report on “Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe”*;
- ▶ Mr Erik PLANKEN, Policy Advisor, Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention Department, Ministry of Justice and Security, Netherlands: *Dutch Approach to online child abuse - Policies connected to Removal and blocking of web pages containing or disseminating child sexual abuse material (CSAM)*.

■ 28th meeting (21-25 September)

- ▶ Mr Mark KAVENAGH, Head of Research and Policy and Ms Lene ANDERSEN, Programme Manager, ECPAT International, Bangkok, Thailand: *Update on “A Global Initiative to Explore the Sexual Exploitation of Boys”*;
- ▶ Mr Anton Toni KLANČNIK, Specialist in AP Twins, O3 European Cyber Crime Centre (EC3), EUROPOL: *Update to the questionnaire on child sex dolls sent to the States through the Lanzarote Committee as a partner*;
- ▶ Mr Elik KATZAV, Research Director, Superintendent Sony INGER, Deputy Commander and Superintendent Adv. Kobi EZRA, Legal Adviser, 105-Child Online Protection Bureau, Ministry for Community Empowerment and Advancement, Jerusalem, Israel: *Activities of the Ministry of Public Security and especially the 105-Child Online Protection hotline Bureau*;
- ▶ Ms Bertille DOURTHE, Magistrate - Editor, European and International Criminal Negotiation Office, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardons, Ministry of Justice, France: *Provisions of Act 2020-936 of 30 July 2020 to better combat sexual abuse against children (particularly facilitated by ICTs) and up-date concerning the increase in number of Paediatric Home Units for Children in Danger*;
- ▶ Mr Ian MULHOLLAND and Ms Annette CASSAR, Unit D4: Cybercrime, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission: *EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece: *Thematic exchange of views on the preparation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child*;
- ▶ Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Council of Europe Coordinator on the rights of the child, Head of the Children’s Rights Division and Ms Maren LAMBRECHT, Programme Officer, Co-Secretary to the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), Council of Europe: *Recent work carried out within the framework of the CDENF – including an update on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child*;

- ▶ Baroness Doreen MASSEY, Full member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: *Activities carried out by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in the field of children's rights.*

■ 29th meeting (23 November)

- ▶ Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe: *Debriefing of the Informal exchange between Parties to the Lanzarote Convention of information on voluntary detection and reporting of child abuse material by technology platforms.*

■ 30th meeting (7-10 December)

- ▶ Ms Gioia SCAPPUCCI, Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe: *Debriefing of the exchange of information held on the use of digital tools to automatically detect online child sexual abuse and exploitation material;*
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece: *Debriefing of the recent work carried out within the framework of the CDENF and its subordinate bodies;*
- ▶ Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Council of Europe Coordinator on the rights of the child, Head of the Children's Rights Division and Ms Maren LAMBRECHT, Programme Officer, Co-Secretary to the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), Council of Europe: *Recent work carried out within the framework of the CDENF, including an update on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child;*
- ▶ Ms Maria-José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Lanzarote Committee Vice-chairperson, Portugal and Mr Claude JANIZZI, Luxembourg: *Recent work carried out within the framework of the T-CY, in particular the drafting process of a 2nd Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and closer cooperation with the Cybercrime Committee on issues of common interest;*
- ▶ Mr Mikaël POUTIERS, Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee: *6th Edition of the European Day on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (18 November) dedicated to "Preventing risky behaviour by children: child self-generated sexual images and/or videos";*
- ▶ Ms Stéphanie BUREL, Senior Project Officer, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Progress in the Council of Europe "End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @ Europe (EndOCSEA@Europe)" Project;*
- ▶ Ms Irina DREXLER, Project Manager, Cybercrime Programme Office, Council of Europe: *Future cooperation activities to promote the Lanzarote*

Convention standards in non-Council of Europe States in the context of the Octopus project;

- ▶ Ms Mirka HONKO and Ms Zaruhi GASPARYAN, Senior Project Officers, Council of Europe: *Progress in the Council of Europe cooperation projects with Slovenia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine and in particular, results and recommendations of the child consultation process on the draft law on Barnahus (Children's House) in Slovenia.*

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■ 31st meeting (29 March-1 April)

- ▶ Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe: *The vital role of the Lanzarote Committee's work and Council of Europe priorities;*
- ▶ Mr Joris VAN OUYTSEL, Postdoctoral researcher (Research Foundation, Flanders) and Assistant professor, Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, Arizona State University, Tempe, USA: *Sexting and image-based sexual abuse in Belgium;*
- ▶ Ms Stana BUCHOWSKA, Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, ECPAT International: *"Project Beacon"; Technology, Privacy and Child Rights in the European Union;*
- ▶ Baroness Doreen MASSEY, Full member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: *Organisation of a parliamentary survey to gain an overview of the current standards in Council of Europe Member States on the age of legal consent, the statute of limitations for sexual offences against children and on the social responsibility and accountability of businesses and media in preventing the over-sexualisation of children;*
- ▶ Ms Mama Fatima SINGHATEH, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, United Nations: *Priorities of her mandate and findings of her recent report on the impact of coronavirus disease on the different manifestations of the sale and sexual exploitation of children;*
- ▶ Ms Rosa SINCLAIR WILSON, Tackling Exploitation and Abuse Unit, Serious and Organised Crime Group, Home Office, United Kingdom: *Presentation of the new UK strategy on Tackling Child Sexual Abuse;*
- ▶ Mr Sean LITTON, Executive Director, Tech Coalition: *Presentation of the Technology Coalition – Fighting Child Sexual Abuse and relevant initiatives;*
- ▶ Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Council of Europe Coordinator on the rights of the child, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Preparation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child;*

- ▶ Mr Dimitri HOUBRON, Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: *Initiatives taken by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in the context of the 6th edition of the European Day*;
- ▶ Ms Regína JENSDÓTTIR, Council of Europe Coordinator on the rights of the child, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *7th edition of the European Day on the protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) dedicated to "The protection of children in the circle of trust"*;
- ▶ Ms Christel DE CRAIM, Lanzarote Committee Chairperson, Belgium: *14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - "Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda"*, Kyoto, Japan (7-12 March 2021);
- ▶ Ms Stéphanie BUREL, Senior Project Officer, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Update on the Council of Europe "End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse @ Europe (EndOCSEA@Europe)" Project*;
- ▶ Ms Nina LICHTNER, Senior Project Officer, Cybercrime Division, Council of Europe: *Cooperation activities to promote the Lanzarote Convention standards in non-Council of Europe States in the context of the Octopus project*;
- ▶ Ms Zaruhi GASPARYAN, Senior Project Officer, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe: *Progress in the Council of Europe cooperation projects with Slovenia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, and adoption of the Barnahus Law in Slovenia*.

■ 32nd meeting (28-30 June)

- ▶ Ms Snežana SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe, Mr Linos-Alexandre SICILIANOS, former President of the European Court of Human Rights and lead expert of the working group and Ms Katarzyna STACIWA, support of the main expert: *Report on "Respecting human rights and the rule of law when using automated technology to detect online child sexual exploitation and abuse"*;
- ▶ Mr George NIKOLAIDIS, Greece: *Debriefing of the recent work carried out within the framework of the CDEF and its subordinate bodies*;
- ▶ Ms Maria-José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Vice-chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal: *Recent work carried out within the framework of the Cybercrime Convention Committee - T-CY, in particular the approval of a 2nd additional protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime on Enhanced Co-operation and Disclosure of Electronic Evidence*;

- ▶ Ms Maria-José CASTELLO-BRANCO, Vice-chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee, Portugal: *Preparation by the European Committee on Legal Co-operation - CDCJ of a draft instrument to codify existing international standards relating to the rules on the conditions of detention of migrants;*
- ▶ Mr Anton Toni KLANČNIK (EUROPOL): *Webinar organised by the Committee on the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport on “Checking criminal records as a tool to protect children in sport” (3 June 2021).*

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