Strasbourg, 10 October 2008

39th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 6-10 October 2008)

DECISIONS
At its 39th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 6-10 October 2008), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2008) 18E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President, Delegations and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2008) 18E);

3. took note of the explanations provided by the Italian delegation concerning the elimination of the Office of the Italian High Commissioner against Corruption;

Third Round Evaluations


5. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Latvia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 4 above;

6. noted that Third Round evaluation visits to Lithuania (date fixed : 26-31 January), “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Bulgaria, Germany, Malta, Romania, Cyprus, Ireland, Croatia, Greece, Turkey and Hungary (Second Round chronology) would be scheduled in 2009 and that the Secretariat would contact the members concerned individually with regard to deadlines for submitting replies to the questionnaires and the dates of visits;

Joint First and Second Round Evaluation

7. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Monaco (Greco Eval I/II Rep (2008) 1E); 

8. invited the authorities of Monaco to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;

Joint First and Second Round Compliance Procedure

9. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Azerbaijan (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 4E);

10. invited the authorities of Azerbaijan to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 9 above;

Second Round Compliance Procedure

11. adopted the Second Round Compliance Report on Portugal (Greco RC-II (2008) 2E);

12. invited the authorities of Portugal to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;
13. adopted the Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Poland (Greco RC-II (2006) 5E Addendum);

14. invited the authorities of Poland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the Addendum mentioned in decision 13 above;

Exchanges of views

15. held an exchange of views with Ms Huguette LABELLE, Chair of the Board of Directors, Transparency International (TI);

16. held an exchange of views with Ms Brigitte STROBEL-SHAW, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);

Tour de table

17. held a tour de table on the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 174);

Next Bureau meeting

18. asked the Bureau to discuss at its next meeting the policy to be adopted as regards information submitted by the State concerned, too late in the procedure for it to be taken into account in the preparation of a draft compliance report before its transmission to the Plenary;

19. asked the Bureau to discuss at its next meeting the possibility of holding a tour de table on the theme of “effective regret” at a forthcoming GRECO Plenary Meeting;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

20. noted that the Bureau will hold its 46th meeting in Strasbourg on 7 November 2008;

21. decided to hold its 40th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 1-5 December 2008;

22. took note of the dates proposed for plenary meetings in 2009 (Greco (2008) 16).