Strasbourg, 14 September 2001

6th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 10-14 September 2001)

Decisions
The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), meeting in Strasbourg on 10-14 September 2001, having deliberated, took the following decisions:

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in document Greco (2001) OJ6 Rev.2;
6. agreed to postpone the examination of the evaluation report on Cyprus [Greco Eval I Rep (2001) 6E (P3)] to the 7th Plenary Meeting (December 2001), because of lack of time;
7. extended the First Evaluation Round until the 30th June 2002 on account of its largely increased number of members;
8. agreed on the composition of the Evaluation Teams which will be responsible for visits to be carried out until the end of 2001 as proposed by the Bureau in document Greco Eval I (2001) 17 of 7 September 2001 and instructed the Secretariat to transmit this information to the members submitted to evaluation during this period of time, in accordance with Rule 26, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure;
9. invited the representatives of those members which have not yet submitted proposals for possible dates for the evaluation visits to do so without delay;
10. agreed that follow-up reports submitted by members already evaluated should be prepared in conformity with the indication and format proposed by the Bureau as reproduced in document Greco (2001) 12;
11. granted to Belgium, at its request, an additional time-limit until 30 June 2002 to submit its follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report adopted by GRECO in December 2000 and reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2000) 1E Final;
12. adopted the GRECO opinion on Recommendation 86 (2000) of the congress of local and regional authorities in Europe on the financial transparency of political parties and their democratic functioning as it appears in document Greco (2001) 11 revised and invited the Secretariat to transmit this document to the Committee of the Ministers;
13. took note with satisfaction of the request made by the delegation of Estonia under Rule 33, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure to make public in its integrity, the First Evaluation Round Report on this member country, as it appears in document Greco Eval I Rep (2001) 7E Final;
14. invited the delegations of Iceland, France and the United Kingdom to confirm their authorities’ agreement to the lifting of the confidentiality of their respective Evaluation Reports adopted under decisions 3 to 5 above;

15. appointed Paul Stephenson (United Kingdom) as member of the Evaluation Team for Germany in replacement of Mr Joseph Gangloff (United States of America), unable to travel to Europe for reason beyond his control;

16. instructed the Secretariat to reflect, in a letter to be addressed to the Head of the United States’ delegation, the feelings of profound grief of all those involved in GRECO’s activities in view of the massive loss of human lives and overwhelming destruction caused by terrorist attacks against the United States. The letter should convey the solidarity and support of all GRECO members to their United States’ partners in these moments of pain and difficulty;

17. agreed to hold the 7th GRECO Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 17-21 December 2001.