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8 December 2023

## **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**

#### **40<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Venue: Strasbourg / hybrid**

28-30 November 2023

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 22 December 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 40<sup>th</sup> meeting on 28-30 November 2023 in Strasbourg and on the ZOOM platform.

**During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:**

1. Adopted its agenda.

***As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention***

2. Entrusted<sup>1</sup> the Secretariat to prepare first elements of analysis on the [replies](#) and additional information received with respect to Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 of the [thematic questionnaire on legal frameworks](#) to enable the Rapporteurs for these questions<sup>2</sup> to present preliminary observations during the 41<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting (13-15 February 2024).
3. Entrusted the Secretariat to prepare concept notes setting out suggestions as to:
  - the next thematic questionnaires to evaluate policies and strategies in place to protect children from sexual abuse in the circle of trust, including by zooming on specific dimensions of the circle of trust;
  - the different steps to examine compliance with recommendations addressed to Parties in the context of the monitoring round on challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
4. Concerning the revised draft survey on data updating the 2010 CDPC survey on prevalence of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (working document T-ES(2023)11 rev.):
  - decided to continue working on Part I of the draft document to gather information from State Parties about what data is collected and how and not to ask Parties to submit statistical data at this stage (i.e. the questions in Part II);
  - instructed the Secretariat to revise the document accordingly and submit it for written comments to [lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int) by 31 December 2023 in view of its adoption at its next plenary meeting (13-15 February 2024).

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<sup>1</sup> Note that this is the result of an agreement between the Rapporteurs and the Secretariat that was made at the end of the meeting.

<sup>2</sup> The Rapporteurs for this first set of questions are:

- question 1 Ms LOVŠIN (Slovenia);
- questions 2 and 3 Ms DOSZPOTH (Hungary);
- question 4 Ms RYAN-ROUGER (Missing Children Europe);
- questions 5 and 6 Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal);
- question 10 Mrs MUSCAT (Malta).

5. Decided to invite the following countries and organisations to present examples of data collection at a future meeting: Italy, UNODC, EUROSTAT, and CAN via MDS.

***As regards capacity building, exchange of information, experiences and good practices***

6. Following the discussion and agreement on the content of the draft document on Article 33 of the Convention concerning statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children (working document T-ES(2023)20):

- instructed the Secretariat to prepare for its next meeting (13-15 February 2024) a draft opinion on statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children based on working document T-ES(2023)20;
- agreed that those Parties having asked to still submit written comments on working document T-ES(2023)20 could send them to [lanzarote.committee@coe.int](mailto:lanzarote.committee@coe.int) by 22 December 2023.

7. Following the discussion and agreement on the suggested lines of action outlined in the concept note on the Committee's possible future work on the legal age for sexual activities (working document T-ES(2023)13), instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft opinion for examination by the Committee at a forthcoming plenary meeting.

8. Following the [European Day on Learning from victims/survivors of childhood sexual violence to inspire policy change](#), invited the panellists and independent experts to continue to share with the Committee relevant research reports and data linked to these issues.

9. Following the presentation of draft guidelines for policy makers on engaging with victims and survivors to inspire policy change, recognised that policy makers may benefit from engaging with victims and survivors and looked forward to receiving the finalised guidelines.

10. Agreed to continue to exchange information on progress in the negotiations of the [proposal for an EU Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse](#) and in the review of EU Directive 2011/93 and that of other relevant Directives (e.g. the one on Victims), and to be informed of the outcome results, if any, at its next plenary meetings.

11. Welcomed the information provided by Mexico, a participant State, stating that statutes of limitations have been abolished for sexual offences against children and plans have been made to ratify the Lanzarote Convention in 2024.

12. Welcomed the information provided by the representative of the Kingdom of Morocco's National Council for Human Rights, in particular the news concerning the possible completion in 2024 of the accession procedure to the Lanzarote Convention by the Kingdom of Morocco.

***Other business***

13. Welcomed the approval of the Council of Europe's application for membership to the WeProtect Global Alliance.

***As to procedural matters***

14. Decided to grant observer status to the [Global Collaborative](#).

15. Adopted this list of decisions.

**Dates of the next meetings**

- **41<sup>st</sup> meeting:** 13-15 February 2024 (Strasbourg)
- **42<sup>nd</sup> meeting:** 11-13 June (Strasbourg)
- **43<sup>rd</sup> meeting:** 4 days end of October/early November (exact dates and venue tbc **subject to venue of capacity building event**)