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66th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 8-12 December 2014)

DECISIONS

At its 66th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 8-12 December 2014), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2014) 18E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary, referring, in particular, to the discussions held at the 70th Meeting of the Bureau (Greco (2014) 16F) and by its Gender Equality Rapporteur and the Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);

Fourth Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:

- Lithuania (Greco Eval IV Rep (2014) 5E)
- Malta (Greco Eval IV Rep (2014) 4E)

and set the deadline of 30 June 2016 for the submission of Situation Reports on measures taken to implement the recommendations contained in the reports;

4. invited the authorities of Lithuania and Malta to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 3 above;
5. adopted the Fourth Round Compliance Reports on:
 - Poland (Greco RC-IV (2014) 1E)
 - Slovenia (Greco RC-IV (2014) 2E)
 - the United Kingdom (Greco RC-IV (2014) 3E) ;
6. in the case of Poland and the United Kingdom, set the deadline of 30 June 2016 for the submission of Situation Reports on additional measures taken to implement the recommendations ;
7. in the case of Slovenia, concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations is “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure, and, pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i), requested the Head of Delegation to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 June 2015 at the latest;
8. invited the authorities of Poland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 5 above;
9. approved the list of rapporteur countries for the Fourth Round compliance procedures in respect of Albania, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Norway, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Greco Eval IV (2014) 13);

Third Evaluation Round

10. adopted the 2nd Third Round Compliance Reports on:

- Armenia (Greco RC-III (2014) 26E)
- Montenegro (Greco RC-III (2014) 17E)
- Romania (Greco RC-III (2014) 22E)

and terminated the Third Round compliance procedure in respect of Armenia and Montenegro;

11. in the case of Romania, concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations is "globally unsatisfactory" in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure and pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i), requested the Head of the Delegation of Romania to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 June 2015 at the latest;

12. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Armenia authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 10 above;

13. invited the authorities of Montenegro and Romania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 10 above;

14. adopted the Addendum to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:

- the Netherlands (Greco RC-III (2014) 27E)

terminated the Third Round compliance procedure in respect of that member and took note of the authorities' intention to report to a future Plenary (under Item 4) on any further progress related to the implementation of on-going reforms in the field of political financing, including at local level;

15. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Netherlands authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 14 above;

16. adopted the 4th *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Sweden (Greco RC-III (2014) 30E)

and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;

17. in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 8.2 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Sweden to submit additional information regarding action taken to implement the recommendations by 30 September 2015 at the latest;

18. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Sweden authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 16 above;

19. adopted the 2nd *Interim* Third Round Compliance Reports on:
- the Czech Republic (Greco RC-III (2014) 28E)
 - France (Greco RC-III (2014) 29E)
- and concluded, in both cases, 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;
20. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Heads of Delegation of the Czech Republic and France to provide reports on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2015 at the latest;
21. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (ii) b) of the Rules of Procedure, invited the President of the Statutory Committee to send letters on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible, to the Permanent Representatives to the Council of Europe of the Czech Republic and France;
22. invited the authorities of France and the Czech Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 19 above;
23. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
- Turkey (Greco RC-III (2014) 24E)
- 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;
24. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2(i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation of Turkey to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2015 at the latest;
25. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (ii) a) of the Rules of Procedure, instructed its President to send a letter – with a copy to the President of the Statutory Committee – to the Head of Delegation of Turkey on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;
26. invited the authorities of Turkey to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 23 above;
27. approved the composition of the evaluation teams responsible for the Third Round evaluations of Belarus, Liechtenstein, San Marino (Greco Eval III (2014) 1);

Publication of adopted reports

28. 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

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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.

Preparation of the Fifth Evaluation Round – 1st open discussion

29. held an open discussion on the Fifth Evaluation Round and instructed the Secretariat to reflect it in an up-date of the document “Fifth Evaluation Round Thematic Options” (Greco (2014) Misc 2E Revised) for the next Bureau meeting (Bureau 71, February 2015) and in view of a further discussion at the next Plenary meeting (GRECO 67, March 2015);

Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

30. took note of the information provided by Delegations (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting – Item 4 of the Agenda);
31. • noted with concern the update provided by the Latvian Delegation regarding recent developments in Latvia and the possible dismantling of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB);
- noted that no response from the government of Latvia had yet been provided to the letter regarding this matter sent by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Prime Minister, on 3 November 2014;
 - stressed that, in the framework of GRECO’s Fourth Evaluation Round, a specific recommendation has been made to Latvia to strengthen the independence of the KNAB, in order to ensure that it can exercise its functions in an independent and impartial manner – GRECO will assess compliance with this recommendation at its next plenary meeting (GRECO 67, March 2015);

Presentation

32. took note of the presentation by the delegation of Norway on the country’s experience with GRECO’s recommendations on political party funding (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting)

Programme of Activities 2015

33. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2015 (Greco (2014) 15E Final);

Miscellaneous

34. took note of the statement made by the President on the occasion of International Anti-corruption Day (9 December);
35. took note of the Resolution on Corruption in Sport adopted by the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (18 September 2014) transmitted to GRECO by the Committee of Ministers (1213th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies, 26 November 2014) for information and for it to take account of it in its future work;

Forthcoming meetings

36. noted that, at the invitation of the authorities of Slovenia, the Bureau will hold its 71st Meeting in Ljubljana on 20 February 2015;
37. noted that the 67th Plenary Meeting will be held in Strasbourg on 23-27 March 2015.