

Strasbourg, 21 May 2002

Greco (2002) 15E

9th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 13-17 May 2002)

Decisions

The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), during its 9th plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 13-17 May 2002, having deliberated, took the following decisions:

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in document Greco (2002) OJ9;
2. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Greece as reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2001) 15E;
3. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Bulgaria, as reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2001) 14E;
4. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Croatia, as reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 4E;
5. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Latvia, as reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 2E;
6. conducted a "Tour de Table" on prospects of ratification of the Criminal Convention on Corruption (ETS n° 173) by those members which have not ratified it yet;
7. took note of the interveners, approved by the Bureau in accordance with Rule of Procedure 29, paragraph 2, for GRECO's 10th Plenary Meeting, as it appears in document Greco Eval I (2002) 3 bilingual and instructed the Bureau to complete the list of interveners for the examination of reports at this meeting;
8. agreed on the composition of the Evaluation Teams which will be responsible for visits to be carried until the end of 2002, as proposed by the Bureau in document Greco Eval I (2001) 17 of 30 April 2002 and instructed the Secretariat to transmit this information to the members submitted to evaluation during this period, in accordance with Rule 26, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure;
9. invited the delegations of Greece, Bulgaria and Croatia to confirm their authorities' agreement to the lifting of the confidentiality of their respective Evaluation Reports adopted under decisions 2, 3 and 4 above;
10. held a preliminary exchange of views on the content and procedures of the second evaluation round which will begin on 1 January 2003;
11. in the context of decision 10 above, invited representatives to address written suggestions to the Bureau which will prepare a background document to be debated in detail at the forthcoming 10th Plenary meeting (8-12 July 2002);
12. instructed the Secretariat to ask the evaluators who had already participated in evaluations during the First Round to forward to the Secretariat any comment, suggestion or proposal concerning the organisation of the 2nd Round Evaluations;
13. took note of the preliminary proposals contained in document GRECO (2002) 10rev for the programme of the 2nd Evaluation Round Training Seminar for Evaluators, to be held in Cyprus on 20-22 November 2002;

14. approved, on the basis of a preliminary draft submitted by the Bureau (GRECO (2002) 8E), GRECO's budgetary proposals for 2003 as they appear in document GRECO (2002) 8E Rev and instructed the Executive Secretary to transmit these proposals to the Secretary General for further consideration and adoption by the Budget Committee and the Statutory Committee;
15. took note of the information contained in documents GRECO (2001) 1rev and GRECO (2002) CS2 concerning unspent appropriations of the enlarged Partial Agreement of the of the Group of States against Corruption – GRECO;
16. took note with satisfaction of the adoption by the Committee of Ministers on 18 April 2002 (793rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies) of Resolution RES (2002) 6 authorising the continuation of the Partial and Enlarged Agreement establishing the Group of States against Corruption;
17. agreed not to organise a European conference on Specialised Services in the Fight against Corruption in 2002;
18. took note of the OECD's request to be granted observer status in GRECO and agreed to resume consideration of this question at its 10th Plenary Meeting (8-12 July 2002), in conformity with the procedure outlined in document GRECO (2002) 13;
19. took note of the summary report (GRECO (2002) 14 E) on the third Stability Pact Anticorruption Initiative (SPAI) Steering Group meeting, held in Washington D.C. from 29 April to 2 May 2002 presented by K. Lehmus (Finland) as GRECO's representative;
20. in the context of decision 19 above, it instructed its Representative within the SPAI to support the need to maintain SPAI as a specific anti-corruption initiative, excluding its merger with other Stability pact activities in connected areas;
21. agreed to hold its 10th Plenary meeting in Strasbourg from 8-12 July 2002.