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76th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 19-23 June 2017)

DECISIONS

At its 76th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 19-23 June 2017), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) took the following decisions (see also the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco(2017)14):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting;

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President of GRECO, Marin MRČELA, by Vita HABJAN-BARBORIČ (Head of Delegation Slovenia, Bureau member) and by the Executive Secretary;
3. took note of the list of items discussed and decisions taken by Bureau 80 (Greco(2017)11);

Evaluation procedures

Fourth Round

4. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:

- Andorra (GrecoEval4Rep(2016)8)
- Monaco (GrecoEval4Rep(2017)1)
- Ukraine (GrecoEval4Rep(2016)9)

and set the deadline of 31 December 2018 for the submission of situation reports on measures taken to implement the recommendations contained in the reports;

5. invited the authorities of Andorra, Monaco and Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 4 above;

Fifth Round

6. took note of the information provided by the President on the Training for Evaluators of the 5th Round (Strasbourg, 3-5 May 2017), and invited the Secretariat to finalise Guidelines for 5th Round Evaluators by the 77th plenary meeting (October 2017) ;
7. approved the composition of the evaluation teams responsible for the 5th Round evaluations of Denmark, Estonia, France, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (GrecoEval5(2017)3-rev2);

Compliance procedures

Third Round

8. adopted the Addenda to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Reports on:

- Andorra (GrecoRC3(2017)1)
- United States of America (GrecoRC3(2017)10)

and terminated the compliance procedures in respect of those members, in this round;

9. invited the authorities of Andorra and the United States of America to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 8 above;

10. adopted the Addenda to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Reports on:

- Belgium (GrecoRC3(2017)11)
- Sweden (GrecoRC3(2017)12)

and, in accordance with Rule 31 revised, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the heads of delegation of Belgium and Sweden to submit additional information regarding the implementation of certain recommendations by 31 March 2018;

11. invited the authorities of Belgium and Sweden to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 10 above;

12. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Bosnia and Herzegovina (GrecoRC3(2017)5 – 4th *interim* report)

and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;

13. in accordance with Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.2 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to submit additional information regarding action taken to implement certain recommendations by 31 March 2018;

14. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Switzerland (GrecoRC3(2017)10 – 4th *interim* report)

and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remains “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;

15. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Switzerland to provide a report on the action taken to implement the pending recommendations by 31 March 2018;

16. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (iii) of the Rules of Procedure, requested that the authorities of Switzerland receive a high-level mission in order to discuss on the spot with all stakeholders concerned ways to expedite the recommended legislative and policy changes highlighted by the report mentioned in decision 14 above ;

17. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Switzerland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 12 and 14 above;

18. discussed the process for a reassessment of Greece’s compliance with one recommendation in the Third Evaluation Round (Theme II – transparency of party funding) to be examined at the 77th plenary meeting (October 2017);

19. noted that for the reassessment of Greece’s compliance with this recommendation, Jane LEY, United States of America will act as rapporteur and Stéphane GAUVIN, France as ad hoc expert;

Fourth Round

20. adopted the Fourth Round Compliance Report on:

- Bulgaria (GrecoRC4(2017)9)

and set the deadline of 31 December 2018 for the submission of a situation report on additional measures taken to implement the recommendations;

21. adopted the Fourth Round Compliance Report on:

- Hungary (GrecoRC4(2017)10)

and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations is “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;

22. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i), requested the head of delegation of Hungary to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 June 2018;

23. invited the authorities of Bulgaria and Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 20 and 21 above;

24. adopted the 2nd Fourth Round Compliance Reports on:

- Estonia (GrecoRC4(2017)7)
- Finland (GrecoRC4(2017)11)

and terminated the compliance procedure in respect of both members, in this round;

25. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Estonia and Finland authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 24 above;

26. adopted the *Interim* Fourth Round Compliance Report on:

- Latvia (GrecoRC4(2017)12 - 2nd *Interim* report)

and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;

27. in accordance with Rule 31 revised, paragraph 8.2 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Latvia to submit additional information regarding action taken to implement certain recommendations by 30 June 2018;

28. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Latvia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 26 above;

Publication of adopted evaluation and compliance reports¹

29. noted the call on the authorities concerned to authorise without further delay the publication of the following reports:

- Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Belarus (adopted in June 2012)
- Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Belarus (adopted in June 2014)
- *Interim* Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Belarus (adopted in June 2015)
- 2nd *Interim* Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Belarus (adopted in July 2016)
- Third Round Evaluation Report on Belarus (adopted in October 2016)
- Addenda to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Reports on France and Ukraine (adopted in March 2017);
- 2nd Addenda to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Reports on Azerbaijan and Hungary (adopted in March 2017)
- Fourth Round Compliance Reports on Germany and Ireland (adopted in March 2017)
- 2nd Fourth Round Compliance Report on the United Kingdom (adopted in March 2017)

Exchange of views

30. held an exchange of views with a delegation from Tunisia, and the Action against Crime Department of the Council of Europe, and welcomed the fact that the Tunisian authorities have made a formal request to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for accession to GRECO;

Expertise to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

31. adopted, and published on Wednesday 21 June 2017, an Assessment of the Code of Conduct for Members of PACE (Greco(2017)5-fin), provided by GRECO under Rule 21.3 of its Rules of Procedure, at the request of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs of PACE;

Rules of Procedure

32. took note of the legal opinions of the *Jurisconsult*;

33. examined draft amendments (Greco(2017)2-rev3 and rev4) and adopted revised Rules of Procedure (new reference: Greco(2017)13);

Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

34. took note of the information provided by the delegations of Azerbaijan, France, Lithuania, Romania and Turkey (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting – Item 4 of the Agenda);

¹ *Action to be taken when publishing adopted reports* (as specified in decision 26, GRECO 58):

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

Information from observer organisations and Council of Europe bodies

35. took note of information provided by Patrick MOULETTE, head of the Anti-Corruption Division at the OECD on work within the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions;
36. postponed the intervention by Stanislas FROSSARD, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe, to the 77th plenary meeting of GRECO;

Miscellaneous

37. reminded delegations that had not already done so to provide the Secretariat with the web link, name (in national language) and e-mail address of any National Anti-Corruption Authorities – to complement the information provided on a dedicated webpage on GRECO's website;

Forthcoming meetings

38. took note of the following dates :
 - 81st Bureau meeting (Strasbourg, 21 September 2017)
 - 77th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 16-20 October 2017)
 - Conference on *Lessons learned from GRECO's Fourth Evaluation Round* (Prague, 9-10 November 2017).