

Strasbourg, 25 March 2004

Greco (2004) 5E

17th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 22-25 March 2004)

DECISIONS

At its 17th plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 22-25 March 2004), the Group of States against corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2004) OJ17);

Information by the President

2. took note of the information provided by the President and Vice-President as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 6 E);

Information by the Executive Secretary

3. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 6E);

Information on Bureau 23

4. took note of the results of the Bureau 23 meeting (Paris, 23-24 February 2004) as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 6 E);

Evaluation Reports

5. adopted, following two readings, the First Round Evaluation Report on the United States of America (Greco Eval I Rep (2003) 2E);
6. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on the Slovak Republic (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 2E);
7. invited the authorities of the United States of America to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;
8. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Slovak Republic authorise publication of the report mentioned in decision 6 as from 1 April 2004;

Compliance Report

9. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Sweden (Greco RC-I (2003) 11E);
10. invited the delegation of Sweden to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Report mentioned in decision 9 above;

Observer Status with GRECO

11. adopted document Greco (2003) 27E rev 4 concerning the granting of observer status with GRECO;

Fourth General Activity Report (2003)

12. adopted its Fourth General Activity Report for 2003 (Greco (2004) 2E rev 2) and instructed the Secretariat to forward it to GRECO's Statutory Committee and to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in accordance with Article 8, para. 1, iii of the Statute;
13. noted that the President of GRECO would present the report mentioned in decision 12 above to the Committee of Ministers during a hearing which will be held during a forthcoming meeting of the Ministers' Deputies in Strasbourg;

Comments by GRECO

14. adopted comments on Recommendation 1646 (2004) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe "Improving the prospects of developing countries: a moral imperative for the world" (Greco (2004) 4E rev) and instructed the Secretariat to transmit these comments to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Evaluation Procedure

15. approved the Schedule for Second Round Evaluations (including joint First and Second Round Evaluations) as it appears in document Greco Eval II (2004) 3bil of 25 March 2004;
16. took note of the composition of Evaluation Teams in charge of the Second Round Evaluation of Members included in Groups E and F (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil of 25 March 2004);

Miscellaneous

17. agreed to hold a hearing with the OSCE on this organisation's anti-corruption activities and instructed the Secretariat to contact the OSCE Headquarters with a view to organising such a hearing on the occasion of GRECO's 18th Plenary Meeting;

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

18. noted that the Bureau will hold its 24th meeting in Strasbourg on 22-23 April 2004;
19. decided to hold its 18th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 10-14 May 2004 (**5 days**), strongly emphasising that, in order to cope with its increasing workload, other plenaries foreseen in 2004 might also need to be extended to 5 days;
20. in view of decision 19 above, requested the Secretariat to find the appropriations required within GRECO's budget for 2004.