

Strasbourg, 28 March 2003

Greco (2003) 10E

13th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 24-28 March 2003)

Decisions

The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), at its 13th plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 24-28 March 2003:

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2003) OJ13);

Information by the President

2. noted the information provided by the President as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 11E);

Information by the Executive Secretary

3. noted the information provided by the Executive Secretary as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 11E);

Rules of Procedure

4. amended its Rules of Procedure as they appear in document Greco (2003) 6E;
5. instructed the Secretariat to prepare amendments with regard to "Title III Confidentiality" in order to cover observers to GRECO, to be considered at the forthcoming GRECO 14 Plenary;

Compliance Reports

6. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Slovenia (Greco RC-I (2003) 1E);
7. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-I (2003) 2E)
8. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Slovak Republic had authorised publication of the report mentioned in decision 7;
9. noted that the authorities of Slovenia would state their position on the authorisation of the publication of the Compliance Report on Slovenia shortly;

Evaluation reports

10. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Hungary (Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 5E);
11. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on the Netherlands (Greco Eval I Rep (2003) 1E);
12. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on the Czech Republic (Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 11E);
13. invited the President to address - without delay - a letter to Mr. Bernard. J. OOSTEROP, (evaluator on the First Round Evaluation of the Czech Republic, nominated by the Netherlands) expressing GRECO's profound recognition and gratitude for his personal commitment and professional contribution to the evaluation of the Czech Republic;
14. invited the authorities of Hungary, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic to authorise as soon as possible the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 10, 11 and 12;

Request for observer status in GRECO

15. examined the request for observer status in GRECO made by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) (Greco (2003) CS1 bil.);
16. instructed the Secretariat to invite representatives of the EBRD to an exchange of views regarding the motivation of the request at the forthcoming GRECO 14 Plenary Meeting;

Requests for opinions by GRECO

17. examined the request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers on the opportunity of possible initiatives against corruption in sport (Greco (2003) 4E);
18. instructed the Secretariat to prepare a brief questionnaire to be addressed to all members on possible problems of corruption in the sport milieu and to prepare an analytical report of the replies given to be discussed at the forthcoming Greco 14 Plenary Meeting;
19. examined the request for an opinion from the Steering Committee for Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR) on a Model Initiatives Package on public ethics at local level (Greco (2003) 2E);
20. invited Ms. Lucinda MacMAHON (Ireland) and Mr. Silvio CAMILLERI (Malta) to prepare, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a draft opinion on the Model Initiatives Package for consideration at its forthcoming GRECO 14 Plenary Meeting;

Activity Report for 2002

21. adopted its Third General Activity Report for 2002 (Greco (2003) 5E Final) and instructed the Secretariat to forward it to GRECO's Statutory Committee and to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
22. noted that its President would be invited to present the report mentioned in decision 20 at a hearing before the Ministers' Deputies in Strasbourg on 7 May 2003;

Budgetary Proposals for 2004

23. approved, on the basis of a draft submitted by the Bureau (Greco (2002) 8E) GRECO's budgetary proposals for 2004¹ and instructed the Executive Secretary to transmit them to the Secretary General for consideration by the Budget Committee and adoption by the Statutory Committee;

Miscellaneous

24. expressed its gratitude to Ambassador Anna LAMPEROVA, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovakia to the Council of Europe and Chairperson of GRECO's Statutory Committee, for her participation at this GRECO 13 Plenary meeting and for her support to GRECO's activities;
25. took note of the table of First Evaluation Round intervening countries (Greco Eval I (2002) 3 rev.);

¹ At this stage, the representatives of France and Germany did not participate in the adoption of this decision as they wished to submit the draft budget to their respective authorities.

26. approved the selection of members responsible for preparing First Round Compliance Reports (Greco Eval I (2003) 1);
27. examined the composition of Second Round Evaluation Teams with respect to countries in Groups A and B (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil of 27 March 2003) and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised version, in the light of the debate, for adoption by silent procedure by the Bureau and Members;
28. selected the following countries to be part of Group C for Second Evaluation Round procedures : Belgium, Iceland, Latvia and Spain and asked the representatives of those countries to submit their replies to the Second Evaluation Round Questionnaire to the Secretariat by 30 September 2003, in accordance with GRECO's Programme of Activities for 2003 (Greco (2002) 34 E);
29. decided to select countries to be part of Group D for Second Evaluation Round procedures at their forthcoming GRECO 14 Plenary;

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

30. took note of proposed dates for 2003 (Greco (2003) 9);
31. noted that the Bureau will hold its 19th meeting in Paris on 23-24 June 2003;
32. decided to hold its 14th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 7-11 July 2003 and its 15th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 13-17 October 2003.