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First Evaluation Round

Addendum to the Compliance Report on Finland

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. GRECO adopted the First Round Evaluation Report on Finland at its 5th Plenary Meeting (11-15 June 2001). This Report (Greco Eval I Rep (2000) 4E) was made public by GRECO, following authorisation by the Finnish authorities on 15 June 2001.
2. Finland submitted the Situation Report required by GRECO's compliance procedure on 10 March 2003 concerning the implementation of the recommendations. On the basis of these reports and a Plenary debate, GRECO adopted the First Round Compliance Report (RC-report) on Finland at its 14th Plenary meeting (7-11 July 2003) which was made public on 11 July 2003. The Compliance Report (Greco RC-I (2003) 3E) concluded that six of the eight recommendations (i, ii, iii, v, vi and vii) had been implemented satisfactorily or dealt with in a satisfactory manner, whereas two of the recommendations had been partly implemented (iv and viii); GRECO requested additional information on their implementation. The additional information requested was submitted on 29 November 2004.
3. Pursuant to Rule 31, paragraph 9.1 of GRECO's Rules of Procedure the objective of the present Addendum to the First Round Compliance Report is to appraise the implementation of recommendations iv and viii, in the light of the additional information referred to in paragraph 2.

II. ANALYSIS

Recommendation iv

4. *GRECO recommended organising a system according to which information from different sources that could lead to the detection of corruption would be centralised and treated, in particular reports on suspicions of bidding cartels, complaints about irregularities in tendering procedures, reports of the State Auditor and local auditors, reports from tax authorities on suspicious declarations of expenses, reports from competition authorities.*
5. GRECO recalls that it concluded in the RC-report that in spite of the fact that an "Anti-corruption network" had been established in 2002, which was responsible, *inter alia*, for centralising all information related to corruption matters in order to enhance anti-corruption policies, the recommendation had not been fully implemented with regard to the gathering and processing of information by the law enforcement agencies in order to make their investigative activities more pro-active.
6. The authorities of Finland have reported that the register of suspected persons and offences held by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) now includes a specific component regarding corruption cases. Information on corruption stored in that register is used to enhance the detection of corruption. Moreover, a Joint Police, Customs and Frontier Guard (PCF) Crime Intelligence and Analysis Centre has been established within the NBI. The Centre will handle all information on corruption offences contained in the NBI register. All relevant authorities and private sector actors have been urged to report suspicions of corrupt practice to the NBI.
7. GRECO took note of the information provided by the authorities of Finland and concludes that recommendation iv has been implemented satisfactorily.

Recommendation viii

8. *GRECO recommended including corruption in the list of serious offences enabling the use of wire-tapping and other special investigative means.*
9. GRECO recalls that the RC-report concluded that the amendment to the relevant legislation concerning the use of some special investigative means in the investigation of aggravated corruption offences (52/2002), once it had entered into force, would comply with recommendation viii.
10. The authorities of Finland have reported that the amendment to the law concerning coercive means (52/2002) entered into force on 1 January 2004.
11. GRECO took note of the information provided by the authorities of Finland and concludes that recommendation viii has been implemented satisfactorily.

III. CONCLUSION

12. In addition to the conclusions contained in the First Round Compliance Report on Finland and in view of the above, GRECO concludes that Finland has implemented recommendations iv and viii.
13. The adoption of the present Addendum to the Compliance Report terminates the First Evaluation Round compliance procedure in respect of Finland.