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First Evaluation Round

Addendum to the Compliance Report on Lithuania

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. GRECO adopted the First Round Evaluation Report on Lithuania at its 8th Plenary Meeting (4-8 March 2002). The report (Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 1E), which contains 10 recommendations addressed to Lithuania was made public on 17 April 2002.
2. Lithuania submitted the Situation Report required by GRECO's compliance procedure on 2 January 2004. On the basis of this report and a Plenary debate, GRECO adopted the First Round Compliance Report (RC-report) on Lithuania at its 19th Plenary Meeting (2 July 2004) which was made public on 21 July 2004. The Compliance Report (Greco RC-I (2004) 6E) concluded that recommendations i, ii, iii, v, vi, vii, viii, ix and x had been implemented satisfactorily. Recommendation iv had been partly implemented; GRECO requested additional information on its implementation. The additional information requested was submitted on 21 February 2007.
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 recommendation iv in the light of the additional information referred to in paragraph 2.

II. ANALYSIS

Recommendation iv.

4. *GRECO recommended to develop codes of conduct/ethics for all public officials, preferably including anti corruption measures, such as reporting indicia of corruption etc, as a complement to legislation.*
5. GRECO recalls that it concluded in the RC-report that as the draft Code of Conduct for Public Officials - which was pending before Parliament at the time of the adoption of the RC-report - had not yet been adopted and was not operational, it could not conclude that recommendation iv had been fully implemented.
6. The Lithuanian authorities now report that the draft Code of Conduct to which the RC-report referred was abandoned. The Anti-Corruption Commission of the *Seimas* (Parliament) has however prepared a new Draft Code of Conduct for Public Officials, which was submitted to the *Seimas* for examination during its 2007 spring session. A Code of Conduct for State Politicians was adopted by the *Seimas* in September 2006 and entered into force on 1 October 2006.
7. GRECO concludes, in light of the above information, that recommendation iv has been partly implemented.

III. CONCLUSION

8. In addition to the conclusions contained in the First Round Compliance Report on Lithuania and in view of the above, GRECO concludes that Lithuania has partly implemented recommendation iv. GRECO regrets that 5 years after the adoption of the First Round Evaluation Report a Code of Conduct for public officials has still not been finalised. It encourages the Lithuanian authorities to persist in their efforts to have a Code of Conduct adopted for all public officials as soon as possible. The authorities may wish to inform GRECO of the final results of the ongoing work on this matter.

9. The adoption of the present Addendum to the Compliance Report terminates the First Evaluation Round compliance procedure in respect of Lithuania.
10. Finally, GRECO invites the authorities of Lithuania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the Addendum, to translate it into the national language and to make this translation public.