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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

41st meeting

Venue: Strasbourg

13-15 February 2024

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 6 March 2024

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 41st meeting on 13-15 February 2024 in Strasbourg.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.
2. Welcomed the up-dated version of its workplan for 2024-2025 (working document T-ES(2024)04) and agreed that own core activities/deadlines should be highlighted in a different colour for ease of reference.

As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

3. Took note of the preliminary analysis presented by Rapporteurs concerning replies received from State Parties and additional information received from civil society representatives in relation to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 of the [thematic questionnaire](#) on legal frameworks in the context of the Committee’s third monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust and agreed to continue examining the remaining questions using the same methodology at the next meetings (See Appendix, point 2).
4. Agreed with the modalities and indicative timeline outlined in the concept note (working document T-ES(2024)01) with regard to the next phase of the current monitoring round and entrusted the Secretariat to prepare a questionnaire on policies and strategies for consideration by the Committee at its 42nd meeting (11-13 June 2024) (see Appendix, point 3).
5. Agreed with the modalities and indicative timeline outlined in the concept note (working document T-ES(2024)02) with regard to the methodology for the assessment of State Parties’ compliance with the 2nd monitoring round recommendations (see Appendix, point 4) concerning the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos and entrusted the Secretariat to insert boxes in the 2nd monitoring round country factsheets to highlight where information on follow-up measures taken or changes occurred may be inserted.
6. Having agreed on further amendments, adopted the Survey of data collection mechanisms regarding child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and agreed that replies to it should be sent by 5 June 2024 to lanzarote.committee@coe.int.

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

7. Having considered the draft opinion on statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children with its explanatory note (working document T-ES(2023)20_rev), decided to resume its examination at its next meeting and instructed the Secretariat to include in the document any proposed amendments submitted by 8 March 2024 to lanzarote.committee@coe.int.
8. Agreed to continue the exchange of information with the Secretariat of the Budapest Convention Committee on progress of the negotiations of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee ([UN AHC](#)) to elaborate a comprehensive international Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, took note of progress made in the negotiations to date and that the next meeting of the AHC is likely to take place in July 2024.
9. Agreed to continue the exchange of information with the Secretariat of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence ([CAI](#)) and took note of progress made in the negotiations to date.
10. Agreed to continue the exchange of information with the Secretariat of the Steering Committee for Media and Information Society ([CDMSI](#)) and took note of the report “The Metaverse and its impact on Human Rights, Rule of Law and Democracy” ([abridged report](#)).
11. Agreed to invite the European Commission to present, at its next meeting, the preparatory works, the impact assessment and the different provisions of the proposed recast of Directive 2011/93/EU on combatting the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material (recast). ([Draft text](#))

As to procedural matters

12. Elected by acclamation Philippe OLIVIER (France) as Vice-Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee to complete the term of office of Svitlana ILCHUK (Ukraine) following her change of duties.
13. Decided to adopt ad referendum the Lanzarote Committee’s 8th Activity Report covering the period 3 February 2023 to 15 February 2024.
14. Decided to adopt ad referendum this list of decisions.

Appendix

Next meeting dates and monitoring procedures indicative timeline

1. Dates of the next meetings

- **42nd meeting:** 11-13 June (Strasbourg)
- **43rd meeting:** 12-15 November 2024 (if in Strasbourg, otherwise exact dates and venue tbc)

2. Timeline for the analysis of replies to the questionnaire [“Protecting children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: legal frameworks”](#)

Meeting	41 st meeting (13-15/02/2024)	42 nd meeting (11-13/06/2024)	43 rd meeting (12-15/11/2024)	44 th 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, and 11- 16 <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) • Monitoring of offenders (Q13) • Monitoring of offenders (Q14) • Special representatives (Q15 and 16) 	Questions 17-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for child victims in investigative and judicial proceedings (Q17 and 18) • Investigation (Q19) • Judicial proceedings (Q20) 	Examination of preliminary draft full report

3. Indicative timeline for the continuation of the monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust

41 st meeting (13-15 February 2024)	Agreement on the methodology for the next questionnaire to assess the policies and strategies in place to protect children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust, with an emphasis on specific dimensions of the circle of trust.
42 nd meeting (11-13 June 2024)	Discussion/adoption of draft questionnaire to be addressed to State Parties
End of October 2024	Deadline for State Parties to submit information
First quarter of 2025	Deadline for other relevant stakeholders to submit additional information
Second and third quarters of 2025	Analysis of information submitted
Fourth quarter of 2025/ First quarter of 2026	Adoption of implementation report(s)

4. Indicative timeline for the compliance procedure concerning the 2nd monitoring round and its [implementation report 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](#)

41 st meeting (13-15 February 2024)	Agreement on the methodology for the compliance procedure
October 2024	Secretariat to share adapted factsheets with State Parties including boxes where Parties may insert their responses and comments with regard to the recommendations
March 2025	Deadline for State Parties to submit information to demonstrate compliance with relevant recommendations
Second and third quarters of 2025	Analysis of information submitted by State Parties
Fourth quarter of 2025/ First quarter of 2026	Adoption of compliance report