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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

39th meeting

Venue: Strasbourg / hybrid

26 – 28 September 2023

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 28 September 2023

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 39th meeting on 26-28 September 2023 in Strasbourg and on the KUDO platform.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2. Concerning the [urgent questions](#) addressed to the Russian Federation under Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure on Special reports and urgent situations regarding the protection against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of Ukrainian children unlawfully transferred or deported to the Russian Federation or to the areas temporarily controlled or occupied by it, adopted a [Statement](#) deploring the lack of an appropriate response from the Russian Federation and urging it to co-operate fully in conformity with its obligations as a Party to the Lanzarote Convention.
3. As regards the modalities and the timeline for the assessment of State Party replies to the [thematic questionnaire](#) on legal frameworks in the context of its new monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (due by 10 October 2023), agreed that draft chapters of the implementation report would be prepared by rapporteurs from among the Committee members, participants and observers with assistance from the Secretariat and, where need be, independent experts according to the draft schedule included in Appendix I.
4. Agreed that submissions from non-governmental organisations and other relevant professionals replying to the thematic questionnaire or complementing State Parties’ responses should be received by the Secretariat by 10 December 2023.
5. Agreed that contributions from child consultations on their understanding of the notion of “circle of trust” should be received by the Secretariat by 29 March 2024.
6. Entrusted the Secretariat to amend the draft Survey of data on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse updating the 2010 CDPC survey on prevalence of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, (working document T-ES(2023)11) and to commence work on defining potential indicators to be used in the context of data collection.
7. Agreed to consider, in the context of the draft Survey on data (working document T-ES(2023)11), information that EUROPOL offered to try to gather on NCMEC CyberTips.

As to capacity building work, exchange of information, experiences and good practices

8. Agreed to maintain the practice of the tour de table of the members to inform the Committee about any recent changes in the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse at national level that illustrate the impact of its recommendations and decisions.
9. As regards the Committee's future work on statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children (working document T-ES(2023)12), instructed the Secretariat to prepare the first draft of a future guidance note or another similar document for examination by the Committee at its 40th plenary meeting scheduled for 28-30 November 2023.
10. As to the legal age for sexual activities, agreed to postpone the examination of and decisions on document T-ES(2023)13 to its 40th plenary meeting scheduled for 28-30 November 2023.
11. Agreed that the theme of the capacity building event and European Day 2024 will focus on emerging technologies, threats and opportunities for the prevention and protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.
12. Subject to resources available, agreed that Parties interested in developing a [Country Overview on "Ending Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: State-of-Play in light of the Lanzarote Convention"](#) inform the Secretariat (lanzarote.committee@coe.int).
13. Subject to resources available, agreed to use the Country factsheets based on its 2nd monitoring round implementation report on [Addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos](#) to hold working meetings to identify concrete options to advance the implementation of its recommendations.
14. Agreed to continue promoting the implementation of Barnahus and other multi-disciplinary inter-agency child-friendly models for victims of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

As to procedural matters

15. Appointed as representatives of the Lanzarote Committee: Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) to the Committee of Experts on Combatting technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO, jointly with CDPC) with Ms Jana LOVŠIN, (Slovenia) as substitute representative, and Artur DEGTEARIOV (Republic of Moldova) as representative to the Consultation Group of Children of Ukraine (CGU).

Other business

16. Welcomed the submission of an application for membership to the WeProtect Global Alliance by the Council of Europe.

Dates of the next meetings

- **40th meeting:** 28-30 November 2023 (Strasbourg and online)
- **41st meeting:** 13-15 February 2024 (Strasbourg)
- **42nd meeting:** 28-31 May 2024 (date and venue TBC)
- **43rd meeting:** 13-15 November 2024 (Strasbourg)

Appendix I

Monitoring of the circle of trust legal framework timeline

Meeting	41st Meeting (13-15/02/2024)	42nd Meeting (28-31/05/2024)	43rd Meeting (13-15/11/2024)	44th Meeting (2025)
Questions & themes	Questions 1-6 and 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key notions (Q1) • Victim's age (Q2) • Scope of offence (Q3 and 4) • Ex officio prosecution (Q5) • Measures in respect of children who sexually offend and children displaying risky and harmful sexual behaviour (Q6) • Guarantees of protection for persons reporting suspected offences (Q10) 	Questions 7-9, 11- 12 and 17-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child victims' rights to protection and parental rights (Q7, 8, and 9) • Assistance to third parties (Q11 and 12) • Support for child victims in investigative and judicial proceedings (Q17 and 18) 	Questions 13-16, and 19-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of offenders (Q13) • Measures in respect of professionals and legal persons (Q14) • Special representatives (Q15 and 16) • Investigation (Q19) • Judicial proceedings (Q20) 	Examination of preliminary draft full report
Rapporteur	Q1: Q2: Q3: Q4: Q5: Q6: Q10:	Q7: Q8: Q9: Q11: Q12: Q17: Q18:	Q13: Q14: Q15: Q16: Q19: Q20:	