

Strasbourg, 30 September 2004

Greco (2004) 17E

20th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 27 – 30 September 2004)

DECISIONS

At its 20th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 27-30 September 2004), the Group of States against corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2004) OJ20 Revised);

Information by the Vice-President

2. took note of the information provided by the Vice-President, as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2004) 18E);

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) 18E);

Second Evaluation Round

4. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on the United Kingdom (Greco Eval II Rep (2004) 2E);
5. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Norway (Greco Eval II Rep (2004) 3E);
6. invited the authorities of the United Kingdom and Norway to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 4 and 5 above;

First Round Compliance Procedure

7. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Denmark (Greco RC-I (2004) 10E);
8. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Latvia (Greco RC-I (2004) 7E);
9. adopted the First Round Compliance Report on Norway (Greco RC-I (2004) 9E);
10. invited the authorities of Denmark, Latvia and Norway to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the RC Reports mentioned in decisions 7, 8 and 9 above;
11. approved, with some minor amendments, the Comments (Greco Eval I (2004) 6E Revised) prepared by its Special Rapporteur, Mr. Ákos KARA (Hungary), on information provided by the delegation of Georgia pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2, al. (i) of GRECO's Rules of Procedure and in accordance with Decisions 12 of GRECO 16 and 17 of GRECO 19;
12. welcomed the progress reported in respect of a number of First Round recommendations and urged the Georgian authorities to pursue their efforts with a view to complying with recommendations not yet addressed in an appropriate manner;

13. in the light of the Comments referred to in decision 11 above, invited the delegation of Georgia to submit additional information to the Executive Secretary by 10 November 2004 in view of its examination by the Special Rapporteur and, subsequently, by GRECO 21;

Budget 2005

14. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary on the preparation of GRECO's Budget for 2005;

Miscellaneous

15. held a hearing with Ms Cheryl GRAY, Sector Director, World Bank, and invited the Bureau to reflect, together with the Secretariat, upon modalities of possible future co-operation between GRECO and the World Bank;

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

16. noted that the Bureau will hold its 27th meeting in Strasbourg on 28-29 October 2004;
17. decided to hold its 21st Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 29 November – 3 December 2004, emphasising that 5 meeting days may be required in order to allow GRECO to deal with the number of Evaluation and Compliance Reports to be considered;
18. in view of decision 17 above, requested the Secretariat to find the appropriations required within GRECO's budget for 2004.