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47th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 7 - 11 June 2010)

DECISIONS

At its 47th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 7 – 11 June 2010), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2010) 15E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President, delegations and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2010) 15E);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Austria (Greco RC-I/II (2010) 1E);
4. invited the authorities of Austria to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. adopted the Addenda to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Armenia (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 3E Addendum)
 - Serbia (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 1E Addendum) and
 - Turkey (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 2E Addendum);
6. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Armenia and Turkey authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 5 above;
7. invited the authorities of Serbia to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;
8. approved the composition of the Team in charge of the Joint First and Second Round evaluation of Liechtenstein (Greco Eval II (2003) 1bil. of 30 April 2010)

Second Evaluation Round

9. adopted the Addenda to the Second Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Cyprus (Greco RC-II (2008) 1E Addendum)
 - the Czech Republic (Greco RC-II (2008) 3E Addendum) and
 - Hungary (Greco RC-II (2008) 4E Addendum);
10. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Czech Republic authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 9 above;
11. invited the authorities of Cyprus and Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 9 above;

Third Evaluation Round

12. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Greece (Greco Eval III Rep (2009) 9E – Themes I and II) and
 - Hungary (Greco Eval III Rep (2009) 8E – Themes I and II);

13. invited the authorities of Greece and Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 12 above;
14. carried out a first and second reading of the draft Third Round Evaluation Report on Bulgaria (Theme I) as well as a first reading of Theme II (paragraphs 1 – 97) and decided to formally adopt the report as a whole (Themes I and II) at GRECO 48 (27 September – 1 October 2010);
15. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Luxembourg (Greco RC-III (2010) 4E) and
 - the Netherlands (Greco RC-III (2010) 5E);
16. concluded, as regards the Third Round Compliance Report on Luxembourg, that the current very low level of compliance is “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
17. in light of the conclusions referred to in decision 16 above, decided to apply Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and asked Luxembourg to submit a report, pursuant to paragraph 2(i) of that Rule, on the progress in implementing the recommendations that have not been implemented, as soon as possible, and by 31 December 2010 at the latest, for examination by GRECO at its first plenary meeting in 2011;
18. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Luxembourg authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 15 above;
19. invited the authorities of the Netherlands to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 15 above;
20. approved the composition of the Team in charge of the Third Round Evaluation of Georgia (Greco Eval III (2007) 1bil. of 30 April 2010);

Fourth Evaluation Round

21. decided, with reference to the Bureau’s proposals (Greco (2010) 10E Revised), that the theme of GRECO’s Fourth Evaluation Round would be:

“Corruption prevention in parliamentary assemblies, the judiciary and among other actors of the pre-judicial and judicial process”;
22. adopted the Terms of Reference for a working party to assist GRECO in the preparation of the Fourth Evaluation Round and agreed on its composition (Greco (2010) 14E);

Budget 2011

23. approved the Budgetary Proposals for 2011 (Greco (2010) 12E revised) 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;

GRECO and the European Union

24. held an exchange of views with representatives of the Secretariats of the European Commission and the Council of the European Union on latest developments concerning EU anti-corruption initiatives and perspectives of enhanced cooperation between the EU and GRECO;
25. took note of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "Delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens - Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme" (COM(2010) 171 final) and of the Conclusions concerning the Action Plan adopted at the 3018th Council meeting – Justice and Home Affairs – of 3-4 June 2010;
26. noted in particular the Council's statement contained in the aforementioned Conclusions "that the Stockholm Programme is the only guiding frame of reference for the political and operational agenda of the European Union in the Area of Justice, Security and Freedom";
27. reiterated its willingness to contribute to the development of a comprehensive anti-corruption policy of the European Union, in line with the invitation addressed by the European Council to the Commission in the Stockholm Programme;
28. stressed that accession of the European Union to GRECO represents a unique opportunity both for the European Union and GRECO to reinforce the coherence and, hence, the efficiency of action to fight corruption in Europe;
29. asked the Secretariat to pursue these matters further with the relevant services of the European Union and to report back to GRECO at appropriate intervals, *inter alia*, on possible accession options identifying and anticipating the concerns that will need to be addressed in the framework of the accession process;

Miscellaneous

30. took note of the request of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) of 7 May 2010 addressed to the Secretary General to appoint a representative to GRECO pursuant to Article 7, paragraphs 2 and 4 of GRECO's Statute and of the Secretary General's reply of 10 June 2010;
31. expressed a favourable opinion regarding this request;
32. welcomed the study carried out by Mr Yves-Marie DOUBLET (France) "Political financing: GRECO's first 22 evaluations";

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

33. noted that the Bureau will hold its 54th meeting in Strasbourg on 14 September 2010;
34. decided to hold its 48th Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 27 September – 1 October 2010.