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DECISIONS

At its 50th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 28 March – 1 April 2011), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2011) 6E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President, delegations and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting - Greco (2011) 6E);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Addendum to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Andorra (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 7E Addendum);
4. invited the authorities of Andorra to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;

Second Evaluation Round

5. adopted the Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco RC-II (2008) 7E Addendum);
6. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;

Third Evaluation Round

7. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Cyprus (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 9E – Themes I and II)
 - Czech Republic (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 10E – Themes I and II) and
 - Moldova (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 8E – Themes I and II);
8. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Cyprus and Moldova authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 7 above;
9. invited the authorities of the Czech Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;
10. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on
 - Albania (Greco RC-III (2011) 3E)
 - France (Greco RC-III (2011) 1E)
 - Norway (Greco RC-III (2011) 2E)
 - Spain (Greco RC-III (2011) 5E) and
 - Sweden (Greco RC-III (2011) 4E);
11. concluded, as regards the Third Round Compliance Report on Sweden, that the response to the recommendations is “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;

12. in light of the conclusions referred to in decision 11 above, decided to apply Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and asked Sweden 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 October 2011 at the latest, for examination by GRECO at its 53rd plenary meeting;
13. invited the authorities of Albania, France, Norway, Spain and Sweden to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 10 above;
14. adopted the Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on Luxembourg (Greco RC-III (2010) 4E Interim Report) and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of Luxembourg;
15. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Luxembourg authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 14 above;
16. approved the list of rapporteur countries for Third Round Compliance Procedures regarding Croatia, Germany and Ireland (Greco Eval III (2011) 2 Revised);

Fourth Evaluation Round

17. adopted, with amendments made in the light of the debate, the Final Activity Report of the Working Party on the Preparation of the Fourth Evaluation Round (WP-Eval IV) which includes the Questionnaire for the Fourth Evaluation Round and advice of a practical nature (WP-Eval IV (2011) 2E Final);

European Union

18. took note of the exchanges between the Secretariat and DG Home Affairs of the European Commission concerning possible modalities for the participation of the European Union in GRECO (Greco (2011) Misc 1E) and of a related Opinion (Greco (2011) 3E) of the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law (Jurisconsult), and welcomed the perspective of enhanced cooperation;
19. gave a mandate to the President and the Secretariat with a view to continuing and intensifying informal discussions with the European Commission, on the basis of the position expressed by the Bureau at its meeting of 18 March (Greco (2011) 4E), as discussed and adopted at GRECO's 50th Plenary Meeting of 28 March – 1 April 2011;
20. took note of the Commission's Work Programme 2011 (COM(2010) 623 final Vol. II) and stressed that "the establishment of an evaluation mechanism to assess the anti-corruption efforts in the EU" as referred to in the programme must not entail overlap with GRECO's work;
21. stressed, in particular, that the possible participation of the European Union in GRECO should not lead to duality in evaluation procedures within GRECO;

22. invited the European Commission to take account of the position taken by GRECO when elaborating, pursuant to the Stockholm Programme and the related Action Plan, its report to the Council on the modalities for the Union to accede to GRECO;
23. instructed the President and the Secretariat to keep GRECO informed of the outcome of their discussions with the European Commission;

General Activity Report

24. adopted its Eleventh General Activity Report (2010) – including a feature on Sponsorship and corruption – (Greco (2011) 1E Final) and instructed the Secretariat to forward the report to GRECO’s Statutory Committee and to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 1, iii of the Statute;
25. noted that the President would present the Eleventh General Activity Report to the Committee of Ministers on 29 June 2011;
26. invited its members to translate the feature into their national language and to make the chapter available to interested circles;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

27. noted that the Bureau will hold its 57th meeting in Strasbourg on 12 May 2011;
28. decided to hold its 51st Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 23 – 27 May 2011.