

Strasbourg, 17 October 2003

**Greco (2003) 25E**

**15<sup>th</sup> GRECO Plenary Meeting**  
(Strasbourg, 13-17 October 2003)

**DECISIONS**

The Group of States against corruption (GRECO), at its 15<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 13-17 October 2003:

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2003) OJ15 Rev);

Information by the President

2. noted the information provided by the President as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 26 E);
3. took note of the information provided by the President in a Note for the File on Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco (2003) 24E) and waits to receive additional indications at Bureau 22 (20-21 November 2003) and GRECO 16 (8-12 December 2003) about the composition of the Bosnia and Herzegovina delegation in GRECO and the persons included on the list of evaluators of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Information by the Executive Secretary

4. noted the information provided by the Executive Secretary as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2003) 26 E);

Communication by Bureau 21

5. noted the information provided by Bureau 21 (25-26 September 2003) (Greco (2003) 23E);
6. invited the President of GRECO to address a letter to the Chairman of the Working Group of the OECD explaining the Bureau's point of view with regard to the informal proposals on possible synergies in the organisation of evaluation procedures and inviting him to provide, if possible in writing, an analysis of the possible advantages which could be expected from the idea of joint evaluation visits as well as indications about how to implement in practice such an initiative;

Compliance Procedure

7. approved the proposal by Bureau 21 to replace Bosnia and Herzegovina by Norway as rapporteur on the First Evaluation Round Compliance Report on Georgia;

First Round Evaluation report

8. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on Moldova (Greco Eval I Rep (2003) 3E);
9. invited the authorities of Moldova to authorise as soon as possible the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;

Compliance Reports

10. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Spain as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 7E;
11. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Iceland as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 9E;
12. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on France as it appears in document Greco RC-I (2003) 10E;

13. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Iceland and Spain had authorised publication of the RC report mentioned respectively in decisions 10 and 11 above;
14. invited the delegation of France to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Report mentioned in decision 12 above;

#### Hearing

15. held a hearing with a representative of Transparency International (Wednesday 15 October at 11h30);

#### Request for observer status in GRECO

16. instructed the Secretariat to prepare, in the light of the discussions of the present meeting, a concept document on the issue of observer status within GRECO, possible admission criteria and possible alternatives to the granting of observer status and required amendments to the Rules of Procedure with a view to its examination by Bureau 22 and GRECO 16;
17. taking into account decision 16 above, postponed its decision on the request by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to obtain observer status in GRECO;

#### Request for an opinion by GRECO

18. agreed to postpone the examination of a draft opinion on corruption in sport in order to be able to take into account the outstanding replies to the questionnaire (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Lithuania and the United States of America);

#### Second Round Evaluation Procedures

19. took note of the position of Bureau 21 on the organisation of evaluation procedures and visits to federal states as it is reflected in document Greco (2003) 23E, paragraph 11;
20. approved the composition of Second Round Teams in charge of the evaluation of Members included in Group D (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil of 9 October 2003);
21. instructed the Secretariat to provide a draft calendar for Second Evaluation Round Procedures with respect to members in Groups E, F, G, H and I within the draft Programme of Activities for 2004 to be examined for adoption by GRECO 16;
22. decided to select the countries to be part of Groups E and F for Second Evaluation Round procedures at their forthcoming Plenary Meeting GRECO 16;

#### Miscellaneous

23. expressed its warm gratitude to the United Kingdom Delegation for the generous voluntary contributions granted to GRECO for the years 2004 and 2005;
24. noted OECD's invitation to GRECO to attend meetings of the OECD Working Group on Bribery;

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

25. noted that the Bureau will hold its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Paris on 20-21 November 2003;
26. confirmed that its 16<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting is to be held in Strasbourg on 8-12 December 2003.