

Strasbourg, 2 July 2004

Greco (2004) 10E

19th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 28 June – 2 July 2004)

DECISIONS

At its 19th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 28 June – 2 July 2004), the Group of States against corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2004) OJ19);

Information by the President

2. took note of the information provided by the President, as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 12E);

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) 12E);

Second Evaluation Round

4. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Finland (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 3E);
5. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Latvia (Greco Eval II Rep (2004) 4E);
6. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Iceland (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 7E);
7. adopted, following a second reading, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Estonia (Greco Eval II Rep (2003) 4E);
8. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Finland and Latvia authorise publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 4 and 5 above;
9. invited the authorities of Iceland and Estonia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 6 and 7 above;
10. approved of the composition of Second Round Evaluation Teams in charge of the evaluation of Croatia, Malta, Romania and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil of 28 June 2004);

First Round Compliance Procedure

11. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Lithuania (Greco RC-I (2004) 6E);
12. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Poland (Greco RC-I (2004) 5E);
13. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Romania (Greco RC-I (2004) 8E);
14. invited the delegations of Lithuania, Poland and Romania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Reports mentioned in decisions 11, 12 and 13 above;
15. took note that the Georgian authorities had submitted a report, pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 sub-paragraph (i) of the Rules of Procedure, on 29 June 2004 and agreed that, due to the late submission of this report, GRECO was not in a position to examine the report at the present meeting;

16. notwithstanding decision 15 above, agreed that the application of sub-paragraphs (ii) and following of Article 32, paragraph 2 on the non-compliance procedure, was not required at this stage;
17. decided that the reports to be submitted by Georgia, in accordance with decision 12 of GRECO 16 (Greco (2003) 31E), should be sent to the Executive Secretary at least one month before each Plenary, it being understood that supplementary information may, if necessary, be presented to GRECO during its Plenaries;
18. designated Mr. Ákos KARA (Hungary) as Special Rapporteur in charge of preparing the report to be examined by the Plenary on progress made by Georgia with regard to GRECO's First Round Recommendations;

Observer Status with GRECO

19. decided not to grant observer status with GRECO to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), following a vote in accordance with the procedure described in document Greco (2003) 27E rev 4;

Budget 2005

20. approved GRECO's Budgetary Proposals for 2005 (Greco (2004) 11E) and instructed the Executive Secretary to transmit them to the Secretary General for consideration by the Budget Committee, prior to their transmission to the Statutory Committee for adoption;

Miscellaneous

21. agreed that the Bureau should examine at its next meeting, GRECO's approach with regard to the level of implementation of recommendations;

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

22. noted that the Bureau will hold its 26th meeting in Strasbourg on 8-9 September 2004;
23. decided to hold its 20th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 27 September – 1 October 2004, emphasising that 5 meeting days were required in order to allow GRECO to deal with the number of Evaluation and Compliance Reports to be considered;
24. in view of decision 23 above, requested the Secretariat to find the appropriations required within GRECO's budget for 2004.