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58th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 3 – 7 December 2012)

DECISIONS

At its 58th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 3 – 7 December 2012), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the Meeting (Greco (2012) 27E);

Information

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

Fourth Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Estonia (Greco Eval IV Rep (2012) 5E) and
 - Latvia (Greco Eval IV Rep (2012) 3E);
4. invited the authorities of Estonia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Latvia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 3 above;
6. approved the composition of the teams in charge of the Fourth Round evaluation of Albania, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Malta, Norway, Spain, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (Greco Eval IV (2012) 12 and 13);

Third Evaluation Round

7. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Armenia (Greco RC-III (2012) 21E)
 - Montenegro (Greco RC-III (2012) 17E) and
 - Romania (Greco RC-III (2012) 18E)and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 30 June 2014 in all three cases;
8. invited the authorities of Montenegro and Romania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 7 above;
9. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Armenia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 7 above;
10. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Portugal (Greco RC-III (2012) 20E)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations was "globally unsatisfactory" in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
11. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Portugal to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 June 2013 at the latest;

12. invited the authorities of Portugal to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 10 above;
13. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Poland (Greco RC-III (2012) 19E)and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Poland to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 30 September 2013 at the latest;
14. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Poland authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;
15. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-III (2012) 23E);and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
16. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of the Slovak Republic to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 June 2013 at the latest;
17. invited the authorities of the Slovak Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 15 above;
18. adopted the Second Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on:
 - Sweden (Greco RC-III (2012) 22E – Second Interim report)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations was “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
19. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Sweden to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 September 2013 at the latest;
20. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (ii) c) of the Rules of Procedure, invited the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to send a letter on the level of non-compliance with the recommendations to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden;
21. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Sweden authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 18 above;
22. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the Third round compliance procedure regarding Georgia (Greco Eval III (2012) 4 – Eng. only);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

23. adopted the Addenda to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Reports on:
- Monaco (Greco RC-I/II (2010) 3E Addendum) and
 - the Russian Federation (Greco RC-I/II (2010) 2E Addendum)
- and terminated the joint first and second round compliance procedure in respect of both members;
24. invited the authorities of the Russian Federation to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 23 above;
25. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Monaco authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 23 above;

Publication of adopted reports

26. reminded its members of recent decisions concerning visibility of their work in GRECO and, notably, the following actions to be taken when publishing adopted reports:
- agree a same-day publication date with the Secretariat
 - clearly mark both the date of adoption and date of publication on the cover page
 - make the national language version available and easily accessible on a domestic website
 - notify the Secretariat of the location of the report by communicating the internet link to it and
 - include a link on the domestic website to the official language versions on GRECO's website;

Gender equality policy of the Council of Europe

27. welcomed the report "Gender dimensions of corruption" (Greco (2012) 24F) prepared by its Gender Equality Rapporteur, Helena LIŠUCHOVÁ, which concludes that the gender dimensions of corruption need to be further elucidated in the European context and that it makes sense for GRECO to continue to monitor gender as part of its anti-corruption agenda and its commitment to promote gender equality;
28. invited all delegations to send their replies – data related to a period covering the last 2 to 3 years - to the questionnaire in Appendix A of the report to the Secretariat by 30 June 2013;

Exchanges of views

29. took note of the postponement of the planned exchange of views with Abdelmalek SAYAH, Director General and Saleh MEDJOUR, Studies Director, Cooperation Officer, Central Office for the Suppression of Corruption of Algeria;
30. took note of the postponement of the planned exchange of views with Alfonso ZARDI, Head of Democracy, Institution-building and Governance Department, Directorate of Democratic Governance, Culture and Diversity of the Council of Europe;

Programme of Activities 2013

31. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2013 as it appears in document Greco (2012) 21E Final;

Cooperation with the European Union

32. held an exchange of views on the European Commission Communication on Participation of the European Union in GRECO (COM(2012)604 final) and felt that it was premature to take a formal position on the proposals contained in the Communication;

Miscellaneous

33. invited all delegations to send to the Secretariat of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), by 7 January 2012, their replies to the CDPC questionnaire on the feasibility of an Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 173) which could expand the scope of application of its provisions to the private non-profit sector, notably sport (cf. e-mail of 16 November 2012 from GRECO's Secretariat);
34. noted that due to the Organisation's new system for reimbursing experts' travel and subsistence expenses, reimbursement requests had to be processed before each meeting:
 - scanned copies of tickets and invoices must reach the Secretariat as early as possible and, at the latest, one week before the meeting
 - if the above deadline is not respected, advance payments and reimbursement by cheque on the last day of the meeting will not be possible and expenses will be reimbursed by bank transfer;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

35. noted that the Bureau would hold its 63rd Meeting in Strasbourg on 15 February 2013;
36. noted that the 59th Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 18 – 22 March 2013.