



Strasbourg, 5 December 2008

Greco (2008) 24E

40th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 1-5 December 2008)

DECISIONS

At its 40th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 1-5 December 2008), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2008) 25E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2008) 25E);

Third Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Report on Poland (Greco Eval III Rep (2008) 2E – Themes I and II);
4. invited the authorities of Poland to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. approved the composition of the Teams in charge of the Third Round Evaluations of Croatia, Malta, Ireland, Germany, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey, Bulgaria and Hungary (Greco Eval III (2007) 1bil of 5 December 2008);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

6. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on the Russian Federation (Greco Eval I/II Rep (2008) 2E);
7. invited the authorities of the Russian Federation to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Montenegro (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 5E);
9. invited the authorities of Montenegro to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;
10. approved the list of rapporteur countries for Joint First and Second Round Compliance Procedures regarding Austria, Italy, Monaco, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Ukraine (Greco Eval II (2005) 7E Rev 4);

Second Evaluation Round

11. adopted the Second Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Moldova (Greco RC-II (2008) 8E)
 - the United States of America (Greco RC-II (2008) 5E);
12. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Moldova and the United States of America authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 11 above;
13. adopted the Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Estonia (Greco RC-II (2006) 3E Addendum);
14. invited the authorities of Estonia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;

Ninth General Activity Report (2008)

15. decided to include a substantive section on Independent Monitoring of Party Funding in its Ninth General Activity Report (2008);
16. noted with satisfaction that Ms Patricia PEÑA ARDANAZ, Third Evaluation Round Consultant on Party Funding, agreed to produce a draft of the substantive section;

Programme of Activities for 2009

17. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2009 as it appears in document Greco (2008) 19E Final);

GRECO's 10th Anniversary Conference

18. noted the President's invitation for comments, by 31 December 2008, on the preliminary draft programme (Greco (2008) 21E) for GRECO's 10th Anniversary Conference, in particular, regarding the availability of high-level representatives as speakers for Sessions I and II of the Conference;
19. in this connection, took note of the President's call for voluntary contributions, as funds for the holding of the Conference could not be set aside in GRECO's 2009 budget;

Next Bureau meeting

20. asked the Bureau to pursue its reflections on GRECO's working methods; delegations were invited to submit any observations they might have on this matter for consideration by Bureau 47;
21. noted the President's invitation for comments, by 15 January 2009, on the non-paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled "Introductory notes regarding a possible *tour de table* on the issue of effective regret", for consideration by Bureau 47;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

22. noted that the Bureau will hold its 47th meeting in Strasbourg on 23 January 2009;
23. decided to hold its 41st Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 16-20 February 2009.