Strasbourg, 27 May 2011

51st GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 23 – 27 May 2011)

DECISIONS
At its 51st Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 23 – 27 May 2011), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2011) 8E);

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) 8E);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

3. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Italy (Greco RC-I/II (2011) 1E);

4. invited the authorities of Italy to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;

5. adopted the Addendum to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Ukraine (Greco RC-I/II (2009) 2E Addendum);

6. decided that the additional information Ukraine is asked to submit, by 31 December 2011, under Rule 31, paragraph 9.1 of the Rules of Procedure, will be examined by GRECO at its first plenary meeting in 2012 in a Second Addendum to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report;

7. invited the authorities of Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;

Second Evaluation Round

8. adopted the Addendum to the Second Round Compliance Report on Georgia (Greco RC-II (2008) 9E Addendum);

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

Third Evaluation Round

10. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:

   • Andorra (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 11E – Themes I and II)
   • Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 5E – Themes I and II) and
   • Georgia (Greco Eval III Rep (2010) 12E – Themes I and II);

11. invited the authorities of Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Georgia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 10 above;

12. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on

   • Belgium (Greco RC-III (2011) 6E)
   • Denmark (Greco RC-III (2011) 8E) and
   • Lithuania (Greco RC-III (2011) 7E);
13. concluded, as regards the Third Round Compliance Reports on Belgium and Denmark, that the response to the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;

14. in light of the conclusions referred to in decision 13 above, decided to apply Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and asked Belgium and Denmark to submit a report, pursuant to paragraph 2(i) of that Rule, on the progress in implementing the recommendations, by 30 November 2011 at the latest, for examination by GRECO at its first plenary meeting in 2012;

15. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Lithuania authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 12 above;

16. invited the authorities of Belgium and Denmark to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 12 above;

17. approved the composition of the team in charge of the Joint First and Second round evaluation of Belarus (Greco Eval II (2003) 1 bil. of 20 May 2011);

Participation of the European Union in GRECO

18. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary on developments concerning the participation of the European Union in GRECO;

19. noted in particular that the European Commission’s “anti-corruption package” (which would include a report on the modalities of the European Union’s accession to GRECO) was planned to be released on 6 June 2011;

Budget 2012-2013

20. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary on the preparation of the draft Council of Europe programme and budget in its new biennial format;

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) – work against the manipulation of results

21. noted the participation of GRECO’s President in the Hearing with public authorities, the sports movement and betting operators organised by EPAS on 3 May and his participation in the preparation of the draft recommendation referred to below;

22. took note of the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on promotion of the integrity of sport against manipulation of results notably match-fixing (EPAS (2011) 32rev1 of 12 May 2011) prepared by EPAS;

23. noted that Heads of Delegation had been asked to submit any comments on the draft Recommendation directly to the Secretariat of EPAS by 1 June 2011;

Council of Europe co-operation programmes in the anti-corruption field

24. took note of information provided by the Directorate of Co-operation on capacity building technical cooperation projects in the anti-corruption field;
Calendar of forthcoming meetings

25. noted that the Bureau will hold its 57th meeting in Strasbourg on 9 September 2011;

26. decided to hold its 52nd Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 17 – 21 October 2011.