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## **CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

**Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure  
and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the  
Financing of Terrorism (CETS no. 198)**

### **10<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**Strasbourg, 30-31 October 2018**

### **LIST OF DECISIONS**

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At its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, held in Strasbourg from 30 to 31 October 2018, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS n° 198):

- Heard an opening address from Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of Information Society and Action against Crime.
- Adopted the agenda (as provided in document C198-COP10(2018)OJ1prov2) with no further changes.
- Adopted the meeting report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Plenary (21-22 November 2017, document C198-COP(2017)REP9).
- Took note of the information update provided by the President and the Executive Secretary.
- Welcomed the ratification of the Convention by Denmark, and invited all Council of Europe Member States which have not done yet to accede to the Convention.
- Took note of an update by the Secretariat on the possible accession to the Convention by Israel, the Council of Europe's neighbourhood partners (Morocco, Tunisia) and countries that took part at the CETS no.198 awareness raising seminar held in 2013 (Belarus and Kazakhstan).
- Heard an update and adopted the revised COP Report on progress towards achievements of the Transnational Organised Crime Action Plan (2016 – 2020) objectives (C198-COP(2018)2); agreed to share this document with other Council of Europe bodies.
- Discussed and adopted the transversal thematic monitoring report of Article 11 of the Convention.
- Discussed and adopted the transversal thematic monitoring report of Article 25(2) and 25(3) of the Convention.
- Decided to consider a follow-up report (Rule 19bis, para.20 of the Rules of Procedure) for those countries whose implementation of the provisions considered in the transversal thematic monitoring reports was not satisfactory, and invited all States Parties to provide information on any actions taken with regard to the general recommendations in these reports to be considered at the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary.
- Heard a presentation from Mr Dominik Helble, State Criminal Police Office of Baden-Wurttemberg (Germany), on current challenges in tracking the proceeds of crime in the field of virtual assets.
- Examined the draft follow-up report on Belgium and decided to adopt the country's replies to the questionnaire together with the Secretariat analysis.
- Examined the draft follow-up report on Malta and decided to adopt the country's replies to the questionnaire together with the Secretariat analysis.
- Took note of an update by Poland on progress made in the implementation of the Convention since the country's last follow-up report in 2017, and decided that no further follow-up was required.

- Heard updates from several States Parties on developments on reservations made in relation to several provisions of the Convention, and encouraged States Parties to reconsider the necessity of the reservations made with a view to their withdrawal.
- Invited Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark and France to provide information as required by Article 46(13) of the Convention.
- Took note of different cases of practical implementation of the Convention and encouraged all States Parties to continue informing the Plenary of their experiences in implementing the Convention in their jurisdictions.
- Invited the Secretariat to reach out to States Parties on the issues of voluntary contributions and sufficiently qualified seconded experts.
- Elected the following three Bureau members for a term of office of two years: Ms Oxana Gisca, Ms Ana Boskovic and Mr Ioannis Androulakis.
- Decided that the transversal thematic monitoring reports for the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the COP should deal with Article 14 and Article 9(3) of the Convention, and appointed as rapporteur countries the Republic of Moldova (Ms Oxana Gisca) and Armenia (Ms Ani Goyunyan).
- Invited the Secretariat to reach out to Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro on the follow-up procedure of the assessment reports.
- Invited the President and the Executive Secretary to write to the Permanent Representations of those States Parties whose representatives did not participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting.
- Decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg from 22-23 October [tbc] 2019.

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