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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

List of decisions

49th meeting

Open of the meeting: Tuesday 17 November 2026, 09:30
Close of the meeting: Thursday 19 November 2026, 16:00

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 49th meeting on 17-19 November 2026 in Strasbourg (France).

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

   As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2. Examined a draft implementation report on "Screening of professionals, volunteers and other persons in contact with children" (working document T-ES(2026)16_en), agreed to provide any additional information or comments to the Secretariat by 11 December 2026, and instructed the working group along with the Bureau and the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft of the report ahead of the 50th plenary meeting (16-18 March 2027) for a second reading with a view to adoption.

3. As a follow-up to its thematic exchange on child sexual exploitation, agreed to dedicate the next monitoring round to child sexual exploitation in and for prostitution, and agreed to form a working group to prepare a draft monitoring questionnaire for examination at the 50th plenary meeting, with a view to launching a new monitoring round at its 51st plenary meeting (3-4 June 2027).

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

4. As regards follow-up to the Final Declaration of the informal conference of ministers (1 July 2025, Malta), agreed to provide any written comments on the draft feasibility study on a possible protocol to the Lanzarote Convention (T-ES-WG(2026)02_en) by 4 December 2026 and entrusted the working group to revise the study with a view to submitting it to the Committee for possible adoption at its 50th plenary meeting.

5. Endorsed the thematic priorities identified for the joint conference that will be organised under the Kingdom of the Netherlands Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, by the Council of Europe and the WeProtect Global Alliance on 1-2 June 2027, in Strasbourg.

6. Welcomed the launch of the Journalism Handbook on Ethical Reporting on Sexual Violence against Children and agreed to continue translating and disseminating it.

As to the election of its Bureau

7. Elected by acclamation:

   - Páll MAGNÚSSON (Iceland) for a first term as Chair;
   - Kristina STEPANOVA (Lithuania) for a first term as Vice-Chair;
   - Jeyran RAHMATULLAYEVA (Azerbaijan) for a first term as member of the Bureau;
   - Satu SISTONEN (Finland) for a first term as member of the Bureau;
   - Alexia DE ROCQUIGNY (France) for a second term as member of the Bureau;
   - Tatiana URSU (Republic of Moldova) for a first term as member of the Bureau;
   - Moez MAHMOUDI (Tunisia) for a first term as member of the Bureau.

Procedural matters

8. Adopted this list of decisions.

Any other business

9. Agreed to admit a representative of Chile and the National Rapporteur for Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants of Curaçao as *ad hoc* observers to the meeting.

10. Acknowledged and thanked Professor Caroline Taylor, co-founder of the Brave Movement, for her contributions to the Lanzarote Committee's work over the years.

11. As a follow-up to the Lanzarote Committee's participation and side event at the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) in October 2026, agreed to invite Sabrina Gahar, ACERWC Chair, to participate in the 51st Plenary meeting of the Lanzarote Committee (3–4 June 2027).

Dates of the next plenary meetings

- 50th plenary meeting: 16-18 March 2027, Strasbourg, France
- 51st plenary meeting: 3-4 June 2027, Strasbourg, France (preceded by the joint COE/WPGA conference on 1-2 June 2027)
- 52nd plenary meeting: 22-24 November 2027, Strasbourg, France