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10th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 8-12 July 2002)

Decisions

The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), during its 10th plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 8-12 July 2002, having deliberated, took the following decisions:

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in document Greco (2002) OJ10;
2. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Denmark as reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 6E;
3. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Norway, as reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2001) 3E;
4. invited the delegation of Denmark to confirm as soon as possible the agreement of the Danish authorities to the lifting of the confidentiality of its Evaluation Report adopted under decision 2 above;
5. took note with satisfaction of the decision by the Norwegian authorities to authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above, which will be distributed shortly, at a date to be fixed with the Secretariat;
6. took note of the publication of the First Round Evaluation Reports on Bulgaria Croatia and Latvia, adopted at GRECO's 9th Plenary meeting, and repeated the invitation to the Greek authorities to authorise the publication of the First Round Evaluation Report on Greece also adopted at its 9th meeting, which is reproduced in document Greco Eval I Rep (2001) 15E;
7. following an exchange of views and a vote (26 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention), selected, in conformity with Article 10 paragraph 3 of its Statute, the provisions that will be evaluated in the framework of the second evaluation round of GRECO;
 - the application of Guiding Principles 4 (seizure and confiscation of proceeds of corruption) and 19 (connections between corruption and money laundering/organised crime), as completed, for members having ratified the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173), by Articles 19 para. 3, 13 and 23 of the Convention;
 - the application of Guiding Principles 9 (public administration) and 10 (public officials);
 - the application of Guiding Principles 5 (legal persons) and 8 (fiscal legislation), as completed, for members having ratified the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173), by Articles 14, 18 and 19, paragraph 2 of the Convention.
8. decided, in conformity with Article 10 paragraph 2 of its Statute, that the second evaluation round will start on 1st January 2003 and will end on 1st July 2005.
9. decided, following a vote (22 votes in favour, 0 against and 3 abstentions) and in conformity with Article 10 paragraph 1 of its Statute, that on-sight visits will be conducted to each GRECO member undergoing evaluation in the framework of the Second Evaluation Round; such visits being an integral part of the second round evaluation procedure;
10. invited the members of GRECO to designate, before 30 September 2002, in conformity with Article 10 paragraph 1 of its Statute, a maximum of five experts in the fields provided by decision 7 above, which could be appointed as members of Evaluation Teams;

11. decided to request the Bureau to propose a "catch up strategy" in order to evaluate new members joining GRECO at the end of a round, on the basis of proposals by the Secretariat;
12. took note of the revised version of document GRECO (2002) 10 rev 2 concerning the programme of the 2nd Evaluation Round Training Seminar for Evaluators, to be held in Cyprus on 20-22 November 2002 and instructed the Secretariat to complete it in the light of the discussions held at the present meeting;
13. took note that, prior to the joint training seminar for evaluators, the Secretariat and the Bureau will prepare a draft questionnaire related to the Second Evaluation Round which will concern the provisions mentioned in decision 7 above;
14. agreed to devote a substantial part of its forthcoming plenary meeting (GRECO 11, 14-18 October 2002) to the examination of the draft questionnaire referred to in decision 13 above;
15. took note that the Bureau of GRECO will hold its 14th meeting in Paris (30 September – 1st October 2002) and its 15th meeting in Paphos, from 18 to 19 November 2002;
16. took note of the participation:
 - of GRECO's Chairman, at the conference on the contribution of the Council of Europe to the "acquis communautaire", which took place in Santiago de Compostella on 3-4 June 2002;
 - of the Vice-Chairman : (i) at the "Conference on Tackling Corruption in Africa – Building a new Partnership" organised upon the initiative of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London on 20 May 2002 ; and, (ii) at the seminar on "Evaluation of the Existing Legal Framework and Assistance for Further Legislative Reforms including Police Ethics" on 25-26 June 2002 in Kiev;
 - of the Secretariat, at the meetings organised in the framework of the United Nations for the drafting of a universal convention on corruption, under the auspices of this Organisation;
17. at the end of the procedure mentioned in document GRECO (2002) 13 and following its request, granted observer status within GRECO to the OECD;
18. took note of the interveners, approved by the Bureau in accordance with Rule of Procedure 29, paragraph 2, for GRECO's 11th 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;
19. 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 8 July 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;
20. agreed to hold its 11th plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 14-18 October 2002.