56th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 20 - 22 June 2012)

DECISIONS
At its 56th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 20 - 22 June 2012), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the Meeting (Greco (2012) 15E);

Information

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

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

3. adopted the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Belarus (Greco Eval I-II Rep (2011) 3E);
4. invited the authorities of Belarus 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 Austria (Greco RC-I/II (2010) 1E Addendum) and terminated the joint first and second round compliance procedure in respect of that member;
6. invited the authorities of Austria to authorise as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;

Third Evaluation Round

7. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:
   - Greece (Greco RC-III (2012) 10E) and
   - Hungary (Greco RC-III (2012) 3E);
8. concluded, in the case of Greece, that the response to the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
9. decided to apply Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 2(i) of that rule, asked the Head of Delegation of Greece to submit a report by 31 December 2012 on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations;
10. invited the authorities of Greece and Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 7 above;
11. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Reports on:
   - Luxembourg (Greco RC-III (2012) 8E)
   - the Netherlands (Greco RC-III (2012) 9E) and
   - the United Kingdom (Greco RC-III (2012) 7E);
12. with the adoption of the reports on Luxembourg and the United Kingdom under decision 11 above, terminated the third round compliance procedure in respect of those members;
13. concluded, in the case of the Netherlands, that the response to the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;

14. decided to apply Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 2(i) of that rule, asked the Head of Delegation of the Netherlands to submit a report by 31 December 2012 on progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations;

15. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Luxembourg authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;

16. invited the authorities of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 11 above;

Gender equality policy of the Council of Europe

17. held a Tour de table: “Gender and Corruption – An issue for GRECO?”;

18. appointed Helena LÎŠUCHOVÁ (Head of delegation and Bureau member, Czech Republic) to act as its Gender Rapporteur as advocated in the context of the Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality;

Transparency International

19. held an exchange of views with representatives of Transparency International (TI);

Rules of Procedure

20. asked the Bureau to prepare, in light of the discussions at the present meeting concerning document Greco (2012) 12E, a new revision of Rule 32 of its Rules of Procedure for consideration by GRECO at its 57th Plenary Meeting (October 2012);

Recommendation 1997 (2012) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – “The need to combat match-fixing”

21. adopted comments (Greco (2012) 13E) on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1997 (2012) and instructed the Secretariat to forward them to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Cooperation with the European Union

22. took note of recent developments;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

23. noted that, following an invitation from the authorities of the Czech Republic, the Bureau would hold its 61st Meeting in Prague on 14 September 2012;

24. noted that the 57th Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 15 – 19 October 2012.