

Strasbourg, 4 December 2015

Greco (2015) 22E

**70<sup>th</sup> GRECO Plenary Meeting**  
(Strasbourg, 30 November – 4 December 2015)

**DECISIONS**

At its 70<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 30 November – 4 December 2015), the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO):

1. adopted the agenda as it appears in the Summary Report of the meeting (Greco (2015) 23E);

#### Information

2. took note of the information provided by the President, the Vice-President, delegates, the Director - Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, 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 74 (Greco (2015) 21E);

#### Fourth Evaluation Round

4. adopted the Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on:
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina (Greco Eval IV Rep (2015) 2E)
  - Portugal (Greco Eval IV Rep (2015) 5E)
  - Romania (Greco Eval IV Rep (2015) 4E)

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

5. invited the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Portugal and Romania to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 4 above;

#### Third Evaluation Round

6. adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Ukraine (Greco RC-III (2015) 22E)

and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 30 September 2016 at the latest;

7. invited the authorities of Ukraine to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 6 above;

8. adopted the Addendum to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Azerbaijan (Greco RC-III (2015) 20E)

and, in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation to submit additional information regarding the implementation of recommendations by 30 September 2016 at the latest;

9. invited the authorities of Azerbaijan to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 8 above;

10. adopted the Addendums to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Third Round Compliance Reports on:

- Bulgaria (Greco RC-III (2015) 10E)
- Republic of Moldova (Greco RC-III (2015) 8E)
- Spain (Greco RC-III (2015) 16E – 2<sup>nd</sup> Addendum)

and terminated the Third Round compliance procedure in respect of those three members;

11. noted with satisfaction that the authorities of the Republic of Moldova authorise the publication of the report mentioned in decision 10 above;

12. invited the authorities of Bulgaria and Spain to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the reports mentioned in decision 10 above;

13. adopted the *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Cyprus (Greco RC-III (2015) 21E)

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;

14. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation of Cyprus to provide a report on progress made in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2016 at the latest;

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

16. invited the authorities of Cyprus to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 13 above;

17. adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:

- Turkey (Greco RC-III (2015) 17E)

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;

18. 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 made in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2016 at the latest;

19. in accordance with paragraph 2 (ii) b) of Rule 32, invited the President of the Statutory Committee to send a letter to the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the Council of Europe on the level of non-compliance with GRECO’s recommendations;

20. invited the authorities of Turkey to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 17 above;

21. adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
- the Czech Republic (Greco RC-III (2015) 18E)
- 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;
22. pursuant to Rule 32, paragraph 2 (i) of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation of the Czech Republic to provide a report on progress made in implementing the pending recommendations by 30 September 2016 at the latest;
23. in accordance with paragraph 2 (ii) c) of Rule 32, invited the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to send a letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on that member’s non-compliance with GRECO’s recommendations and the need to take firm action to achieve tangible progress as soon as possible;
24. invited the authorities of the Czech Republic to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 21 above;
25. adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> *Interim* Third Round Compliance Report on:
- France (Greco RC-III (2015) 19E)
- and decided not to continue applying Rule 32 in the case of that member;
26. in accordance with Rule 31, paragraph 9 of the Rules of Procedure, requested the Head of Delegation of France to submit additional information regarding action taken to implement certain recommendations by 30 September 2016 at the latest;
27. invited the authorities of France to authorise, as soon as possible, the publication of the report mentioned in decision 25 above;

#### 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 (as specified in decision 26, GRECO 58) and noted in particular the importance of agreeing a same-day publication date with the Secretariat;<sup>1</sup>
29. noted the President’s call on the authorities concerned to authorise, with no further delay, the publication of the following reports:
- Joint First and Second Round Evaluation Report (adopted June 2012), Compliance Report (adopted June 2014) and *Interim* Compliance Report (adopted June 2015) on Belarus

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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.

- Fourth Round Evaluation Reports on Armenia and Turkey (adopted October 2015)
- *Interim* Third Round Compliance Reports on Malta<sup>2</sup> and Romania (adopted October 2015)
- Fourth Round Compliance Report on Sweden (adopted October 2015)
- *Interim* Fourth Round Compliance Report on Slovenia (adopted October 2015);

#### Fifth Evaluation Round

30. adopted the mandate of the working party (WP-Eval V) to prepare the draft questionnaire and other proposals related to the Fifth Evaluation Round on *Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies*, and decided how it will be composed (Greco (2015)19E-fin);
31. decided that WP-Eval V will report to the Plenary on the following before continuing its preparatory work:
  - the law enforcement agencies and top executive functions to be included in the scope of the evaluations
  - the standards and texts of reference
  - the extent to which the questionnaires from previous evaluation rounds might serve as the basis for the draft questionnaire for the Fifth Evaluation Round;

#### Programme of Activities 2016

32. adopted its Programme of Activities for 2016 (Greco (2015) 20E-fin);
33. noted that the deadlines for situation reports in Fourth Round non-compliance procedures will in future be extended to 12 months;
34. noted that where the examination of compliance reports needs to be postponed to ensure a feasible agenda for plenary meetings the Secretariat will agree – with the members concerned – appropriate new deadlines for situation reports;

#### Topical anti-corruption developments/events in member States

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

#### Forthcoming meetings

36. noted that the Bureau will hold its 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Prague on 12 February 2016;
37. noted that the 71<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting will be held in Strasbourg on 14-18 March 2016.

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<sup>2</sup> The authorities of Malta authorised the publication on 3 December 2015.