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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

43rd meeting

Venue: Vienna

6-8 November 2024

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 8 November 2024

The Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (“the Lanzarote Committee”) held its 43rd meeting on 6-8 November in Vienna.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2. Took note of the preliminary analysis presented by rapporteurs concerning replies received from Parties and additional information received from representatives of civil society in relation to questions 17, 18, 19 and 20 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 reply to the requests for additional information and to submit comments on the presentations, if any, by 20 November 2024.

3. Took note of an update by the Secretariat concerning the next stages of the current monitoring round and agreed to proceed in accordance with the timeline set out in the Appendix to this list of decisions.

4. Took note of the preliminary analysis of the 32 responses received from Parties to the [Survey](#) of data collection mechanisms regarding child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, agreed to continue examining the responses provided to the survey at its next meeting in 2025 and decided to dedicate the capacity building activities in 2025 to continue working on strengthening capacities for data collection.

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

5. As a follow-up to its capacity building event on “Emerging technologies: threats and opportunities for the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” on 5 November 2024, adopted a [Declaration](#) on protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by emerging technologies (T-ES(2024)09_en final), decided to publish the Declaration during the meeting and bring it to the attention of the Global Ministerial conference on ending violence against children (Bogota, 7-8 November 2024).

6. Took note of the Secretariat’s proposal to prepare a concept note on the possibility of initiating reflection on the use of the term “survivor”.

7. Took note that the negotiations of the United Nations Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes have been finalised, agreed to continue following the progress of this instrument and to initiate reflection on the relationship between the Lanzarote Convention and the various instruments proposed at international level.

8. Decided that the theme of the 2025 edition of the 18 November Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse would be related to the Committee's work on data collection.

9. Agreed to postpone to its next plenary meeting the discussion on the follow-up to be provided to the report "Civil Society's Perspectives on Implementation of the Lanzarote Convention" (T-ES(2024)10_en).

As to the election of its Bureau

10. Re-elected by acclamation, for a second term of office (two years):

- Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) as Chairperson;
- Philippe OLIVIER (France) as Vice-Chairperson;
- Jana LOVŠIN (Slovenia), Páll MAGNÚSSON (Iceland) and George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) as members of the Committee's Bureau.

11. Elected by acclamation Kristina STEPANOVA (Lithuania) and Jelena GRDNIĆ (Montenegro) for a first term of office (two years) as members of the Committee's Bureau.

As to the appointment of Lanzarote Committee representatives and substitutes

12. Appointed:

- Kristina STEPANOVA (Lithuania) as its representative at the Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU);
- Lorna MUSCAT (Malta) as its representative and Stevan POPOVIĆ (Serbia) as a substitute representative at the Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE);
- Syuzanna MAKYAN (Armenia) as its representative and Iván BUJDOS (Hungary) as a substitute representative at the Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS).

Other procedural matters

13. Agreed, in accordance with Rule 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure, to the participation of a representative of Chile at its 44th plenary meeting.

14. Decided to adopt this list of decisions.

Appendix

Dates of the next meetings and indicative timeline for the continuation of the monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust

1. Dates of the next meetings

- **44th meeting:** 4-6 March 2025 in Strasbourg, France
- **45th meeting:** June/July 2025 (date and location TBC)
- **46th meeting:** 18-21 November 2025 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

2. 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.
44 th meeting (4-6 March 2025)	Discussion/adoption of a draft policy frameworks questionnaire to be addressed to State Parties Examination of the legal frameworks implementation report
45 th meeting (June/July 2025)	Continued (if necessary) examination and adoption of the legal frameworks implementation report
September 2025	Deadline for State Parties to submit information on policy frameworks
November 2025	Deadline for other relevant stakeholders to submit additional information on policy frameworks
46 th meeting (18-21 November 2025)	Preliminary information on replies submitted to the policy frameworks questionnaire
47 th meeting (February/March 2026)	Analysis of replies submitted to the policy frameworks questionnaire
48 th meeting (June 2026)	Continued analysis of replies submitted to the policy frameworks questionnaire
49 th meeting (October/November 2026)	Examination and possible adoption of the policy frameworks implementation report