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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**

**45<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Venue: Sliema (Malta)**

2-3 July 2025

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 3 July 2025

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 45<sup>th</sup> meeting on 2-3 July 2025 in Sliema (Malta).

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

1. Adopted its agenda.

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

2. Adopted the implementation report on data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (T-ES(2025)02).
3. Adopted the implementation report on legal frameworks for the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (T-ES(2025)01) and decided to defer its publication until the autumn.
4. Decided, in the context of chapter 3 of the implementation report on legal frameworks for the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (Harmful sexual behaviours), to explore the possibility of future work by the Committee on the use of restorative justice and mediation in cases of harmful sexual behaviours among children.
5. Decided, in the context of chapter 7 of the implementation report on legal frameworks for the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (Measures following criminal proceedings), and with reference to Paragraph 12 of the [Final Declaration](#) adopted at the Informal Conference of Ministers on 1 July 2025,<sup>1</sup> to explore the possibility of future work by the Committee on the monitoring and supervision of offenders convicted of child sexual exploitation or sexual abuse.
6. Took note of the update by the Secretariat on the state of play of the compliance procedure concerning the recommendations issued in the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs and agreed to proceed in accordance with the methodology proposed by the Secretariat.

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

7. As regards the follow-up to the Informal Conference of Ministers on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention, agreed to

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<sup>1</sup> “(12) Strengthen the implementation of the Convention by further combatting impunity, promoting the prompt, thorough and effective investigation and prosecution of offenders, preventing re-offending and reinforcing accountability”.

hold an exchange on the follow-up to paragraph 25 of the [Final Declaration](#)<sup>2</sup> during its 46<sup>th</sup> meeting on 18-21 November 2025 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova.

8. Following an exchange with Mama Fatima SINGHATEH, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, took note of the information provided and agreed to continue the exchange of information and co-operation with the Special Rapporteur.

9. Following an exchange with Iain DRENNAN, Executive Director, WeProtect Global Alliance, took note of the information provided and agreed to continue the exchange of information and co-operation with WeProtect Global Alliance.

10. Following an exchange with Anton Toni KLANČNIK, EUROPOL, took note of the information provided and agreed to continue the exchange of information and co-operation with EUROPOL.

#### ***Other procedural matters***

11. Appointed Magdalena BOCHIŃSKA (Poland) as representative in the Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS) and Maria-José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) as substitute representative.

12. Appointed Matthew MCVARISH (Brave Movement) as substitute Gender Equality Rapporteur.

13. Appointed Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium) as rapporteur on the Review of the Council of Europe Guidelines on Child-friendly Justice.

#### ***Any other business***

14. Decided that additional information provided in the context of the exchanges of information would be provided in the meeting report.

15. Decided to adopt this list of decisions.

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<sup>2</sup> “(25) Ensure the Lanzarote Convention remains a living and forward-looking instrument addressing both current and evolving issues, with a view of upholding children’s protection in the context of an accelerating digital transformation”.

## Appendix I

### Dates of the next plenary meetings

- **46<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting:** 18-21 November 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
- **47<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting:** 24-26 March 2026, Strasbourg, France
- **48<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting:** 9-11 June 2026, Strasbourg, France (TBC)
- **49<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting:** 17-19 November 2026, Strasbourg, France (TBC)