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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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List of decisions

16th meeting

Lyon, 23-25 November 2016

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 25 November 2016

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 16th meeting in Lyon on 23-25 November 2016.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Took note of the ratification of the Convention by Estonia on 22 November 2016 and its entry into force on 1st March 2017.
2. Exchanged views on the follow-up given by some Parties to the Lanzarote Committee’s 1st implementation report “*Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust – The Framework*” based on Parties’ follow-up table to the Lanzarote Committee’s recommendations.
3. Exchanged views on additional information submitted in reply to Question 7 (Preventive and intervention programmes) of the Thematic Questionnaire based on the observations prepared by Rapporteur Ms Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium).
4. Asked the Secretariat to prepare the relevant parts of the 2nd implementation report on the basis of the discussions held on the observations examined during the present and previous meetings.
5. Exchanged views on the theme for its 2nd monitoring round on the basis of suggestions by the Working Group on Trends in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and decided that:
 - The 2nd monitoring round should be entitled as follows: “Protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse which are facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)” and should focus on the following trends/behaviour-patterns: Self-generated images (SGIMs) and sexting; Sexual coercion and extortion;
 - An interpretative statement (“guidance note” or similar) should be prepared before the 2nd monitoring round is launched, by which Parties agree on a common dynamic interpretation of the Lanzarote Convention in a time where ICTs are developing faster than Parties can put new legislation into place;
 - A joint meeting of the Working Group on Trends in Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and of the Bureau should be held late January/early February in order to prepare the draft questionnaire and the draft interpretative statement mentioned above with a view to have these documents discussed at its 17th meeting (1-3 March 2017);
 - The composition of the Working Group should be enlarged in order to open it to one or two experts of ICTs and welcomed the fact that Mr HARRISON (Head of the Online Child Sexual Exploitation Team, WePROTECT Global Alliance) has accepted to join the Working Group.

6. In the context of its urgent monitoring “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual abuse and exploitation”:
 - Took note that some Parties have not sent replies to the questionnaire yet and others have send such replies only very recently;
 - Examined in depth the draft report prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the replies received from Parties and other stakeholders to the focused questionnaire;
 - Asked the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the draft report in due time before its 17th meeting (1-3 March 2017) based on the exchanges held during the current meeting and any further information submitted.
7. Heard presentations from and exchanged views with:
 - Mr HARRISON (Head of the Online Child Sexual Exploitation Team), on *Fighting online child sexual abuse and exploitation*: presentation of the WePROTECT Global Alliance;
 - Mr LE COZ, Chairperson of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA).
8. Held de-briefings on the:
 - 1st meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), 28-29 September 2016, Strasbourg;
 - Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO): thematic discussion on the age of consent in the context of sexual violence offences against children, 7 November 2016, Strasbourg;
 - Wilton Park Conference: Protecting children from violence: next steps for effective strategies, 9-11 November 2016, London;
 - 2nd Edition of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual exploitation and Sexual abuse of children, 18 November 2016;
 - 1st Global Survivors Forum organised by ECPAT and hosted by the Council of Europe and agreed to invite a representative of the survivors at the 10th Lanzarote Convention anniversary event (25 October 2017);
 - INTERPOL capacity building study visit held on 22 November 2016.
9. Took note of the recent activities of the Council of Europe’s Parliamentary Assembly in the context of the work carried out by its network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, presented by Ms PECKOVÁ (Czech Republic, Member of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development).
10. Decided to invite “Hope for Children” UNCRC Policy Center as an observer to its forthcoming meetings.
11. Decided not to grant status of an observer to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

12. Took note that the dates for its next meetings are:
- 17th meeting: 1-3 March 2017, Strasbourg
 - 18th meeting: 10-12 May 2017, Strasbourg
 - 19th meeting: 25-27 October 2017, Lanzarote (venue to be confirmed)

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure and as the Lanzarote Committee has not decided otherwise, this list of decisions shall be made public.

In accordance with Rule 10, paragraph 6 of the Rules of Procedure, a full meeting report shall be submitted to the members, participants and observers of the Lanzarote Committee at a later stage.