

Strasbourg, 27 March 2015

Greco (2015) 4E

67th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 23-27 March 2015)

DECISIONS

At its 67th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 23-27 March 2015), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2015) 5E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary, referring, in particular, to the discussions held at the 71st Meeting of the Bureau (Greco (2015) 3E) (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);

Fourth Evaluation Round

3. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:

- Bulgaria (Greco Eval IV Rep (2014) 7E)
- Hungary (Greco Eval IV Rep (2014) 10E)

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

4. invited the authorities of Bulgaria and Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 3 above;

5. adopted the Fourth Round Compliance Reports on:

- Estonia (Greco RC-IV (2015) 1E)
- Finland (Greco RC-IV (2015) 4E)
- Iceland (Greco RC-IV (2015) 3E)
- Latvia (Greco RC-IV (2015) 2E);

6. in the case of Estonia and Finland, set the deadline of 30 September 2016 for the submission of Situation Reports on additional measures taken to implement the recommendations;

7. in the case of Iceland and Latvia, 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 Heads of the Delegations of Iceland and Latvia to provide a report on progress in implementing the recommendations by 30 September 2015 at the latest;

8. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of Iceland authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 5 above;

9. invited the authorities of Estonia, Finland and Latvia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 5 above;

Third Evaluation Round

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

- Cyprus (Greco RC-III (2015) 1E)
- the Republic of Moldova (Greco RC-III (2015) 3E)
- Portugal (Greco RC-III (2015) 2E);

11. in the case of Cyprus, 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 September 2015 at the latest;
12. in the case of the Republic of Moldova and Portugal, requested the Heads of delegation to submit, by 31 December 2015 at the latest, additional information regarding the implementation of certain recommendations, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure;
13. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and Portugal authorise the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 10 above;
14. invited the authorities of Cyprus to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 10 above;

Publication of adopted reports

15. 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
16. urged the authorities of Belarus to lift the confidentiality of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report (adopted in June 2012) and the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report (adopted in June 2014) on Belarus;
17. recalled that, pursuant to Rule 34, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure, a Summary of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report on Belarus had been published by GRECO on 3 February 2014;
18. adopted, pursuant to Rule 34, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure, a Summary of the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on Belarus and decided that the summary will be made public on 27 May 2015 if the authorities do not authorise publication of the entire report by that date;

Preparation of the Fifth Evaluation Round – 2nd open discussion

19. held a second open discussion on the basis of an inventory of possible thematic options for the Fifth Evaluation Round (Greco (2015) Misc 1E Revised) submitted by Bureau 71;
20. instructed the secretariat to submit to Bureau 72 and then to GRECO 68 (June 2015) an update of the inventory that takes account of the views expressed at the present plenary meeting;
21. decided to hold a *tour de table* at GRECO 68 (June 2015 - date and time to be specified on the draft Agenda) to hear the proposals and opinions of all delegations – who are encouraged to submit written proposals to the secretariat by 1 June so they can be distributed to all delegations in advance;

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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.

22. agreed to take a final decision on the theme, and on the mandate and composition of a working party to prepare the draft questionnaire and other proposals related to the Fifth Evaluation Round, by end 2015 (GRECO 69 in October or GRECO 70 in December);

Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

23. took note of the information provided by Delegations (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting – Item 4 of the Agenda);

General Activity Report

24. adopted its Fifteenth General Activity Report – 2014 (Greco (2015) 1E Final) which will include a thematic article entitled “Corruption in Sport – Manipulation of Sports Competitions” submitted by Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
25. 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 1231st meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (17 June 2015);
26. invited its members to translate the thematic article, into their national languages and to make it available to the public;

Exchange of views

27. held an exchange of views with Robert SATTLER, Director, General Secretariat of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI);
28. noted Mr SATTLER’s views on possible areas of common interest to GRECO and INTOSAI (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);

Corruption in sport

29. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) concerning the results and follow-up to be given to the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);
30. noted that it would be informed of any anti-corruption issues raised in the context of implementation of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (CETS n° 2015) and that GRECO experts would be invited to be associated with activities that have anti-corruption and good governance components organised in pursuance of the resolutions adopted by the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport;

Forthcoming meetings

31. noted that, at the invitation of the authorities of Croatia, the Bureau will hold its 72nd Meeting in Zagreb on 22 May 2015;
32. noted that the 68th Plenary Meeting will be held in Strasbourg on 15-19 June 2015.