

Strasbourg, 16 October 2015

Greco (2015) 17E

69th GRECO Plenary Meeting
(Strasbourg, 12-16 October 2015)

DECISIONS

At its 69th Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 12-16 October 2015), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2015) 18E);

Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President and the Executive Secretary (cf. the Summary Report of the meeting);
3. took note of the list of items discussed and decisions taken by Bureau 73 (Greco (2015) 16E) and, in that context, also took note of the President's reminder of the policy whereby requests made by an evaluation team for meetings with civil society representatives should be taken into account by the authorities in the programme of an on-site visit, and the authorities are to leave the room during those meetings;

Fourth Evaluation Round

4. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:

- Armenia (Greco Eval IV Rep (2015) 1E) and
- Turkey (Greco Eval IV Rep (2015) 3E)

and set the deadline of 30 April 2017 for the submission of Situation Reports on measures taken to implement the recommendations contained in the reports;

5. invited the authorities of Armenia and Turkey to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 4 above;

6. adopted the Fourth Round Compliance Reports on:

- the Slovak Republic (Greco RC-IV (2015) 7E) and
- Sweden (Greco RC-IV (2015) 9E)

and set the deadline of 30 April 2017 for the submission of situation reports on additional measures taken to implement the recommendations;

7. invited the authorities of Sweden and the Slovak Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 6 above;

8. adopted the *Interim* Fourth Round Compliance Report on

- Slovenia (Greco RC-IV (2015) 8E)

and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remains "globally unsatisfactory" in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;

9. in accordance with Rule 32, paragraph 2 (i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the head of delegation of Slovenia to provide a report on the action taken to implement the pending recommendations by 31 July 2016 at the latest;

10. 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 Slovenia on the need to take determined action with a view to achieving tangible progress as soon as possible;

11. invited the authorities of Slovenia to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;
12. approved the composition of the evaluation teams responsible for the Fourth Round evaluations of Andorra, Austria, Georgia, Italy, Monaco, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United States of America (Greco Eval IV (2015) 6-rev);

Third Evaluation Round

13. adopted the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Andorra (Greco RC-III (2015) 12E)
14. requested the head of delegation to submit, by 31 July 2016 at the latest, additional information regarding the implementation of certain recommendations, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure;
15. invited the authorities of Andorra to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;
16. adopted the Addendum to the 2nd Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Hungary (Greco RC-III (2015) 11E)and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of delegation of Hungary to submit additional information regarding the implementation of certain recommendations by 31 July 2016 at the latest;
17. invited the authorities of Hungary to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 16 above;
18. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Romania (Greco RC-III (2015) 13E)and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;
19. in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the head of delegation of Romania to submit additional information regarding action taken to implement certain recommendations by 31 July 2016 at the latest;
20. invited the authorities of Romania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 18 above;
21. adopted the 2nd *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Malta (Greco RC-III (2015) 15E)and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;
22. in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the head of delegation of Malta to submit additional information regarding action taken to implement certain recommendations by 31 July 2016 at the latest;

23. invited the authorities of Malta to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 21 above;
24. adopted the 4th *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
 - Denmark (Greco RC-III (2015) 14E)
 and concluded that the level of compliance with the recommendations remains “globally unsatisfactory” in the meaning of Rule 31, paragraph 8.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
25. in accordance with Rule 32, paragraph 2 (i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of the Delegation of Denmark to provide a report on progress in implementing the pending recommendations by 31 July 2016 at the latest;
26. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (iii) of the Rules of Procedure, requested that the authorities of Denmark receive a high-level mission in order to discuss on the spot with all stakeholders concerned ways to expedite the recommended legislative and policy changes highlighted by the report mentioned in decision 24 above;
27. invited the authorities of Denmark to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 24 above;

Joint First and Second Evaluation Rounds

28. adopted the Addendum to the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report on:
 - Liechtenstein (Greco RC-I/II (2013) 1E Addendum);
29. in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9.1 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the head of delegation to submit additional information on pending recommendations by 31 July 2016 at the latest;
30. invited the authorities of Liechtenstein to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 28 above;

Publication of adopted reports

31. reminded its members of the action to be taken when publishing adopted reports in order to ensure visibility of their work in GRECO (as specified in decision 26, GRECO 58) and noted in particular the importance of agreeing a same-day publication date with the Secretariat;¹
32. noted the President’s call on the authorities of Belarus and Greece to authorise, with no further delay, the publication of the Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report (adopted in June 2012), the Joint First and Second Round Compliance Report (adopted in June 2014) and the *Interim* Compliance Report from the same round (adopted in June 2015) on **Belarus**, as well as the Fourth Round Evaluation Report (adopted in June 2015)² and the 3rd *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report (adopted in June 2015) on **Greece**;

¹ - 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.

² Authorisation to publish was given on 12 October.

Fifth Evaluation Round

33. decided, with reference to the options proposed by Bureau 73 (Greco (2015) 15E), that the theme of the Fifth Evaluation Round will be:

Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies

34. agreed that the decision on the mandate and composition of the working party to prepare the draft questionnaire and other proposals related to the Fifth Evaluation Round will be taken, on the basis of proposals to be prepared by the Bureau, at the 70th Plenary Meeting (30 November – 4 December 2015);

Recommendation 2073(2015) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – Improving the protection of whistle-blowers

35. adopted comments (Greco (2015) 13E-fin) on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2073(2015) and instructed the Secretariat to forward them to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

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

Round-table

37. held a round-table on *Gender dimensions of the Fourth Evaluation Round – Follow-up to the 2013 Prague Conference*, with the participation of the following speakers:
- Philippe BOILLAT, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
 - Matthias KOPETZKY, Chair of Anti-Crime-Working-Group, Institute of Internal Auditors – IIA Austria, Institute for Internal Revision, Austria
 - Helena LIŠUCHOVÁ, Director, International Co-operation and EU Department, Ministry of Justice, Czech Republic, member of GRECO's Bureau, GRECO's Gender Equality Rapporteur
 - Sonja ROBNIK, Ministry for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia
 - Melanie SULLY, Director, Institute for Go-Governance, Professor of Political Science, Austria
 - Aksel SUNDSTRÖM, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Forthcoming meetings

38. noted that the Bureau will hold its 74th Meeting in Strasbourg on 29 October 2015;
39. noted that the 70th Plenary Meeting will be held in Strasbourg on 30 November - 4 December 2015.