Strasbourg, 13 January 2012

**53rd Plenary Meeting of GRECO**
*(Strasbourg, 5 – 9 December 2011)*

**SUMMARY REPORT**
I. Opening of the Meeting

1. The 53rd Plenary Meeting was chaired by Mr Drago KOS (President of GRECO, Slovenia).

2. The President opened the meeting by welcoming all representatives, referring in particular to those who had been newly nominated. This would be the last plenary meeting within his mandate as President of GRECO. Elections for the President, Vice-President and Bureau for GRECO’s Fourth Evaluation Round which would open in January 2012 would be held later in the week (cf. paragraph 29) The list of participants appears in Appendix I.

II. Adoption of the agenda

3. The agenda was adopted as it appears in Appendix II.

III. Information provided by the President, delegations and the Executive Secretary

4. The President first extended his thanks to the authorities of Andorra for hosting the training seminar in preparation of the Fourth Evaluation Round in Andorra la Vella on 9 November 2011. Their hospitality, technical and financial support for the event had been highly appreciated. The seminar had provided some very useful input on the themes to be covered in the new evaluation round.

5. Since the last plenary meeting, there had not been time to hold a formal meeting of the Bureau; members present in Andorra had however had time to consult there on matters of relevance to the present meeting and documents submitted under items 9, 10 and 11 had been approved by written procedure. Finally, the President informed of his participation in the Friends of Europe’s annual European Policy Summit on the Western Balkans (Brussels, 30 November 2011) at which he had presented the anti-corruption activities of the countries in that region from GRECO’s perspective.

6. The President handed the floor to delegations:

i. Bosnia and Herzegovina reported on the establishment of the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption (ACA) responsible, among other things, for coordinating anti-corruption efforts. This initiative stemmed from a second round GRECO recommendation. As the agency was not yet fully operational GRECO, in its decisions, invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure that it is allocated sufficient resources to ensure its proper functioning. Furthermore, the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina provided information on a report established by a post-visa liberalisation monitoring team from Brussels that focused on the fight against corruption and which included descriptions, analyses and recommendations.

ii. Ireland had ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) on 9 November.

iii. The representative of Croatia, in his capacity as Vice-President of GRECO, reported on his participation in the 11th European Partners against Corruption (EPAC)/EACN Annual Professional Conference (and General Assembly) hosted by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Laxenburg, Austria on 22-25 November. He had presented the themes to be dealt with in the Fourth Evaluation Round and had also spoken of the possible modalities for EU participation in GRECO. GRECO representatives from Finland and Romania had
also been present. He had also recently attended, with Mr Georgi RUPCHEV (Bulgaria) a seminar on the fight against corruption organised by the EU in cooperation with the Academy of judges and prosecutors of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.

iv. In **Georgia**, amendments to the Criminal Code addressing all issues raised in the recommendations addressed to Georgia under Theme I (incriminations) of GRECO’s Third Evaluation Round had entered into force. A second set of amendments to the legislation on political parties related to Theme II had been developed in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations and had been submitted to the Parliament and to the Council of Europe’s Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for opinion.

ev. Draft legislation on the liability of legal persons prepared in the **Czech Republic** in order to implement an outstanding second round recommendation from GRECO which would also enable ratification of the UNCAC had passed all readings in parliament and the government but had been vetoed by the President on the grounds that it might be used to avoid prosecuting natural persons. It had been sent back to parliament which voted to pass the law. It would come into force on 1 January 2012. Moreover, it should be noted that one of the parties forming the current governmental coalition was hoping to reintroduce “effective regret” provisions into the criminal law. An analysis of GRECO’s position on this matter had been submitted to inform the debate.

vi. The **Russian Federation** had adopted a law aimed at improving anti-corruption legislation as regards the integrity of public officials, bank secrecy in procedures for supervising declarations of assets and also clarifying the procedures for declarations by members of parliament concerning their assets and potential conflicts of interest.

vii. In **Ukraine** the President had adopted a new anti-corruption Strategy for 2011 – 2015 and the Cabinet had adopted the State Programme for Preventing and Counteracting Corruption 2011 – 2015 to implement the Strategy.

7. The floor was handed to the **Executive Secretary** who provided the plenary with information as follows:

   i. GRECO’s Statutory Committee had met on 22 November. It had elected Mr Petter WILLE, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe as its new Chair and had adopted GRECO’s budget for 2012 and provisionally adopted the budget for 2013 – under the biannual budget process already reported on in the past.

   ii. Confirmation of dates for Fourth Evaluation Round visits in 2012 had been received from Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, the Netherlands and Iceland. Confirmation was awaited from Luxembourg and Slovakia and Sweden would soon receive proposals for the scheduling of on-site visits.

   iii. The Committee of Ministers had adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)10 on promotion of the integrity of sport against manipulation of results, notably match-fixing which contained a general invitation to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) to consider monitoring and/or other follow-up activities, in cooperation with the competent units of the Secretariat. It could also be noted that a feasibility study would be conducted to establish whether it would be appropriate to draw up a convention focusing possibly on match-fixing.
iv. Neighbourhood cooperation with Kazakhstan for 2012 – 2014 was currently being discussed within the Council of Europe. One priority would be the fight against corruption and, in particular, support to the country through capacity building activities which might facilitate its accession to the Criminal and Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173 and 174). He reminded GRECO that an invitation to accede to the conventions from the Committee of Ministers would also be required. Similar priorities for Tunisia and Morocco were being considered and, in that context, the Executive Secretary had suggested that the anti-corruption structures of each country might wish to have an exchange of views with GRECO on the occasion of forthcoming plenary meetings.

v. Recently an expert meeting on ethics and corruption at local and regional level, organised jointly by the European Union Committee of the Regions and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (Brussels, 29 November 2011), had looked into strengthening the role of the Congress in fighting corruption at local level. This initiative had to some extent been inspired by one of the conclusions presented at GRECO’s 10th Anniversary Conference whereby it was stressed that anti-corruption principles applied at national level had to also apply at local and sub-national level. The Congress planned to develop a code of conduct for elected representatives at local and regional level to replace the one dating from 1999.

vi. The Secretariat had also participated in a conference (Belgrade, 24-25 November) on standards of ethics/conduct for parliamentarians, jointly organised by the National Assembly of Serbia and the OSCE/ODIHR, at which the contents of the Questionnaire for the Fourth Evaluation Round were presented. The secretariat had also learned of an ODIHR study on ethics of legislatures which could also be used as a reference source during the fourth round.

vii. Copies were available of a Committee of Ministers decision concerning Council of Europe action in the field of gender equality (1040th meeting – item 4.5) inviting committees and other organs of the Council of Europe to include a gender perspective in their terms of reference and encouraging them to ensure balanced participation of women and men in selection processes. It was interesting to see that the proportion of women nominated to act as evaluators had significantly increased over recent years. Copies were also available of the outcome report of the Consultative Forum of Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecutions of the member States of the European Union, organised by EUROJUST in June 2011, including a summary of the presentation by Mr Søren SCHØNBERG (Member of the Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, Cecilila MALMSTRÖM) about the EU anti-corruption package and prospects for accession to GRECO. At the same meeting, the Executive Secretary had made a presentation focusing on the possible synergies that could be generated through cooperation between GRECO and the European Union. An up-date (now covering 38 evaluations) of the horizontal survey “Political financing: GRECO’s first 22 evaluations” carried out by Mr Yves-Marie DOUBLET (France) would be available early in 2012.

viii. Regarding elections to be held on Friday, candidatures could be submitted up to 48 hours beforehand (orally or in writing) and each candidate would be asked to provide a short curriculum vitae. In addition, bearing in mind the Organisation’s policy on gender equality, the President urged as many female representatives as possible to stand as candidates.
IV. Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

8. A detailed reading of the draft Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on San Marino was carried out by the plenary with the participation of the Evaluation Team which had previously carried out an on-site visit to the country. Following a second reading of a draft revised in the light of the first reading, GRECO adopted the report (Greco Eval I/II Rep (2011) 2E) and San Marino was invited to authorise its publication as soon as possible, in accordance with standing practice.

9. The deadline of 30 June 2013 was fixed for submission of a Situation Report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report.

V. Third Evaluation Round

10. A detailed first reading of the draft Third Round Evaluation Reports scheduled for adoption was carried out by the plenary with the participation of the Evaluation Teams which had previously carried out on-site visits to the countries concerned.

11. Following a second reading, GRECO adopted the Third Round Evaluation Reports on Austria (Greco Eval III Rep (2011) 3E – Themes I and II) and the United States of America (Greco Eval III Rep (2011) 2E – Themes I and II) and invited both countries to authorise publication of the reports addressed to them as soon as possible, in accordance with standing practice.

12. In both cases, the deadline of 30 June 2013 was fixed for submission of Situation Reports on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports.

13. The plenary also examined the draft Third Round Compliance Reports on Croatia, Germany and Ireland. They had been prepared, on the basis of Situation Reports submitted by the authorities of the countries concerned, in consultation with Rapporteurs designated on behalf of Denmark and Montenegro for Croatia, Austria and the Russian Federation for Germany and Latvia and the United Kingdom for Ireland.

14. When adopting the Third Round Compliance Reports on Croatia (Greco RC(III (2011) 12E) and Ireland (Greco RC-III (2011) 10E) GRECO fixed the deadline for providing information on the further implementation of recommendations at 30 June 2013, moreover, it noted with satisfaction that Croatia authorised publication and invited Ireland to do so as soon as possible.

15. When adopting the Third Round Compliance Report on Germany (Greco RC-III (2011) 9E) GRECO concluded that the response to its recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31 (revised), paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure and therefore decided to apply Rule 32, paragraph 2(i), asking the authorities to provide a report on progress made to implement outstanding recommendations by 30 June 2012 at the latest. The authorities of Germany were invited to authorise publication of the compliance report as soon as possible.

16. Furthermore, GRECO adopted the Second Third Round Interim Report on the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-III (2010) 3E Second Interim Report) and the Third Round Interim Compliance Report on Sweden (Greco RC-III (2011) 4E Interim Report). Both assessed the further implementation of recommendations that had been pending at the time of the previous stage in the compliance procedure following the application of Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of GRECO’s Rules of Procedure. They were prepared, in consultation with the responsible rapporteurs, on the basis of information provided by the national authorities.
17. In the case of the Slovak Republic, due to the progress made, GRECO decided to suspend the application of Rule 32.

18. In the case of Sweden, GRECO concluded that that the response to its recommendations under Theme II (Transparency of Party Funding) remained “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31 (revised), paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure and that, in accordance with Rule 32, paragraph 2(ii), a letter would be sent by GRECO’s President to the Head of Delegation, with a copy to the President of the Statutory Committee, drawing attention to the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible.

19. The authorities of the Slovak Republic and Sweden were invited to authorise publication of the interim compliance reports as soon as possible and to provide reports on action taken to implement pending recommendations by 30 September 2012.

20. Finally, as regards Third Round procedures, GRECO adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on Finland (RC-III (2011) 13E) and terminated the third round compliance procedure in respect of that member. The authorisation to publish the report was noted with satisfaction.

21. It is recalled that GRECO invites all members concerned to make a translation of evaluation and compliance reports into the national languages available to the public.

VI. Fourth Evaluation Round

22. The plenary was informed that a CD-Rom containing reference texts for the Fourth Evaluation Round was available – it mirrored the documentation now accessible on GRECO’s website, providing easy access to the individual documents as well as links to them. This set of international standard-setting texts would serve as a basic source of reference for fourth round evaluators.

23. In preparation for the launch of the Fourth Evaluation Round in January 2012, GRECO approved the composition of the teams that would be in charge of the evaluation of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom (document Greco Eval IV (2011) 1bil of 2 December). On-site visits would be carried out during the first half of 2012.

VII. Rules of Procedure

24. GRECO adopted revisions to Rules 5, 7 and 9 of its Rules of Procedure (document Greco (2011) 18E). Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure, the delegation of the United States of America, supported by that of Ireland, had, at the last plenary meeting, proposed that the Rules of Procedure be modified so that posts that might become vacant in the Bureau would not be automatically filled from a reserve list of representatives who had not necessarily received substantial support from the plenary during elections. The Bureau had discussed this, the related question of replacement of the President or Vice-President as well as a simplification of the wording related to the length of the mandates of the President and the Vice-President that implied no change to the length of those mandates which run for the duration of an evaluation round. Its conclusions were

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1 The Third Round Interim Report on Sweden was made public on 13 December 2011.
reflected in the proposed re-draft of Rules 5, 7 and 9 submitted to the plenary in document Greco (2011) 18E. The revisions were adopted by the plenary and the revised Rules of Procedure (Greco (2011) 20E) entered into force on 5 December 2011.

VIII. Programme of Activities for 2012

25. The Executive Secretary presented the draft Programme of Activities for 2012 as approved by the Bureau. Five plenary meetings had been scheduled, adding an additional meeting in May, as it would not have been possible to examine all the reports with adoption deadlines that fell within the first quarter of the year at the March plenary. The length of the March, May and June meetings had been adapted to available budgetary resources. The plan was to return to four plenary meetings in 2013 by which time the Fourth Evaluation Round would be up and running. The first Fourth Round evaluation visits had been scheduled in April 2012 and the resulting evaluation reports would be examined by the plenary in view of their adoption in October – this would allow sufficient time for proper preparation and any necessary discussions of a substantive nature on the new series of reports and recommendations. In this connection, GRECO stressed that the total number of evaluation reports scheduled for adoption in 2012 should not exceed ten, in order to leave sufficient time for the discussion of the first Fourth Evaluation Round reports which were likely to raise a number of challenging issues.

IX. Cooperation with the European Union – latest developments

26. The plenary was informed of a meeting of the Working Party on General Matters including Evaluation (GENVAL) of the Council of the European Union, held in Brussels on 7 December. The format of the meeting had meant that a genuine exchange of views on EU participation in GRECO would apparently not have been feasible, the President and the Executive Secretary had therefore not participated.

27. The Executive Secretary had been informed that the European Commission’s first anti-corruption report would focus on the specific question of public procurement. It would be issued in 2013 and would be followed in 2015 by a second report on a theme yet to be defined. The European Commission had been informed of GRECO’s wish that there be some form of institutional representation of GRECO in the Group of experts on Corruption that had been set up to assist in the preparation of these reports. Finally, the plenary noted that Ms Elena KONCEVIČIŪTĖ, Head of the delegation of Latvia, was among the 17 experts selected to make up the group.

X. Outgoing President

28. The mandate of Drago KOS (Slovenia) as President of GRECO came to a close at the present meeting. He had participated in GRECO since its first Plenary Meeting in 1999 and had first been elected President in 2002. In recognition of his commitment to the Organisation’s values and work, Mr KOS received the Pro Merito Medal of the Council of Europe, a distinction granted by the Secretary General. The award was handed to him by Maud de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General during a small ceremony – her speech, which pays tribute to the impact he has had on GRECO’s reputation and work, is available in Appendix III. More information is available at www.coe.int/greco.
XI. Elections for the Fourth Evaluation Round

29. The plenary was informed of the list of candidates to the presidency, vice-presidency and the Bureau for the duration of the Fourth Evaluation Round which would be launched on 1 January 2012. The elections were carried out by secret ballot, by a majority of the votes cast and in accordance with Rules 5 and 9 of GRECO’s Rules of Procedure as revised on 5 December 2011. The results were as follows:

- Mr Marin MRČELA (Croatia) was elected President
- Mr Christian MANQUET (Austria) was elected Vice-President
- Mr Edmond DUNGA (Albania)
- Ms Helena LIŠUCHOVÁ (Czech Republic)
- Ms Aslan YUSUFOV (Russian Federation)
- Mr Ernst GNAEGI (Switzerland)
- Ms Slagjana TASEVA (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)

were elected members of the Bureau (English alphabetical order of countries).

XII. Miscellaneous

30. The Committee of Ministers had forwarded Resolution 1988 (2011) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on “The underground economy: a threat to democracy, development and the rule of law” for possible comments by 28 February 2012. As the timing would not permit consultation of the plenary, GRECO entrusted its Bureau with preparing and forwarding the comments on its behalf.

XIII. Adoption of decisions

31. The decisions of the 53rd Plenary Meeting were adopted, as they appear in document Greco (2011) 19E.

XIV. Forthcoming meetings

32. GRECO’s 54th Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 20 – 23 March 2012.
APPENDIX I

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting / Ouverture de la réunion 09h30
2. Adoption of the agenda / Adoption de l’ordre du jour
3. Information from the President, Delegations and the Executive Secretary / Informations du Président, des Délégations et du Secrétaire Exécutif
4. First reading of draft Evaluation Reports / Première lecture des projets de Rapports d’Evaluation :
   - San Marino / Saint-Marin (Monday / lundi)
   - United States of America / Etats-Unis d’Amérique (Tuesday / mardi)
   - Austria / Autriche (Wednesday / mercredi)

5. Examination and adoption of the Third Round Compliance Reports on Croatia, Germany and Ireland / Examen et adoption des Rapports de Conformité du Troisième Cycle sur la Croatie, l’Allemagne et l’Irlande


9. Adoption of the Programme of Activities for 2012 / Adoption du Programme d’Activités pour 2012

10. Fourth Evaluation Round – composition of the Teams in charge of the evaluation of Finland, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia, the United Kingdom and ... / Quatrième Cycle d’Evaluation – composition des équipes chargées de l’évaluation la Finlande, la Lettonie, la Pologne, la Slovénie, du Royaume-Uni et de ... 


12. Elections of the President, Vice-President and members of the Bureau for the Fourth Evaluation Round (Friday) / Elections du Président, du Vice-Président et des membres du Bureau pour le Quatrième Cycle d’Evaluation (vendredi)
13. Cooperation with the European Union – latest developments / Coopération avec l’Union Européenne - développements récents

14. **Second reading** and adoption of the draft Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on San Marino (Thursday) and the draft Third Round Evaluation Reports on the United States of America and Austria (Friday) / Deuxième lecture et adoption du projet de Rapport d’Evaluation des Premier et Deuxième Cycles conjoints sur le Saint-Marin (jeudi) et des projets de Rapport d’Evaluation du Troisième Cycle sur les États-Unis d’Amérique et l’Autriche (vendredi)

15. Miscellaneous / Divers

16. Adoption of decisions / Adoption des décisions

17. Dates of next meetings / Dates des prochaines réunions
APPENDIX II

Speech by Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Presentation of the Pro Merito Medal Award to Dragos Kos
(Wednesday 7 December 2011)

Today, the fight against corruption is one of the top priorities of any government.

The Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO)’s success story started in 1999: a visionary peer-to-peer review body entrusted with the monitoring of instruments which, well over a decade after their elaboration, have not lost momentum and are considered a reference in the field.

You, Mr Kos, were among the pioneers of this initiative: in 1999, you were elected Vice-Chairman of GRECO at one of its very first meetings.

In 2002, you became Chairman of GRECO – under your energetic Chairmanship GRECO has become a trademark of excellence of this Organisation and a model for other monitoring mechanisms in-house and elsewhere.

It has also grown in membership, from 34 to 49 State parties.

Under your leadership, GRECO has started monitoring new areas to prevent and deter corruption, such as party financing, which has attracted notable public interest.

Mr Kos, your own experience and tenacity in fighting corruption in your country, both as Head of the Organised Crime Section of the Police, as well as the first elected President of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption in Slovenia have awarded you broad recognition at the national and international levels.

But you are not only effectively fighting corruption, you are also a former referee.

I have been told that when you were refereeing in your home town you often carried both a whistle and a walky-talky so that you could communicate with your colleague officers as Head of the Organised Crime Section of the Police. In case of an emergency, you would leave the field in order to deal with criminals.

As a former referee you also contributed actively to the ongoing work of the Council of Europe in fighting against match-fixing.

Last but not least, you are used to obtaining medals. I know that you have been awarded several medals for swimming.

This time, it is an honour and privilege for me to present to you one more medal, the Pro Merito Medal of the Council of Europe.