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52nd GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 17 – 21 October 2011)

DECISIONS

At its 52nd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 17 – 21 October 2011), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2011) 16E);

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) 16E);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

3. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Liechtenstein (Greco Eval I/II Rep (2011) 1E);
4. invited the authorities of Liechtenstein to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;

Third Evaluation Round

5. adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Switzerland (Greco Eval III Rep (2011) 4E – Themes I and II) and
 - Ukraine (Greco Eval III Rep (2011) 1E – Themes I and II);
6. invited the authorities of Switzerland and Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 5 above;
7. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on Malta (Greco RC-III (2011) 11E);
8. invited the authorities of Malta to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;
9. approved the list of rapporteur countries for Third Round Compliance Procedures regarding Greece, Hungary, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Turkey (Greco Eval III (2011) 9E);

Fourth Evaluation Round

10. took note of the draft Programme for the Training Workshop in view of the Fourth Evaluation Round to be held in Andorra la Vella on 9 November 2011 and also noted that the final date fixed for registration is 26 October 2011;
11. noted that, following the Third Evaluation Round chronology, Fourth Round visits would be held in Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom (alphabetical order) in 2012;
12. welcomed the fact that Poland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom would be the first member states to receive evaluation visits in early 2012 and that they agreed to submit replies to the questionnaire by 31 January 2012; visits to Finland, Latvia and a third country yet to be determined would follow during the first half of 2012; the secretariat would, in due course, contact all countries referred to in decision 11 above to make concrete proposals for visit dates;

13. urged delegations which had not yet responded to the secretariat's letter of 26 September to proceed, by 28 October, with the appointment of evaluators for the Fourth Evaluation Round (a maximum of 5 with adequate expertise in the fields of parliamentary assemblies and judicial institutions and their operation);
14. noted in this connection that, at its 53rd Plenary Meeting (5-9 December 2011), GRECO would have to agree on the composition of evaluation teams for the first six on-site visits to be organised during the first half of 2012;
15. noted that GRECO would elect its President, Vice-President and Bureau members for the Fourth Evaluation Round at its 53rd Plenary Meeting;
16. noted that GRECO members were invited to submit in writing to the Executive Secretary their candidature or to nominate candidates, preferably by 25 November, it being understood that in accordance with Rule 5, paragraph 5 of the Rules of Procedure, candidatures could be submitted up to 48 hours before the holding of elections – all candidates would be asked to provide a brief curriculum vitae (1- 2 pages);

Exchanges of views

17. held exchanges of views with :
 - Martin KREUTNER, Chair of the International Transition Team – International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), President of EPAC - European Partners against Corruption ;
 - François BADIE, Head of the *Service central de prévention de la corruption*, delegate in the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (France) ;
 - Cédric VISART DE BOCARMÉ, General Prosecutor of Liège (Belgium), member of the Bureau of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) ;

European Union – Anti-corruption package

18. held an exchange of views on the European Commission's "Anti-corruption package", including the Commission's report on the modalities of European Union participation in GRECO, which was issued on 6 June 2011;
19. expressed the hope that the European Council would authorise the opening of negotiations for European Union participation in GRECO as soon as possible;
20. reiterated, that the participation of the European Union in GRECO should not lead to duality in evaluation procedures within GRECO;

Request for observer status – Organization of American States (OAS)

21. decided unanimously to grant observer status with GRECO to the Organization of American States (OAS);

Request for observer status – International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

22. decided unanimously to grant observer status with GRECO to the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA);

Budget 2012-2013

23. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary on the procedure for the preparation of the programme and budget in its new biennial format;
24. also noted that GRECO's Statutory Committee would take a formal decision on the 2012 budget and a provisional decision on the 2013 budget on 22 November 2011;

Miscellaneous

25. asked the secretariat to prepare a draft revision of Rule 5 "Election of the President and Vice-President" and Rule 7 "Replacement of the President and the Vice-President" of the Rules of Procedure concerning the filling of vacant seats, to be considered by the Bureau with a view to submitting proposals to GRECO 53 (5-9 December) for decision;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

26. noted that the Bureau will hold its 58th meeting either in the margins of the Training Workshop in Andorra on 9 November 2011 or in the first quarter of 2012;
27. decided to hold its 53rd Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg on 5 – 9 December 2011.