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Greco (2006) 9E

28th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 9-12 May 2006)

DECISIONS

At its 28th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 9-12 May 2006), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda (Greco (2006) OJ28);

Information by the President

2. took note of the information provided by the President, as detailed in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2006) 10E);

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 (2006) 10E);

Second Evaluation Round

4. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on the Czech Republic (Greco Eval II Rep (2005) 7E);
5. adopted, following two readings, the Second Round Evaluation Report on Portugal (Greco Eval II Rep (2005) 11E);
6. invited the authorities of the Czech Republic and Portugal 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 the United States of America (Greco RC-I (2006) 1E);
8. invited the authorities of the United States of America to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;
9. adopted the Addendum to the First Round Compliance Report on Sweden (Greco RC-I (2003) 11E) and thus terminated the first round compliance procedure in respect of that country;
10. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Sweden authorise the publication of the Addendum mentioned in decision 9 above;

Second Round Compliance Procedure

11. adopted the Second Round Compliance Report on Luxembourg (Greco RC-II (2006) 7E);
12. adopted the Second Round Compliance Report on the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-II (2006) 6E);
13. adopted the Second Round Compliance Report on Slovenia (Greco RC-II (2006) 1E);
14. invited the authorities of Luxembourg, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decisions 11, 12 and 13 above;

Working party on anti-corruption recommendations and best practices

15. instructed the Secretariat to prepare, in the light of the debate and in consultation with the Bureau, revised draft terms of reference for a Working party on anti-corruption recommendations and best practices, with a view to their examination at GRECO 29;

Elections

16. elected, by secret ballot, Marin MRČELA (Croatia) to sit on the Bureau;
17. established, in accordance with Rule 7 of its Rules of Procedure, the following reserve list (in decreasing order of votes) of non-elected candidates who would be called to fill any seats in the Bureau which might become vacant before the end of the Second Evaluation Round :
 - Eline WEEDA (Netherlands)
 - Aušra BERNOTIENE (Lithuania)
 - Matthias KORTE (Germany);

Miscellaneous

18. decided to include in the scope of the Third Evaluation Round the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (CETS No. 191);
19. instructed the Working Party on the incriminations contained in the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (WP-ETS 173) to amend its draft questionnaire for consideration by GRECO 29, bearing in mind decision 18 above and to also include questions on the issue of defences available to defendants under domestic criminal law in cases of alleged active bribery;

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

20. noted that the Bureau had held its 35th meeting in the margins of the current Plenary Meeting, in replacement of its meeting scheduled to take place in Strasbourg on 19 May 2006;
21. noted that Working parties WP-PF and WP-ETS 173 will hold their last meetings in Strasbourg on 18 May and 29-30 May 2006 respectively;
22. decided to hold its 29th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 19-23 June 2006.