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## LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

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

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### **Declaration**

**of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe  
Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual  
Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention)**

**on web addresses advertising or promoting  
child sexual abuse material or images or any other offences  
established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention**

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 16 June 2016

**DECLARATION OF THE LANZAROTE COMMITTEE  
ON WEB ADDRESSES ADVERTISING OR PROMOTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL  
OR IMAGES OR ANY OTHER OFFENCES ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE LANZAROTE CONVENTION**

1. *Concerned by the registering of web addresses which self-evidently advertise or promote criminal offences against children and recalling that, on 3 June 2015, the Committee of the Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted a [Declaration on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers \(ICANN\), human rights and the rule of law](#), encouraging its member States, through their Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) membership to ensure that ICANN assumes responsibility for respecting internationally-recognised human rights law and standards;*

2. *Recalling that in accordance with Article 8§2 of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention), Parties should “take the necessary legislative or other measures to prevent or prohibit the dissemination of materials advertising the offences established in accordance with this Convention”;*

3. *Affirming the importance for web addresses or names not to self-evidently advertise or promote child sexual abuse material or images or any of the offenses established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention;*

The Lanzarote Committee:

Urges its Parties to ensure that Article 8§2 of the Lanzarote Convention is effectively implemented by calling on competent authorities and bodies, at a national and/or international level, to:

- a. take the necessary measures to identify any web addresses which self-evidently advertise or promote child sexual abuse material or images or any other offences established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention;
- b. take the necessary measures to remove any such web addresses and to ensure that no new such addresses are registered.