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Greco (2014) 4E

63rd GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 24-28 March 2014)

DECISIONS

At its 63rd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 24-28 March 2014), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2014) 5E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting), with reference, in particular, to the discussions held at the 66th Meeting of the Bureau (Greco (2014) 3E);

Fourth Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:
 - Albania (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 9E)
 - Belgium (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 8E)
 - Denmark (Greco Eval IV Rep (2013) 6E);
4. set the deadline of 30 September 2015 for the submission of Situation Reports on measures taken to implement the recommendations contained in the reports mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. invited the authorities of Albania, Belgium and Denmark to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 3 above;

Third Evaluation Round

6. adopted the Third Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Austria (Greco RC-III (2013) 26E)
 - the United States of America (Greco RC-III (2014) 6E)and fixed the deadline for providing additional information on the implementation of recommendations at 30 September 2015;
7. invited the authorities of Austria and the United States of America to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 6 above;
8. adopted the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Turkey (Greco RC-III (2013) 27E)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 Turkey to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2014 at the latest;
10. invited the authorities of Turkey to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;

11. adopted the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Greco RC-III (2014) 2E)and terminated the Third Round compliance procedure in respect of that member;
12. invited the authorities of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 11 above;
13. adopted the Addendum to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Latvia (Greco RC-III (2014) 3E)
 - Slovenia (Greco RC-III (2014) 5E)and terminated the Third Round compliance procedure in respect of both members;
14. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Latvia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;
15. invited the authorities of Slovenia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

16. adopted the 4th Addendum to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on:
 - Ukraine (Greco RC-I/II (2009) 1E 4th 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 pending recommendations by 31 January 2015 at the latest;
17. invited the authorities of Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 16 above;

Publication of adopted reports

18. 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);¹

Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

19. took note of the information provided by Delegations, including information from the first countries evaluated in the Fourth Round on initiatives taken and difficulties met in the implementation of recommendations (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);

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- 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
- include a link on the domestic website to the official language versions on GRECO’s website.

General Activity Report

20. adopted its Fourteenth General Activity Report – 2013 (Greco (2014) 1E Final) which includes a thematic article entitled “Gender Dimensions of Corruption”;
21. 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 1203rd meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (18 June 2014);
22. invited its members to translate the thematic article, into their national languages and to make it available to the public;

Gender Dimensions of Corruption

23. welcomed the follow-up to the Prague Conference on Gender Dimensions of Corruption (13 December 2013) proposed by its Gender Rapporteur (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);
24. urged its members who had not already done so to forward their replies to the questionnaire “Corruption and Gender: Data Questionnaire” (document Greco (2012) 24E);

European Union (EU) participation in GRECO

25. held an exchange of views with Mr Reinhard PRIEBE, Director “Internal Security” and Ms Anabela GAGO, Head of Unit, DG Home Affairs, European Commission;
26. welcomed the European Commission’s engagement in the fight against corruption and that the first EU Anti-Corruption Report (published 3 February 2014) recognises that the Council of Europe’s anti-corruption standards play an important role in terms of setting the reference for assessment, draws extensively on GRECO’s findings and aims to promote implementation of GRECO recommendations;
27. notes with satisfaction that measures are being taken by the European Commission to allow full accession of the EU to GRECO in the future and hopes that work on a negotiating mandate will proceed swiftly;
28. expressed its willingness to pursue ad hoc cooperation with the European Commission pending formal accession ;

Forthcoming meetings

29. took note of the draft Programme of the **Conference on Strengthening the capacity of parliamentarians, judges and prosecutors to prevent corruption in their own ranks: emerging trends from two years of GRECO Round IV evaluations**, to be held under the auspices of the Austrian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and jointly organised by the Ministry of Justice of Austria, the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and GRECO, with additional financial support from the Government of Monaco, that will be held in Laxenburg (Austria) on 10-11 April 2014;
30. noted that the Bureau would hold its 68th Meeting in Strasbourg on 23 May 2014;
31. noted that the 64th Plenary Meeting would be held in Strasbourg on 16-20 June 2014.