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## **CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

### **Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198)**

**17th Plenary Meeting  
Strasbourg, 04-05 November 2025**

## **LIST OF DECISIONS**

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At its seventeen meeting (Strasbourg/online, 04-05 November 2025), chaired by Ms Oxana GISCA (President of the Conference of the Parties, Republic of Moldova), the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Council of Europe's Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS no. 198, hereafter "the Convention"):

1. heard the welcoming remarks of Ms Hanne Juncher, Director of the Security, Integrity and Rule of Law Directorate, who emphasized the Convention's ongoing relevance and its outreach. She underlined the importance of the COP's monitoring function and noted the growing interest from non-member states to join the Warsaw Convention, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. She encouraged State Parties to continue contributing to this important Council of Europe workstream;
2. adopted the agenda and order of business of the meeting as amended in terms of the timing of several items during day 2;
3. took note of the information provided by the President who emphasized important developments since the last plenary meeting. In accordance with the decision taken at the 16th Plenary meeting, the President informed the Plenary that she led online consultations in May 2025 with Armenia, Serbia, North Macedonia, Türkiye, and the Russian Federation, aimed at conveying high-level messages and supporting progress on the implementation of Articles 11 and 14, and Article 25 (2–3). The authorities of the respective countries provided updates on their legislative processes and domestic measures to address the outstanding requirements of these provisions. The President also informed the Plenary of other COP activities since the last meeting. In addition to the regular publication of horizontal reviews and follow-up reports, the COP participated in the Egmont Plenary Meeting (Luxembourg, 6–11 July 2025), where it organised a targeted workshop on asset recovery, together with the COP Scientific Expert and the Secretariat, and with contributions from Latvia, the United Kingdom, and Aruba. The workshop examined the added value of CETS No.198 in the global AML/CFT and asset recovery framework, and was attended by FIUs, non-member states, and international organisations including the IMF and the FATF;
4. took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary regarding the COP's activities/achievements since the 16th plenary in terms of outreach and technical assistance to non-Council of Europe member states, which aspired to join the Convention;
5. took note of the information provided by the President on the Committee of Minister's decision on the request by Kazakhstan to be invited to sign and ratify the Warsaw Convention. Namely, the Plenary was informed that, at its 1524th meeting (2 April 2025), the Committee of Ministers agreed to invite Kazakhstan to accede to the Warsaw Convention, with the decision valid for five years and subject to financial contribution under CM/Res(2022)6. She noted that no further action has yet been reported by Kazakhstan and encouraged the country to proceed with accession;
6. heard an update from the representatives of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom which extended the application of the Convention to their respective territories of Curaçao and Gibraltar;

7. took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on changes to the declarations and reservations since the 16th plenary meeting, and update provided by Slovenia as regards to their reservation to article 3(4);
8. took note of information provided by Latvia, Italy, Montenegro, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom on recent legislative developments, major cases of co-operation among States Parties and asset confiscation and management practices, and invited State Parties to continue supporting the implementation of the Convention through similar activities in the future and inform the plenary on these developments;
9. examined the UK Crown Dependency of Jersey's implementation of the Convention under thematic monitoring review, pursuant to Article 19bis of the Rules of Procedure, and adopted the report as amended during the plenary discussion;
10. examined the UK Crown Dependency of Isle of Man's implementation of the Convention under thematic monitoring review, pursuant to Article 19bis of the Rules of Procedure, and adopted the report as amended during the plenary discussion;
11. took note of the presentation by Mr Cornel-Virgiliu Călinescu (Romania), Chair of PC-RAC, on the draft Additional Protocol to CETS No.198 and its main advances, including new forms of confiscation, strengthened access to information and urgent powers for AROs. The COP expressed appreciation for the work carried out, including by the COP scientific experts following the process, and noted broad support from delegations for the text as agreed by the PC-RAC;
12. heard presentations of new candidates for the elections of the Bureau member, and decided to re-elect Ms Oxana Gisca (Republic of Moldova) as President and Ms Claudia Elion as Vice-President (the Netherlands), and elected Ms Branka Glojnaric (Slovenia), Mr Dainis Vebers (Latvia), and Mr Ian McDonald (UK), as Bureau members;
13. adopted the follow-up report prepared by the Secretariat on articles 11, 25 (2 and 3), and 14 and took into account the updates and discussions regarding one or more of these articles by Armenia, North Macedonia, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Türkiye; decided to introduce some modification in the report in relation to the Russian Federation (articles 11 and 14), and adopted the follow-up report as amended; decided to take additional measures involving sending a letter from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
14. adopted the follow-up report on articles 7(2(c)) and 19(1), and decided to adopt the report with modifications to be included in respect of Austria and Türkiye. Invited Spain to provide additional information based on the country's intervention during the plenary, with a view to amend the report at the next plenary meeting;
15. adopted the follow-up report on article 3(4), and decided to adopt the report with modifications as agreed during the plenary in respect of Spain;
16. reviewed the 2024-2026 Objectives & priority actions and decided to entrust the Bureau and the secretariat to propose possible changes in the RoPs in relation to follow up reports. Agreed to invite Gibraltar and Curaçao to consider being the next jurisdictions to undergo thematic monitoring reviews. Alternatively, review of the existing thematic monitoring review would be made and this decision would be entrusted to the Bureau

once feedback is received from Gibraltar and Curaçao; decided to ask the secretariat and scientific experts to prepare the Interpretative Note on Article 7(2c) of the Convention; took note of the presentation on the awareness raising activities in relation to the Warsaw Convention by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division of the Council of Europe;

17. heard presentations of cases and jurisprudence from Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, the COP and the Council of Europe scientific experts on the practical implementation of Article 10 regarding corporate liability;
18. took note of the presentation by the FATF Secretariat on the recently adopted Asset Recovery Guidance, and key areas to which the COP experts provided inputs;
19. took note that no other businesses and issues were raised by delegations;
20. decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg in 2026;
21. adopted the list of decisions.