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Greco (2013) 5E

59th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 18 – 22 March 2013)

DECISIONS

At its 59th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 18 – 22 March 2013), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the Meeting (Greco (2013) 6E);

Information and topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

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:
 - Finland (Greco Eval IV Rep (2012) 6E) and
 - Iceland (Greco Eval IV Rep (2012) 8E);
4. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Finland and Iceland authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 3 above;

Third Evaluation Round

5. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Cyprus (Greco RC-III (2012) 24E) and
 - the Republic of Moldova (Greco RC-III (2013) 2E)and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 30 September 2014 in both cases;
6. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Moldova authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;
7. invited the authorities of Cyprus to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;
8. adopted the Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - the Czech Republic (Greco RC-III (2013) 1E)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;
9. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of the Czech Republic to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 September 2013 at the latest;
10. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Czech Republic authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;

11. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Norway (Greco RC-III (2013) 5E)and terminated the third round compliance procedure in respect of that member;
12. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Norway authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;
13. adopted the Second Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - France (Greco RC-III (2013) 3E)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;
14. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of France to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 September 2013 at the latest;
15. invited the authorities of France to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;
16. adopted the Third Round *Interim* Compliance Report on:
 - Slovenia (Greco RC-III (2013) 4E – Interim report)and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remained “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
17. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Slovenia to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 31 December 2013 at the latest;
18. 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 Slovenia;
19. invited the authorities of Slovenia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 16 above;
20. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the third round compliance procedures regarding Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Switzerland and Ukraine (Greco Eval III (2013) 1 – Eng. only);

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

21. adopted the Third Addendum to the joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on:
 - Ukraine (Greco RC-I/II (2009) 1E 3rd Addendum)and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9.1 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Ukraine to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 31 December 2013 at the latest;
22. invited the authorities of Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 21 above;
23. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the joint first and second round compliance procedures regarding Belarus, Liechtenstein and San Marino (Greco Eval I/II (2013) 1 – Eng. only);

Publication of adopted reports

24. reminded its members of the action to be taken when publishing adopted reports in order to ensure visibility of their work in GRECO (cf. GRECO 58, decision 26);

Exchanges of views

25. held an exchange of views with Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe and welcomed his commitment to placing the fight against corruption among the top political priorities of the Organisation;
26. held an exchange of views with Elin FALGUERA, Programme Officer, Political parties team, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA);
27. held an exchange of views with Alfonso ZARDI, Head of Democratic Institutions and Governance Department, Democratic Governance Directorate of the Council of Europe;

General Activity Report

28. adopted its Thirteenth General Activity Report – 2012 (Greco (2013) 1E Final) which includes a thematic article entitled “Lobbying and Corruption”, by Yves-Marie DOUBLET, Deputy Director, National Assembly (France);
29. instructed the Secretariat to forward the report to GRECO’s Statutory Committee and to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 1, iii of the Statute and noted that the President would be invited to present the report at the 1173rd meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (12 June 2013);
30. invited its members to translate the thematic article into their national languages and to make it available to the public;

Recommendation 2011 (2013) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – “Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour”

31. adopted comments (Greco (2013) 4E Final) on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2011 (2013) and instructed the Secretariat to forward them to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Election for the Fourth Evaluation Round - Bureau

32. elected by secret ballot Vita HABJAN (Slovenia) to the vacant seat in the Bureau;

Cooperation with the European Union (EU)

33. took note of the information provided, on behalf of the Irish Presidency of the European Union, by the Head of the Delegation of Ireland in GRECO and expressed the hope that the European Commission and the European Council would soon agree on the way forward in respect of EU participation in GRECO;

Calendar of forthcoming meetings

34. noted that, following an invitation from the authorities of the Russian Federation, the Bureau would hold its 64th Meeting in Moscow on 17 May 2013;
35. noted that the 60th Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 17 – 21 June 2013.