

Strasbourg, 11 July 2003

**Greco (2003) 17E**

**14<sup>th</sup> GRECO Plenary Meeting**  
(Strasbourg, 7-11 July 2003)

**DECISIONS**

The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), at its 14<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 7-11 July 2003:

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2003) OJ14 Rev);

Information by the President

2. noted the information provided by the President as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 20E);

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) 20E);

Communication by Bureau 19 and Bureau 20

4. noted the information provided by Bureau 19 (23-24 June 2003) and Bureau 20 (7 July 2003) (Greco (2003) 18E);

Rules of Procedure

5. amended its Rules of Procedure as they appear in document Greco (2003) 6E Rev;

Compliance Procedure

6. decided, by 20 votes for and 6 votes against and one abstention, that GRECO Members are not obliged to comment in their Situation Reports (RS) on the implementation of observations made in the evaluation report concerning them, it being understood that they may do so if they wish;
7. decided, by 20 votes for and 7 votes against and 3 abstentions, that Compliance Reports (RC) will not contain any reference to possible information provided by members in their Situation Reports on the implementation of observations made in the evaluation report concerning them;
8. approved the proposal by Bureau 19 to replace Norway by Belgium as rapporteur on the First Evaluation Round Compliance Report on France;

Compliance Reports

9. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Belgium as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 4E. Following the decision to reopen this item by virtue of Rule 16 para. 2 of the Rules of Procedure, GRECO adopted the Compliance Report as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 4E Rev.;
10. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Estonia as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 6E;
11. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Finland as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 3E;
12. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on the United Kingdom as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 8E;

13. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Luxembourg as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 5E;
14. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Estonia and Finland had authorised publication of the RC reports mentioned in decisions 10 and 11 above;
15. invited the delegations of Belgium, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Reports concerning them mentioned in decisions 9, 12 and 13 above;
16. instructed the Secretariat to send a letter to the rapporteurs reminding them the aims of the compliance procedure, what is expected from them as well as from the country being the subject of this procedure;

#### Evaluation reports

17. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco Eval I Rep (2002) 10E);
18. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Portugal (Greco Eval I Rep (2003) 4E);
19. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Portugal to authorise as soon as possible the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 16, and 17 above;

#### Request for observer status in GRECO

20. held an exchange of views with representatives from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) regarding their motives for requesting observer status in GRECO (Greco Inf (2003) 7E);
21. invited each member to examine this request, to carry out the necessary internal consultations within their respective administrations and to state their position with respect to this request at its forthcoming Plenary Meeting GRECO 15;

#### Requests for opinions by GRECO

22. examined the request by the Committee of Ministers for an opinion by GRECO on Recommendation 1595(2003) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on a Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters and the draft opinion prepared by the Secretariat (Greco (2003) 19E);
23. adopted the opinion as it appears in document Greco (2003) 19E Final;
24. examined the draft opinion prepared by Mrs Lucinda MacMAHON (Ireland) and Mr Silvio CAMILLERI (Malta), assisted by the Secretariat, on the Steering Committee for Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR) : Model Initiatives Package on public ethics at local level (Greco (2003) 12E);
25. adopted the opinion as it appears in document Greco (2003) 12E Final;
26. took note that 21 delegations had already submitted their replies to the questionnaire on Corruption in Sport to the Secretariat (Greco (2003)14E);

27. invited those delegations which had not already done so, to provide their replies as soon as possible and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a compilation of the answers, to be disseminated to all members as soon as possible, to prepare a draft opinion on the basis of the replies gathered and to submit it to Bureau 21;
28. decide to examine this issue again at its forthcoming Plenary Meeting GRECO 15 in the light of the draft opinion on corruption in sport to be approved by Bureau 21, with a view to its adoption;

#### Evaluation Procedures

29. approved the composition of Second Round Teams in charge of the evaluation of Members included in Groups A, B and C (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil of 4 July 2003);
30. approved the Handbook for Evaluators ("Vademecum") – Second Evaluation Round – revised as it appears in document Greco Eval II (2002) 1 Rev;
31. instructed the Secretariat to ask in writing GRECO members to authorise access to the FATF and MONEYVAL reports concerning them by the respective evaluation teams, delegations and GRECO Secretariat;
32. approved the proposal of Bureau 20 to hold a joint - First and Second Round - Evaluation of Serbia and Montenegro in September 2004, as well as the composition of the evaluation team composed of four evaluators as it appears in document Greco (2003) 18E;
33. selected France, Georgia, Norway and Sweden to be part of Group D for Second Evaluation Round procedures and asked the representatives of those members to submit their replies to the Second Evaluation Round Questionnaire to the Secretariat by 31 December 2003, in accordance with GRECO's Programme of Activities for 2003 (Greco (2002) 34E);
34. decided to select the countries to be part of Group E for Second Evaluation Round procedures at their forthcoming Plenary Meeting GRECO 15;

#### GRECO representation in PC-RM

35. decided not to avail itself of the possibility of designating a representative of GRECO to sit in the Committee of Experts on the revision of the Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime (PC-RM);

#### Miscellaneous

36. agreed to consider at its forthcoming plenary meeting GRECO 15, possible synergies between GRECO and OECD during their evaluation visits in the Second Round ;

#### Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

37. decided to hold its 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 13-17 October 2003 and its 16<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 8-12 December 2003;
38. noted that the Bureau will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in Strasbourg, on 25-26 September 2003.