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LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe
Convention on the protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse

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List of decisions

35th meeting (remote)

Venue: KUDO platform

30 November – 3 December 2021

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 7 March 2022

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 35th meeting remotely on the KUDO platform on 30 November – 3 December 2021.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

In the context of the evaluation procedure on “The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs): addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos”:

2. Decided to retain the recommendation¹ requiring the criminalisation of the possession by adults of “child pornography”, notwithstanding the Russian Federation’s request to delete it.
3. Agreed that last additional information, seeking to demonstrate compliance with the recommendations of the draft implementation report requiring or requesting Parties to act, could be submitted to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) at the very latest by **10 December 2021**, to enable it to integrate them in the draft report in due time prior to its adoption scheduled during its 36th meeting (22-25 February 2022).

In the context of the compliance procedure on “Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse”:

4. Adopted compliance reports concerning Recommendations R12 on prosecution of offenders and R15 on information and advice to children, after having agreed on some modifications.
5. Agreed that draft compliance reports concerning Recommendations R11 on protection to child victims and R37 on a coordinated approach between responsible agencies, as well as the drafts concerning Recommendations R7 on mechanisms for data collection, R13 on coordination and collaboration of different actors and R31 on child-friendly proceedings will be considered at its 36th meeting (22-25 February 2022) in view of their adoption.
6. Agreed that additional information seeking to demonstrate compliance with these Recommendations (R7, R11, R13, R31 and R37) could be submitted to the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int) at the very latest by **10 December 2021**.

¹ Recommendation R I-5, working document T-ES(2020)23_en rev.2 of 15 November 2021.

With regard to the draft report prepared by civil society representatives on “Contribution to the Implementation of the Lanzarote Convention and Engagement with the Lanzarote Committee: A civil society perspective”:

7. Agreed to examine the final version of this report acknowledging its contribution to the reflection on suggestions to strengthen the effectiveness of the Lanzarote Convention monitoring mechanism and procedure.

As to capacity building work

8. Agreed to pursue its reflection on the recommendations of the report on “[Respecting human rights and the rule of law when using automated technology to detect online child sexual exploitation and abuse](#)” at a forthcoming meeting, in light of the Bureau’s reflection on them as decided during its 34th meeting (4-7 October 2021, see [list of decisions paras 27-29](#)).

9. Agreed that it would be interesting to be informed at a further meeting about the #ReDirection project of [Protect Children Finland](#).

As to procedural matters

10. Decided to pursue the examination of the suggested amendments to its Rules of Procedure during its 36th meeting (22-25 February 2022) bearing in mind that only the following points were agreed upon during the current meeting:

- When a Party nominates a representative pursuant to Rule 2.1§2, it shall strive, insofar as possible, and within the limit of what is compatible with the representative's national duties, to nominate that representative for a term of office of at least two years;
- The terms of office of the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson (Rule 3§1) and that of the members of the Bureau (Rule 4§2) shall be of two years, renewable once (thus no longer of one year renewable once);
- The members of the Bureau may be up to five in addition to the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson (Rule 4§1 - no longer up to three).

11. Adopted this list of decisions.