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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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Meeting Report

37th meeting

Venue: Strasbourg and KUDO platform

31 January – 2 February 2023

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

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 37th meeting at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and on the KUDO platform on 31 January – 2 February 2023. The agenda and the list of participants are appended (Appendices I-II) to this meeting report.

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee) opened the meeting rejoicing that finally it was not taking place only online. She recalled that due to restrictions because of the Covid pandemic, the last face-to face in person meeting was the 25th meeting which was held in Nicosia on 15-18 October 2019.

1.1. Adoption of the agenda

- 2. The Lanzarote Committee adopted its agenda with the addition of two items:
 - Presentation by Ms VYKHOR, Ombudsman's office of Ukraine, on "Children of Ukraine in the conditions of war" (as new item 2.1);
 - EUROPOL's Child Sex Dolls and Robots study (under item 7).

1.2. Consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine – Modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee

3. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled that on 6-7 December 2023 the representatives of all the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention held an extraordinary meeting to address urgent procedural matters, in particular the issue of the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee.

- 4. She highlighted that during this meeting it was decided (see the <u>list of decisions</u>) that:
 - There was a need to review the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee;
 - Hence, a new rule (Rule 2.1.) allowing for the restriction of modalities of participation of a Party in specific circumstances was adopted.

5. The adoption of the new rule was also an opportunity to officially adopt all other amendments to the Rules of Procedure which had been agreed upon during previous meetings of the Committee. The revised <u>Rules of Procedure of the Committee</u> entered into force on 7 December.

6. Based on the new Rule 2.1 concerning possible restrictions to the modalities of participation of a Party in specific circumstances, measures to restrict the participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee were adopted. These include that the representatives of the Russian Federation are not convened to participate in meetings even if comments on the working documents may be shared with the Secretariat in specific circumstances and the Secretariat will report such comments to the Committee. In this

respect, the Secretariat informed that ahead of the current meeting it had not received any comments for the Russian Federation.

1.3. Up-date on ratifications of/accessions to the Lanzarote Convention

7. The Committee was informed that ongoing processes are not yet completed (as regards Morocco, Israel, Mexico) and some new processes seem to be underway. It was also pointed out that the <u>Conclusions on EU priorities for cooperation with the Council of Europe</u> 2023-2024, adopted on 30 January 2023, highlighted that "*Child sexual abuse and exploitation is a crime that knows no borders. In order to ensure a truly global response and increase global standards for the protection of children against these crimes, the Union will continue to promote and pursue accession and ratification of the Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention)*" (para. 20).

2. Increased vulnerability of children to sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as a consequence of the war in Ukraine

2.1. Presentation by Ms VYKHOR, Ombudsman's office of Ukraine, on "Children of Ukraine in the conditions of war"

8. Ms VYKHOR presented the situation of children in Ukraine, emphasising that they are victims of the war, sometimes even direct targets (killed, wounded, missing, fleeing and also being deported to the Russian Federation). She highlighted that servicemen of the Russian Federation committed and continue to commit sexual violence against children in Ukraine and that pre-trial investigation had started in 12 criminal proceedings and that a court had already sentenced the accused to 12 years of imprisonment. She concluded her presentation offering the Committee a doll explaining that she represented <u>Melaniya, an 11-year-old</u> Ukrainian girl gone missing with another tens of thousands Ukrainian children.

9. In the discussion that ensued, Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine) proposed that the Lanzarote Committee carry out an urgent monitoring round on the protection of Ukrainian children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in Parties to the Convention because of the war. The Committee agreed to entrust its Bureau to seek clarification on this proposal whilst verifying what is already being carried out in this respect to avoid overlaps and ensure complementarity.

2.2. Presentation of Council of Europe initiatives to protect children against sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as a consequence of the war in Ukraine

2.2.1. Presentation of awareness raising tools produced by the Council of Europe:

<u>Checklist</u> and <u>Handbook</u> on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in crisis and emergency situation: States' main obligations under the Lanzarote Convention

10. Ms GUERREIRO (Policy Advisor, Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee) presented the Checklist and Handbook highlighting that the latter is organised under four chapters (prevention, identification and reporting, protection of child victims and prosecution of offenders). She explained that each chapter highlights challenges in complying with obligations as identified in Parties to the Convention, provides suggestions for actions and includes promising practices set forth in the context of the Committee's compliance procedure with regard to its <u>urgent monitoring round on protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse</u>. She highlighted that both documents are available online in seven languages and that the Handbook is available in print as well.

- <u>GRETA's Guidance Note</u> on addressing the risks of trafficking in human beings related to the war in Ukraine and the ensuing humanitarian crisis

11. Ms GHADAMI (Administrator at the Council of Europe Anti-Trafficking in Human Beings Division (GRETA) presented GRETA's Guidance Note highlighting in particular that among the actions recommended by GRETA to prevent the trafficking of children are:

- registration and protective care arrangements;
- child-sensitive procedures and age assessment in line with the Council of Europe standards;
- sharing of information on missing children;
- appointment of a legal guardian for unaccompanied or separated children;
- and the availability of child-friendly online and offline materials.

12. The Lanzarote Committee agreed to organise an exchange of views with GRETA on technology facilitated trafficking in children and online child sexual abuse and exploitation to identify synergies and clarify differences in tools and approaches.

<u>Working with Victims of Sexual Violence during Armed Conflict: A manual</u> for Ukrainian mental health and emergency response professionals, developed under the project "Combatting violence against women in Ukraine (COVAW)"

13. Ms SHEARER-DEMIR (Administrator at the Council of Europe Gender Equality Division) presented the manual is based on two instruments: the Istanbul Protocol, used to effectively guide the investigation and documentation of torture, ill-treatment and the protection of victims, and the PEACE model, which supports the conducting of effective, ethical and survivor-centered interviews by first responders, emergency responders, and mental health care professionals. Ms SHEARER-DEMIR pointed out that interviews with child victims of sexual violence (who do not need to have been directly affected to be recognised as victims) demand adherence to a child-centered investigative process which acknowledges that children are not a monolithic group and that differences in gender, age, access to education and other intersecting identities impact the planning and conduct of the interviews as well as post-interview care. The manual does not include children in the baseline guidance for conducting interviews but includes a section outlining key considerations in documentation.

2.2.2. Activities carried out by the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees

14. Ms KAYACIK (Special Representative of the Secretary General for migration and refugees) presented her most recent activities carried out on Migration and Refugees. Specifically, she referred to her fact-finding visits to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Republic of Moldova and Romania, following the outbreak of the war against Ukraine. She also informed the Committee that during her visit to Poland, she was accompanied by a member of the Committee, Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) and that during the last year she has worked closely in contact with the Lanzarote Committee Secretariat to build on and disseminate the results of its compliance procedure, as well as the Checklist and Handbook referred to above.

2.2.3. Cooperation projects "<u>Combatting violence against children in Ukraine –</u> <u>Phase III</u>" and "<u>Combatting violence against children in the Republic of</u> <u>Moldova – Phase III</u>"

15. Mr MAJINA (Senior Project Officer in the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division) referred to the current cooperation projects on combatting violence against children, respectively in Ukraine and in the Republic of Moldova.

16. Within the project in Ukraine several guidelines and methodologies have been developed: Methodology to support the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in independent monitoring on violence against children in the country; Educational and methodical manual for psychologists "Psychological support and assistance to children who have experienced traumatic events"; Guidelines and Methodology for Documenting Child Rights Violations Resulting from Sexual Abuse; a Peer review of the Road map materials on Child-friendly justice standards as adapted to Ukraine's legislation; a Training module for social workers on issues of social support for children, including children deprived of parental care, children without parental care, children who have left care institutions, children with disabilities.

17. In terms of capacity building, webinars for professionals working in mental health and psychosocial assistance for children in situations of armed conflict took place, reuniting over 1,100 participants. Support to civil society organisations materialised in the creation of a database and needs assessment of displaced children and host families and developing recommendations for an individual program for support and accompaniment of children. Informative and methodological materials for educators concerning resilience skills of children studying during war have also been developed.

18. A new project that will cover 2023-2024 has been started, with the scope of Protecting and upholding the rights of Ukrainian children during and in post-war context.

19. Regarding the project in the Republic of Moldova, several reports and guides were finalised in 2022: a Guideline for monitoring of services provided to children, including services provided to refugee children for the Office of the People's Advocate for Children's Rights; an Analysis report on "Online safety for children in the Republic of Moldova" and a methodology provided for the National Commission on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual abuse in Republic of Moldova.

20. In terms of capacity building, two major events have been organised: a Workshop on Online safety for children with focus on challenges to prevent and combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse and a Training for the Office of the People's Advocate for Children's Rights from the Republic of Moldova on ensuring independent monitoring of children's right to protection against violence and abuse. Awareness activities have been supported through mini grants awarded to Civil Society Organisations in view of preventing and responding to online risks children are exposed to, including the crisis and emergency (children, teachers and parents).

3. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

3.1. Awareness raising tools prepared on the basis of the Lanzarote Committee's monitoring findings

Presentation of factsheets on the key monitoring findings of the implementation report "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"

21. Ms LABBADI (Policy Officer, Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee) presented following new tools to raise awareness of the Lanzarote Committee's recent implementation report on "The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs: addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos":

- a general <u>"Key findings" factsheet</u>, already available online;
- 10 factsheets on each of the thematic chapters of the report;
- 42 country factsheets, including all the information concerning each Party to the Lanzarote Convention that was monitored in the framework of the 2nd monitoring round;
- The latter two categories of factsheets will be available online in the near future.

Presentation of <u>Factsheet No. 1</u>: The Special Report and related compliance procedure (on the basis of the Committee's monitoring findings in the Special Report "Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse")

22. Ms SCAPPUCCI (Executive Secretary, Lanzarote Committee) completed the presentation of tools prepared to raise awareness on the Committee's monitoring finding drawing attention to a first factsheet, already available online, that presents an overview of the urgent monitoring round procedure and focusing then more specifically on the outcomes of the compliance procedure concluded in March 2022 with respect to 41 Parties to the Convention and 10 recommendations they were asked to implement.

3.2. "Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust": presentation of the process and indicative timeline for the continuation of the monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (evaluation procedure for 22 Parties and compliance procedure for 26 Parties)

23. Ms SCAPPUCCI recalled that as the child's circle of trust remains an environment where sexual abuse occurs vastly, the Committee agreed to come back to this theme instead of embarking on a new one. She also reiterated that the aim is to both take stock of the situation in the 22 Parties that had not been examined in the monitoring round that concluded in 2018 and to evaluate the follow-up given to the Committee's recommendations by the 26 Parties that had.

24. The Lanzarote Committee agreed that the questionnaires for this monitoring work on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust should be as focused as possible, include questions on the impact of the previous monitoring findings and involve youth organisations. It also entrusted its Bureau to review a first preliminary draft questionnaire focusing on the legal issues to enable its examination and adoption during its 38th meeting (30 May – 2 June 2023).

25. A discussion and decision on the number of other questionnaires and specific focused reports to be adopted during the course of the monitoring round should also be taken during a forthcoming Committee meeting.

4. Exchange of information, experiences and good practices

4.1. Panel showcasing of Lanzarote Committee observers recent and up-coming work:

26. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled that the Committee decided to organise an annual panel to showcase its observers' initiatives that might be of inspiration to Parties in their action to combat Child sexual exploitation and abuse. As the meeting of the end of the year 2022 was postponed, the panel was held during the current meeting.

– ECPAT-International

27. Ms VARRELLA (Research and Child Rights Monitoring Manager) presented to the Committee several ongoing projects:

- a. <u>Disrupting Harm</u> has to date been used to collect evidence on online child sexual exploitation and abuse in 13 target countries in Southeast Asia and Eastern and Southern Africa (currently the project is being adapted to be deployed in 11 other countries, including in Eastern Europe). The project revealed that between 1-20% Internet-using children in the countries surveyed had been subjected to online sexual exploitation and abuse; that the offenders are often someone the child already knows; and that few children report experiences of online sexual exploitation and abuse through helplines (3%) or to the police (2,9%);
- b. The goals of the <u>Global Boys Initiative</u> are to document promising practices by working with boy survivors of sexual exploitation and abuse; to carry out case studies of different approaches to working with boys (in Bolivia, Colombia,

Namibia, UK, Morocco, Thailand, Cambodia and South Korea); and to promote cross-context learning and to analyse trends and differences;

c. Another global project is a <u>(Child) Sex Offenders Registry</u>. After an analysis of the different practices existing worldwide, ECPAT intends to provide technical assistance for states considering setting up such a registry.

- Hope for Children – CRC Policy Center Cyprus

28. Ms NEOCLEOUS (Director of Humanitarian Division) updated the Committee, among other things, on the work of the Children's House - Barnahus Cyprus. It is monitored and funded by the Social Welfare Services of Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare and operated by Hope for Children within the framework of the National Strategy and Action Plan to Combat Sexual Abuse and Child Abuse and Child Pornography. Under the same roof it provides the setting for forensic interviews, medical examinations, psychological evaluation, psychological support and therapy, family therapy and support groups, and social support and rehabilitation. Between the start of its operation in September 2017 up until December 2022, 1,631 children had been referred to it for the investigation of sexual abuse reports. Children's House in Cyprus works in close cooperation with prosecutors (the Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus), social workers and psychologists to prepare children for court proceedings and support them throughout this process and afterwards. In 2021, Hope for Children entered into a research partnership with Sheffield Hallam University for the development of "The KiCGame", a board game used as a psychoeducational tool to support children's appearance in court through play-based activities. It is based on the Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy model and aims to increase children's legal knowledge and, to an extent, reduce court-related stress while increasing children's wellbeing.

- The International Association of Internet Hotlines (INHOPE)

29. After having recalled what <u>INHOPE</u> and a hotline are, Ms WOOLFE (Head of Global Partnerships and Network Expansion) explained why a country should have a hotline. She then presented the various steps to set up a hotline, from the initial country review up to full membership of the INHOPE network.

30. She also presented INHOPE's other projects such as <u>ICCAM</u> which offers a secure technology platform for the hotlines to exchange the reports they receive for removal wherever they are reported and wherever they are hosted, cutting down on duplication and providing actionable intelligence to INTERPOL. She also referred to <u>AviaTor</u> (Augmented Visual Intelligence and Targeted Online Research) which is a tool that helps classify and prioritise NCMEC reports. AviaTor can automatically search online sources for additional intelligence and information for investigations in accordance with national legal requirements.

31. In 2022 a total of 587,852 content URLs were processed in ICCAM by INHOPE hotlines from which 497,001 content URLs were seen for the first time. From these content URLS, a total of 384,748 were determined to be illegal and, subsequently, national law enforcement agencies were informed and a notice for takedown was issued to the hosting internet service provider.

32. Insights gained in 2022: 1) decrease in total volume, 2) major increase in hosting locations (from 49 to 83) so content is more widely distributed, 3) more of reported material was illegal compared to 2021 (indirectly testifying to the effect of the awareness-raising programmes).

33. Finally, Ms STACIWA (Independent Expert, Department for Reacting to Illegal Content on the Internet Dyżurnet.pl) presented INHOPE's Poland-Ukraine initiative and explained in particular that the Polish Research Office decided to hire a Ukrainian colleague to work in their office and learn the procedures in order to set up a hotline in Ukraine.

- International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates (IAYFJM)

34. Mr PICAL (Honorary judge representing <u>IAYFJM</u> at the Council of Europe) described a variety of projects undertaken by the association. Referring to the experience and expertise of the Barnahus model, it has encouraged the establishment of Unités d'Accueil Pédiatrique Enfance en Danger (UAPED) (Paediatric Reception Units for Children at Risk) in all French geographic-administrative departments. These reception units will be located in hospitals bringing together healthcare resources specialised in child and adolescent health and an adapted hearing room. A multidisciplinary team will be made up of health professionals (doctors, nurses, psychologists) as well as social workers, police officers, and specialised members of the judiciary. The equipped hearing room will allow the recording of the children's testimony by a specifically trained investigator following the protocol of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHHD).

- Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)

35. Mr TUNKS (Head of Policy and Public Affairs) informed the Committee about <u>IWF</u>'s most recent work on the identification and removal of images and videos showing the sexual abuse of children, wherever they are found on the internet.

36. He emphasised, in particular, that every one and a half minutes, IWF analysts assess a webpage, and that every two minutes, that webpage shows a child being sexually abused. He highlighted in particular the 1,058% increase since 2019 in the number of webpages showing images and videos of 7-10 years old who have been groomed/coerced/exploited online, reaching 63,050 reports of such kind in 2022.

37. He then presented to the Committee the <u>IntelliGrade</u> tool, which enables IWF analysts to accurately grade child sexual abuse images and videos, while automatically generating unique hashes (digital fingerprints) which are used to identify and eliminate these images wherever they appear. IntelliGrade allows to enrich these hashes with additional contextual metadata which are compatible with child sexual abuse laws and classifications in multiple legal jurisdictions around the world, and the Interpol Baseline standard.

38. IWF also developed a <u>chatbot</u> to offer confidential non-judgmental support by Stop It Now! The chatbot was deployed on Pornhub UK on 14 March 2022 and automatically pops up when one of the 28,000 banned keywords are used. In the first 30 days, already 173,904 sessions were triggered, and 158 persons chose to find out more about Stop It Now! Services. 39. Finally, Mr TUNKS recalled the <u>Report Remove</u> tool developed with NSPCC to support a young person in reporting sexual images or videos shared online and enable them to get the image removed if it is illegal.

- Save the Children

40. Ms LEVAMO (Senior Child Rights and Advocacy Advisor) informed the Committee that the organisation had recently published a <u>report</u> on the experiences of children on online grooming "<u>Grooming in the Eyes of a Child</u>" which highlights that:

- a. 62% (n=1069) of children had been contacted online by a person they knew or suspected to be an adult or at least five years older than them
- b. Children received messages with sexual content from adults every week (17%, n=190) or at least once a month (29%, n=320)
- c. Half of the children answered that they tended to or felt it was natural to start a conversation with someone they did not know
- d. Most often the children started the conversation because they were bored (55%, n=352) or they were curious (40%, n=256)
- e. The children were asked whether or not they had disclosed their grooming experience and, if they had disclosed, whom they had told. A third had not told anyone. The majority of the children who had disclosed had told their friends (93%, n=617).

41. Save the Children Finland has a lead role in a new project "<u>CSAPE 2022-2024</u>" (Child Sexual Abuse and Prevention project). CSAPE project is a European Commission/ISF-funded two-year project in 4 European countries: Iceland (Barnaheill – Save the Children Island), Albania (Save the Children Albania), Bosnia-Herzegovina (Save the Children International, implementing department Save the Children North Western Balkans), and Greece (KMOP, Social Action and Innovation Centre). The objective is to provide:

- a. evidence-based sexual education to children aged 5 to 11
- b. support to young people who have a sexual interest in children.

42. The consortium members in the project will together build a training package in each thematic area and train professionals working with the target group children. Training will be provided to professionals in each consortium member country and possible to European level stakeholders through existing partners. Material is also produced to children, young people and their parents on sexual education, sexual violence and help-seeking when a young person has a sexual interest in children.

- Missing Children Europe

43. Ms IEVEN (Secretary General) informed the Committee that the organisation is now investigating the link between child sexual abuse and the phenomenon of missing children. The <u>CESAGRAM</u> (Comprehensive European Strategy against Tech Facilitated Grooming and Missing) project has been set up and is currently in the research and data collection stage. The organisation is also active in advocacy via its European CSA Legislation Advocacy group.

- WeProtect Global Alliance

44. Ms LINSELL (Advocacy Manager) presented to the Committee the highlights of the organisation's activities in 2022, focusing on knowledge building, empowerment, advocacy, and collaboration. She in particular referred to reports done in collaboration with UNICEF (Framing the Future) and ECPAT International (Child sexual exploitation and abuse online: Survivors' Perspectives). She also referred to their <u>Global Summit</u> "Turning the Tide" (Brussels, 1-2 June 2022).

45. She also referred to the recently established <u>Global Taskforce on Child Sexual Abuse</u> <u>Online</u>, which brings together 18 countries, the European Commission and the African Union. The Global Taskforce will meet twice per year. Its goals are to coordinate across governments to share updates and best practices, help members to identify opportunities in their national strategies and improve the sharing of information between members. The Lanzarote Committee underlined the need to coordinate work closely to avoid unnecessary overlaps and exploit synergies to increase collective impact. To this end the Committee also welcomed the Council of Europe's possible formal participation in the WeProtect Global Alliance.

46. Finally, she informed the Lanzarote Committee that its <u>Global Threat Assessment</u> will be released in October 2023. It will assess the scale and nature of global child sexual exploitation and abuse online between 2021-2023, identify the impact of the global responses to the threat, emerging trends and likely developments over the next 2 years, and set out recommendations to improve the responses.

4.2. Presentation of other relevant activities by national authorities, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, experts, as well as departments of the Council of Europe

4.2.1. Exchange of views with Ms MANOJLOVIC, <u>End Violence Against Children</u> <u>Fund</u> (EVAC) representative, on EVAC's priorities

47. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO first noted that the Lanzarote Committee appreciated the important work carried out in the context of the EndOCSEA@Europe project funded by EVAC which had involved several Lanzarote Convention Parties.

48. After a general presentation of the EVAC fund which connects and convenes partners to end violence against children through investment in innovative solutions, Ms MANOJLOVIC (<u>Safe Online</u> Director) concentrated on EVAC's actions for children to be safe online. In this regard, she highlighted that Safe Online's aim is to invest in capacities, solutions, research and technology tools, generate new knowledge and evidence on the emerging threats and trends and on good practices, and advocate with governments, industry and other key stakeholders. She presented the Safe Online results for 2017-2021 with, in particular, nearly 35 million people reached, legal and policy frameworks strengthened in over 75 countries. She concluded with presenting the four key goals of EVAC's 2023-2025 Strategy, i.e.: Invest for impact; Evidence and knowledge; Advocacy and action; Measure change.

4.2.2. Exchange of views with Dr McVARISH, <u>Brave Movement</u> representative, on the priorities of survivors of child sexual violence

49. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO introduced Dr McVARISH recalling that he had already been a guest of the Lanzarote Committee in 2015 to speak about his campaign "<u>Road to change</u>" to raise awareness of the abolition of the statutes of limitations with regard to the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse, and when he exchanged with the Committee after the screening of "<u>To kill a Kelpie</u>" (his autobiographic testimonial of child sexual abuse).

50. Dr McVARISH explained that the Brave Movement is a global initiative uniting survivors and allies to end childhood sexual violence. It aims at elevating and supporting survivor voices and leadership into conversations at every level of government, from local authority to international fora, and at supporting international movement building and aligned, coordinated advocacy and campaigns. Prevention, healing and justice are at the heart of the action of the Brave Movement.

51. He shared that among the Brave Movement's first-year successes were the coming abolition of the statutes of limitation in respect of child sexual abuse in Bolivia after a ruling by the Inter American Court of Human Rights, and the commitment of G7 leaders to address online and offline childhood sexual violence. Its continued priorities are the abolition of the statutes of limitation across the world and a safe internet for children.

52. Mr PICAL (International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates) recognised that increasing limitation periods can be useful, but he expressed reservations about abolishing them completely. He explained that a significant passage of time makes it almost impossible both to collect quality evidence and to obtain a coherent recollection of events from the presumed victim. He pointed out that it may thus be traumatising for survivors to see their criminal case closed for lack of evidence or to lose their case in court. Mr PICAL referred to other solutions such as freeing the voices of victims, facilitating their healing and increasing the training of the police.

4.2.3. Exchange of views on the <u>proposal for a EU Regulation laying down rules to</u> <u>prevent and combat child sexual abuse</u>:

- Presentation by the Commission of the main elements of the proposal

Presentation of the Outcome report of the Expert workshop on EU proposed Regulation on preventing and combatting child sexual abuse held in Leiden on 17-18 October 2022 and jointly organised by the Center for Law and Digital Technologies (eLaw) of Leiden University and ECPAT International

53. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled the Committee's interest in this proposal and highlighted that, during negotiations for the Interim Regulation, the Lanzarote Committee had "commissioned" a report of independent experts "<u>Respecting human rights and the rule of law when using automated technology to detect online child sexual exploitation and abuse</u>", which was presented to the Committee in June 2021.

54. Ms CASSAR (EU Commission) presented in depth the <u>main elements of the proposed</u> <u>Regulation</u>. 55. Mr LEISER and Ms WITTING (Leiden University) presented the <u>Outcome report</u> of the Expert workshop on EU proposed Regulation on preventing and combatting child sexual abuse, held in Leiden on 17-18 October 2022 and jointly organised by the Center for Law and Digital Technologies (eLaw) of Leiden University and ECPAT International. This report was officially <u>launched</u> on the occasion of the meeting of the Lanzarote Committee.

56. Ms GREGORY (United Kingdom) highlighted the relevance of the <u>UK Online Safety Bill</u> process in this area and offered to make a presentation on it in a forthcoming meeting.

57. After a rich debate with the speakers, the Lanzarote Committee agreed to continue to exchange information on progress with the <u>EU Proposal for a Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse</u> and to be informed of the outcome results of other multisectoral workshops focusing on specific aspects of it.

4.2.4. Information by members, participants and observers on changes in national policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, and practice:

- Presentation by a representative of the WeProtect Global Alliance of its recently established <u>Global Taskforce on Child Sexual Abuse Online</u>
- 58. This presentation is referred to above in paragraph 45.
 - Exchange of views with Ms SINGHATEH, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, on her report "<u>A practical</u> <u>approach to addressing the sale and sexual exploitation of children</u>" (document A/HRC/49/51) and the "check list" for States and other stakeholders to use as a concrete and user-friendly tool in their work

59. Ms SINGHATEH (UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material) presented her report on the prevention and protection of children against sale, child marriage and sexual exploitation in prostitution, in the context of travel, tourism, and online. She also introduced her checklist for States as a concrete and user-friendly tool in their work to prevent and protect children from the different manifestations of sale and sexual exploitation and to provide adequate services to child victims and survivors. Ms SINGHATEH informed the Lanzarote Committee of her coming report on reparation for child victims which she will be happy to present to the Lanzarote Committee during a forthcoming meeting.

Debriefing of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November 2022)

60. Mr POUTIERS (Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee) reminded the Committee that the focus of the <u>2022 edition of the European Day</u> was on "Getting it right: ensuring child-friendly justice through Barnahus structures in Europe". It was an opportunity for the Council of Europe to promote the Barnahus model. A <u>high-level event "Towards Barnahus in All</u> <u>European States; Ensuring the rights of every child"</u> was organised on 16 November 2022 by the Council of Europe and the Council of the Baltic Sea States, under the Icelandic Presidency

of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers. This event brought together high-level key international actors with the aim to explore the Barnahus concept, including what works, opportunities for improvement, and potential adjustments to national legal frameworks.

Exchange of views with Her Excellency BIO, First Lady of Sierra Leone, and Dr PH WORTHAM, Research Associate, Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University, Secretariat <u>Global Collaborative</u> for the Protection and Healing of Child Dignity, on the setting up of a World Day for the Protection of the Dignity of the Child

61. Her Excellency BIO (First Lady of Sierra Leone) highlighted that in many countries in the world, such as hers, rape as a weapon of war was common. She also underlined that she considered early marriage as a form of legalised rape of girls. For these reasons she decided to give a voice to survivors and join Dr WORTHAM (Research Associate, Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University, Secretariat Global Collaborative for the Protection and Healing of Child Dignity) and the Global initiative promoting the setting-up of a World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence. This was finally decided upon by the UN General Assembly on 7 November 2022, after three years of campaigning (<u>A/Res/77/8</u>). The date chosen coincides with that of the European Day, i.e. 18 November, to create a momentum in the year and join forces at global level to end the scourge of sexual violence against children.

62. The Chairperson warmly thanked First Lady BIO and Dr WORTHAM for their efforts in setting-up such a World Day and suggested that Sierra Leone consider asking to become a Party of the Lanzarote Convention, which First Lady BIO welcomed and undertook to raise the possibility with the President of Sierra Leone.

Presentation of EUROPOL's <u>Guidelines for law enforcement first responders</u> in child sexual exploitation and abuse cases

63. Mr KLANČNIK (EUROPOL) informed that the guidelines were created under the EU funded <u>project GRACE</u> and developed by Europol. <u>Europol announced their release</u> on the 18th of November 2022, European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse. He further explained that these guidelines were created for police officers who are not specialised in conducting investigations against sexual crimes against children. Still, they have the need to be properly equipped with relevant information, since they may face situations during their daily work when they become aware of the sexual abuse of a child.

64. Mr KLANČNIK shared his personal story as a young police officer in this regard and pointed out the real added value for these law enforcement first responders to have a toolkit to manage unexpected difficult and sensitive situations on the spot. The guidelines are such a tool. They are self-explanatory and structured in a step-by-step approach, in a reader friendly fashion. The guidelines contain:

- basic explanation of the proper terminology to be used;
- a list of internationally recognised victims' rights;
- typical scenario examples which first responders can come across with;

- a flowchart designed for the easy follow-up of the steps involved in the decisionmaking process;
- a high-level version of the so-called 'five F's of trauma', explaining why a victim may not fight back, runaway or just react in different ways;
- free text sections to be filled-in by the officers themselves, to localise the guidelines towards national laws, policies and geosocial situations.

65. It was further underlined that the guidelines are intended for police officers only, and they are not meant to be disseminated outside the law enforcement community. They are meant as a complementary tool and do not replace existing instructions the agencies may already have in place. In addition, the guidelines may serve as a training toolkit, to be used by experts in specialised law enforcement units.

66. Mr KLANČNIK encouraged the Parties to Lanzarote Convention to contact him at Europol to receive a copy of the guidelines for their national law enforcement authorities. He also invited Parties to the Lanzarote Convention to translate the guidelines into their languages, specifying that in such case Europol would take care of putting their translations into the pre-designed template.

4.2.5. Recent and up-coming activities carried out by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

67. Mr GRIN (Member of the Sub-Committee on children, Parliamentary Assembly member) presented the recent work of the Sub-Committee on the rights of the child in general, as well as on the fight against sexual violence against children in particular. In this context, he referred to:

- the release of a <u>new short film, "the Stadium"</u>, raising awareness on the sexual violence against children in sports,
- an exchange of views held on the <u>report prepared by Rapporteur Mr HOUBRON</u> (France) "For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content",
- a hearing on the introductory memorandum of a report prepared by Rapporteur Mr O'REILLY (Ireland) on the "Right of the child to protection while using the internet".

68. Ms DENU (Secretary of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) presented the main findings of the <u>report prepared by the Rapporteur Ms BAYR (Austria) on Conflict-</u><u>related sexual violence</u>, recalling that children often witnessed sexual violence used as a weapon of war against women, and informed that Ms BAYR planned to follow-up this work by preparing a report on sexual violence against men and boys in the near future.

4.3. Debriefings by Lanzarote Committee representatives having participated in outside events and in meetings of Council of Europe bodies on the Lanzarote Committee's behalf:

Steering Committee for the rights of the child (CDENF) and the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)

69. Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) informed the Lanzarote Committee on the most recent work carried out by the CDENF. In addition to the work carried out by the CJ/ENF-ISE and the CDENF-GT-VAE (see below), he referred in particular to the upcoming mapping study on children's access to quality mental health care and to the promotional video relating to the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027)

70. He also informed the Committee about the state of play of the activities of the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE), in particular the drafting of a legal instrument on this issue. He also referred to the Conference <u>"Hear our voices: the rights and determination of the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings"</u> (Dublin, 3 October 2022).

- Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)

71. Ms BOROVČANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) presented the most recent work carried out by the <u>CDENF-GT-VAE</u>. She highlighted in particular the preparation of the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children and its Explanatory Memorandum, which were sent to the CDENF for approval. With the adoption of these drafts, the work of this working group is over. Work on violence against children will continue in a new Committee of Experts on the prevention of violence (ENF-VAE).

Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and 10th Annual Meeting of the Secretary General with the Heads of the Monitoring and Advisory Bodies

72. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) informed that T-CY is closely following the elaboration at UN level of a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes to ensure consistency with the Council of Europe Budapest Cybercrime Convention. She pointed out that ahead of the <u>UN Ad Hoc Committee meetings for the elaboration of the new Convention</u>, the T-CY Bureau prepares a briefing note to facilitate common positions of the Parties. As the future Convention also includes possible offences related to online child sexual abuse material, she encouraged Lanzarote Committee members to reach out to their Budapest Convention colleagues to coordinate positions bearing in mind also the Lanzarote Convention standards.

73. As to the 10th Annual Meeting of the Secretary General with the Heads of the Monitoring and Advisory Bodies, she explained that for the first time the meeting included targeted work in three working groups. The first group focused on the consequences of the war in Ukraine and the expulsion of the Russian Federation from the Council of Europe. The

second considered the relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union and the third assessed the challenges of democratic backsliding and the role of Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies. The results of the discussions in the working groups were shared with the Secretary General in plenary. As in previous meetings the Heads of Monitoring and Advisory Bodies lessons learnt and good practices with a view to supporting States in effectively implementing recommendations addressed to them. The meeting generated many interesting views, ideas and food for thought, in view of the forthcoming Council of Europe Summit in Reykjavik.

74. With respect to the CoE/EU relations workshop, Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO welcomed the EU Council <u>Conclusions on EU priorities for cooperation with the Council of Europe</u> 2023-2024 adopted on 30 January 2023 and in particular para 20 referring to the promotion of global accession to the Lanzarote Convention.

- Barnahus mapping study carried out by the Children's Rights Division

75. Ms ASENSIO VELASCO (Assistant Lawyer, Council of Europe Children's Rights Division) presented the upcoming Mapping study on the implementation and development of Barnahus structures in Council of Europe members States being prepared by the Children's Rights Division. The Study aims at consolidating the knowledge on the use of Barnahus or similar structures, in order to create a resource for States that wish to implement the model or to improve their existing structures. The study will be launched around the end of May or beginning of June 2023.

4.4. Presentation of preliminary observations on the replies by Parties to the questionnaires on legal age for sexual activities and on statute of limitations for sexual offences against children sent in February 2021

76. Mr POUTIERS recalled that two questionnaires on legal age for sexual activities and on statute of limitations for sexual offences against children were sent in February 2021 to the members of the Lanzarote Committee. Replies received were compiled in two distinct documents. Members of the Lanzarote Committee were asked in the fall 2022 to complement and update their initial replies for two consultants to analyse the situation in each of these topics. Two capacity-building events will be held on 31 May 2023 in Strasbourg, under the auspices of the French authorities.

77. Both Mr ROSANI and Ms KOSTOPOULOU (Independent consultants) presented their preliminary observations on the replies by Parties to the questionnaires, respectively on legal age for sexual activities and on statute of limitations for sexual offences against children.

78. Following their presentations, the members of the Lanzarote Committee agreed to provide any complementary up-dated information to the Secretariat (<u>lanzarote.committee@coe.int</u>) to finalise the analyses that will be presented during the up-coming capacity-building events (Strasbourg, 31 May 2023).

5. Council of Europe cooperation projects on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

5.1. Up-date concerning on-going projects' development

79. Ms GASPARYAN (Senior Project Officers at the Children's Rights Division) informed the Lanzarote Committee on the state of play of the various children's rights <u>cooperation projects</u>. In particular, she presented the results achieved and the next steps of the technical support projects and ad-hoc interventions on a number of topics, including Barnahus, child participation, sexual violence and child-friendly justice. The milestones included support to the implementation of the Barnahus-type services in Finland, Ireland, Spain, Montenegro, Slovenia and Latvia, development of child-friendly tools and materials led by children themselves and contributing to the overall juvenile justice reform framework in Slovenia.

80. The cooperation projects in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova are referred to under item 2.2.3.

5.2. State of play concerning the Voluntary Contribution dedicated to the "Lanzarote Convention monitoring mechanism project"

81. Mr POUTIERS explained that the main source of funding for the activities of the Lanzarote Committee comes from the ordinary budget of the Council of Europe. However, there is also the possibility of financing the Committee's work through voluntary contributions, i.e. sums of money paid voluntarily by Council of Europe Member states to support specific areas of work of the Council of Europe. In this context, a project was launched in 2020 entitled "Lanzarote Convention monitoring mechanism project" to call on Member states to make voluntary contributions to enhance the Committee's monitoring work. Belgium, Ireland and Slovenia made such contributions. These have allowed, in particular, the financing of temporary contracts to hire staff to assist the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee in carrying out increasing tasks identified by the Committee as relevant.

82. Mr POUTIERS highlighted that the current project will end in February 2024. The Secretariat intends to launch an expanded project to be able to receive voluntary contributions not only for the monitoring work of the Lanzarote Committee but also for its capacity-building activities, and to promote the Lanzarote Convention in order to convince other countries in the world to access it.

83. Finally, he invited the Lanzarote Committee members to consider, together with their authorities, the possibility of making a voluntary contribution to continue to support its Secretariat.

6. Procedural matters

6.1. Presentation of the 2023-2024 workplan for the Lanzarote Committee

84. Ms SCAPPUCCI presented the workplan as a living timeline or calendar with the main dates of meetings and deadlines for the Committee's work outcomes (see Appendix III). She highlighted that the introduction to the table with the calendar itself provided relevant

insights in how the work of the Lanzarote Committee is referred to the in the Council of Europe's Programme and Budget.

85. The Lanzarote Committee welcomed this suggestion and agreed that this should also include milestone dates of events of its observers involving Committee members or its representatives.

6.2. Strengthening the effectiveness of the monitoring mechanism and procedure in the short or medium term

86. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled that this is a permanent item on the agenda since a few years to present and discuss concrete suggestions acted upon or still in the pipeline to regularly assess whether any changes are required to maintain the effectiveness of the Convention's monitoring mechanism and procedure.

6.2.1. Up-date on the pilot country overviews and on the way forward

87. Ms GUERREIRO informed that the Secretariat and ECPAT International worked with Finland and the Republic of Moldova to prepare new Country Overviews and the original pilot Country Profile of Italy was also reviewed with ECPAT International to adjust it to the new format and process. She also highlighted that at the time, the three country overviews were being finalised and that the organisation of launch events to take place in the three countries during in2023 was under way.

88. If resources were available, the Committee asked the Secretariat to prepare one more pilot Country Overview concerning Portugal which, as Italy, had already contributed to the preparation of a country profile in 2022 and invited Parties interested in being the next countries to be involved in the preparation of Country Overviews to inform the Secretariat (<u>lanzarote.committee@coe.int</u>).

6.2.2. State of play on the follow-up given to suggestions put forward by civil society organisations to strengthen cooperation with the Lanzarote Committee

89. Ms GUERREIRO highlighted the suggestions to strengthen cooperation between the Lanzarote Committee and civil society organisations (CSOs) by involving national civil society organisations in a more structured way in the context of the country overviews; by eventually testing the preparation of shadow reports, in the context of the next monitoring round; and by collaborating with CSOs in countries interested in ratifying/acceding to the Lanzarote Convention.

90. The Lanzarote Committee agreed to continue to explore how to implement concrete suggestions to further involve civil society in its monitoring and capacity building work.

6.3. Appointment of a Lanzarote Committee representative and his/her substitute:

- to the Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE)

- to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)

91. The Committee appointed Ms BOROVCANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as its representative to the Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE).

92. The Committee appointed Ms MATYSEK (Poland) as its representative and Mr MAGNUSSON (Iceland) as her substitute to the European Committee on Legal Cooperation (CDCJ).

6.4. Granting of the observer status to the <u>Brave Movement</u> and to the <u>End Violence</u> <u>Against Children Fund</u> (EVAC)

93. Convinced of the added value of the Brave Movement and of the End Violence Against Children Fund (EVAC) in its work (see under items 4.2.1. and 4.2.2. above), the Lanzarote Committee granted the observer status to them by consensus and a warm clapping of hands.

6.5. Adoption of the activity report of the Lanzarote Committee covering the period 1 July 2021 - 2 February 2023

94. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO presented the draft activity report of the Lanzarote Committee which covers the period 1 July 2021 - 2 February 2023. She recalled the main highlights during that period, i.e. the:

- Adoption of the Implementation Report of the 2nd monitoring round "The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by Information and Communications Technologies – Addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos";
- Adoption of compliance reports concerning the follow-up given by Parties to the "consider" Recommendations of the Special report on "Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse";
- Adoption of amendments to the Committee's Rules of Procedure aimed at strengthening in particular the efficiency of its monitoring procedure and the smooth running of meetings;
- Adoption of measures to restrict the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation after it ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe following its aggression against Ukraine;
- Celebration of the 7th and 8th editions of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.
- 95. The Committee adopted its activity report by consensus.

6.6. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

96. At the end of the meeting, the Lanzarote Committee adopted the <u>list of decisions</u> by consensus.

7. Any other business

EUROPOL's Child Sex Dolls and Robots study

97. Mr KLANČNIK (EUROPOL) presented an up-date on EUROPOL's Child Sex Dolls and Robots study, due to the involvement of many State Parties to the Lanzarote Convention. The study was initiated in mid-2018 and is currently being reviewed by external experts with different professional profiles and background. The study is now in its concluding phase and holds approximately 300 pages. Mr KLANČNIK presented a few preliminary findings:

- there is a blurred line between existing child sex dolls and robots, due to technological evolution (AI is used, features like speaking, breathing among others are put in them)
- child sex dolls and robots are designed or created in many different ways (sizes, appearance, genders, some body parts are designed that would refer to adult rather than to child appearance), including supplements to body parts (wigs, eyes, intimate parts)
- existing child sex dolls and robots are designed per customer wishes, not by suggestions of experts in e.g. therapeutic work
- countries have three avenues to explore if they would put the child sex dolls and robots phenomena in their national legislation (complete prohibition, conditional prohibition or no prohibition at all)

98. Mr KLANČNIK highlighted that these findings are preliminary, informative and cannot be used as a reference. He manifested his interest in presenting the findings in more details once the report is released.

Council of Europe 4th *Summit*

99. Ms JENSDÓTTIR (Head of the Children's Rights Division) informed the Lanzarote Committee that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe decided to hold its 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government since its creation, on 16-17 May 2023 in Reykjavik, Iceland. The Summit strives to ensure that the Council of Europe is fit for purpose to meet current and future challenges as well as the expectations of future generations.

100. In this context, the Council of Europe published an <u>open call</u> to seek the input of all stakeholders (including international organisations, national human rights institutions, civil society organisations, research centres, policy makers, academia, lawyers, human rights defenders). This is therefore to be seen as a unique opportunity to influence the outcome of the 4th Summit for a better protection of children's rights, in particular their protection against sexual violence. Deadline for submissions is 20 February 2023.

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- 101. The Lanzarote Committee noted that its next meetings are scheduled as follows:
 - 38th meeting, 30 May 2 June 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid)
 - 39th meeting, 26 28 September 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid)
 - 40th meeting, 28 30 November 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid)

Appendix I

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

- 1.1. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.2. Consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine Modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee
- 1.3. Up-date on ratifications of/accessions to the Lanzarote Convention

2. Increased vulnerability of children to sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as a consequence of the war in Ukraine

- 2.1. Presentation by Ms VYKHOR, Ombudsman's office of Ukraine, on "Children of Ukraine in the conditions of war"
- 2.2. Presentation of Council of Europe initiatives to protect children against sexual abuse and sexual exploitation as a consequence of the war in Ukraine
 - 2.2.1. Presentation of awareness raising tools produced by the Council of Europe:
 - <u>Checklist</u> and <u>Handbook</u> on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in crisis and emergency situation: States' main obligations under the Lanzarote Convention;
 - <u>GRETA's Guidance Note</u> on addressing the risks of trafficking in human beings related to the war in Ukraine and the ensuing humanitarian crisis;
 - Working with Victims of Sexual Violence during Armed Conflict: A manual for Ukrainian mental health and emergency response professionals, developed under the project "Combatting violence against women in Ukraine (COVAW)".
 - 2.2.2. Activities carried out by the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
 - 2.2.3. Cooperation projects "<u>Combatting violence against children in Ukraine –</u> <u>Phase III</u>" and "<u>Combatting violence against children in the Republic of</u> <u>Moldova – Phase III</u>"

3. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

- 3.1. Awareness raising tools prepared on the basis of the Lanzarote Committee's monitoring findings
 - Presentation of factsheets on the key monitoring findings of the implementation report "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"
 - Presentation of <u>Factsheet No. 1</u>: The Special Report and related compliance procedure (on the basis of the Committee's monitoring findings in the Special Report "Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse")
- 3.2. "Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust": presentation of the process and indicative timeline for the continuation of the monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (evaluation procedure for 22 Parties and compliance procedure for 26 Parties)

4. Exchange of information, experiences and good practices

- 4.1. Panel showcasing of Lanzarote Committee observers recent and up-coming work:
 - ECPAT
 - Hope for Children
 - International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
 - INHOPE
 - Internet Watch Foundation
 - Missing Children Europe
 - Save the Children
 - WeProtect Global Alliance
- 4.2. Presentation of other relevant activities by national authorities, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, experts, as well as departments of the Council of Europe
 - 4.2.1. Exchange of views with Ms MANOJLOVIC, <u>End Violence Against Children Fund</u> (EVAC) representative, on EVAC's priorities
 - 4.2.2. Exchange of views with Mr McVARISH, <u>Brave Movement</u> representative, on the priorities of survivors of child sexual violence
 - 4.2.3. Exchange of views on the <u>proposal for a EU Regulation laying down rules to</u> <u>prevent and combat child sexual abuse:</u>
 - Presentation by the Commission of the main elements of the proposal
 - Presentation of the Outcome report of the Expert workshop on EU proposed Regulation on preventing and combatting child sexual abuse held in Leiden on 17-18 October 2022 and jointly organised by the Center for Law and Digital Technologies (eLaw) of Leiden University and ECPAT International

- 4.2.4. Information by members, participants and observers on changes in national policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, and practice:
 - Presentation by a representative of the WeProtect Global Alliance of its recently established <u>Global Taskforce on Child Sexual Abuse Online</u>
 - Exchange of views with Ms SINGHATEH, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, on her report "<u>A practical approach to</u> <u>addressing the sale and sexual exploitation of children</u>" (document A/HRC/49/51) and the "check list" for States and other stakeholders to use as a concrete and user-friendly tool in their work
 - Debriefing of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November 2022)
 - Exchange of views with Her Excellency BIO, First Lady of Sierra Leone, and Dr PH WORTHAM, Research Associate, Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University, Secretariat <u>Global Collaborative</u> for the Protection and Healing of Child Dignity, on the setting up of a World Day for the Protection of the Dignity of the Child
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 - Ms BOROVČANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) for the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)
 - Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) for the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and 10th Annual Meeting of the Secretary General with the Heads of the Monitoring and Advisory Bodies
 - Ms ASENSIO, Children's Rights Division, for the Barnahus mapping study carried out by the Children's Rights Division
- 4.4. Presentation of preliminary observations on the replies by Parties to the questionnaires on legal age for sexual activities and on statute of limitations for sexual offences against children sent in February 2021

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5.1. Up-date concerning on-going projects' development

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 - 6.2.1. Up-date on the pilot country overviews and on the way forward
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- 6.3. Appointment of a Lanzarote Committee representative and his/her substitute:
 - to the Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE)
 - to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)
- 6.4. Granting of the observer status to the <u>Brave Movement</u> and to the <u>End Violence</u> <u>Against Children Fund</u> (EVAC)
- 6.5. Adoption of the activity report of the Lanzarote Committee covering the period 1 July 2021 2 February 2023
- 6.6. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting
- 7. Any other business

Appendix II

List of participants

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Appendix III

Workplan for 2023 – 2024 as of 2 May 2023

This document was prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee and contains an indicative workplan for 2023 and 2024.

At its 37th meeting (31 January – 2 February 2023), the Lanzarote Committee welcomed the suggestion made by the secretariat to have a workplan and agreed that this should also include milestone dates of events of its observers involving Committee members or its representatives.

This document is a living document and will be updated in advance of each meeting by the Secretariat.

- The main tasks and deliverables of the Lanzarote Committee are governed by the <u>Council</u> of <u>Europe Programme and Budget</u> as adopted by the Committee of Ministers and are set forth under the dedicated Sub-Programme on Children's Rights. This document presents tasks and deliverables as "outputs, immediate outcomes, intermediate outcomes and expected impact". This workplan highlights the main steps in the Lanzarote Committee's work in 2023 and 2024 to achieve tasks and deliverables impactfully.¹
- 2. The emphasis in the Programme and Budget for 2022 to 2025 is on "strengthening the Lanzarote Committee's monitoring procedure, reinforcing the effectiveness and impact of the monitoring and capacity building work of the Committee including by adapting working methods: launching of a new monitoring round of the Lanzarote Committee and using the monitoring findings on sexual abuse in the circle of trust and on child self-generated sexual images and videos to influence legislative changes with respect to the age of sexual activities, the issue of consent, the statute of limitation and the automated detection of sexual exploitation content on-line. The focus will also be on increasing the impact and visibility of the Lanzarote Convention and the Lanzarote Committee work...".
- 3. In the Programme and Budget, the immediate outcome for the Lanzarote Committee is that "Member States have identified measures to strengthen the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse on the basis of recommendations, monitoring reports and annual capacity building initiatives". A total of 7 indicators are to guide the work of the Committee:

"1. Date of adoption of the 2nd thematic monitoring report assessing the situation in 43 Parties and subsequently relevant state compliance reports with respect to the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies – Addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.²

¹ In May 2023, the Icelandic Presidency shall host the Council of Europe 4th Summit of Heads of State and Governments. It is expected that the outcome of the Summit, with the adoption of a Declaration, will require the Council of Europe, to realign its work to the guidance provided in the Declaration. The Programme and Budget may therefore be adjusted to meet the requirements of the Declaration.

² This indicator has been achieved as regards the adoption of the report. Compliance procedures should be launched before 2025.

2. Date of adoption of the thematic questionnaire of the 3rd monitoring round of the Lanzarote Committee to be sent to at least 48 Parties.³

3. Date of preliminary assessment of replies to the thematic questionnaire of the 3rd monitoring round by all stakeholders.⁴

4. Date of the adoption of the State compliance reports showing evidence of follow-up given by Parties to Lanzarote Committee monitoring findings (1st monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust and special monitoring round on Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse).⁵

5. Number of member States changing their policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, and practice for preventing and protecting children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

6. Number of Lanzarote Committee capacity building activities organised for all member States.

7. Number of activities carried out by member States and relevant stakeholders on the occasion of the European Day on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (18 November).

- 4. This workplan takes into account the <u>Rules of Procedure of the Lanzarote Committee</u> as revised to encompass the possibility to use new technologies, videoconferences, participation in meetings via video-link and written procedures which became necessary during COVID 19 lockdowns and have proven useful even beyond such specific circumstances.
- 5. Due to the need to decide on the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the Lanzarote Committee, one plenary meeting was cancelled in 2022 whilst another was replaced by an extraordinary meeting of the representatives of the Parties to the Convention. As a consequence, the Lanzarote Committee has been authorised to carry over funds into 2023, allowing it to organise a fourth plenary meeting in 2023.
- 6. In 2023, the Lanzarote Committee shall therefore hold a total of 4 three-day meetings and a capacity building event of 1 day. In 2024, the Lanzarote Committee shall hold 3 three-day meetings and a capacity building event of 1 day. The Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee shall meet online ahead of the plenary meetings and as need be.

³ To be achieved in 2023.

⁴ To be achieved during 2023-2025.

⁵ Achieved as concerns the special monitoring round and to be achieved in 2025 or later as regards the circle of trust as this has finally become the next monitoring work (compliance of the 26 Parties evaluated in the first monitoring round will be processed while evaluating for the first time the additional 22 other Parties to the Convention since then).

Appendix

2023			
Meeting/Activity	Dates	Deliverables/focus	Place
Meeting of Heads of monitoring mechanisms and advisory bodies with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe	17 January 2023	Participation in working group 2 on relations between the European Union and the Council of Europe	Strasbourg
37 th meeting	31 January to 2 February 2023	Adoption of the 7 th Activity Report Annual panel of exchange with NGOs on their initiatives to end sexual violence against children Possible decision on two new observers (BRAVE Movement and EVAC) Timeline concerning next monitoring work Prospects concerning the Country Overview	Strasbourg and online
29 th meeting of the GREVIO	8 February 2023	Exchange of views of the Lanzarote Committee Chairperson with GREVIO	Online
Launching event of the 5 th phase of the CoE South Programme	3-4 March 2023	LC Chairperson to present the Lanzarote Convention / Lanzarote Committee work and the added value for south Mediterranean countries to accede to the Convention	Lisbon, Portugal

Finnish Country Overview	13 April 2023	National awareness raising on the Country Overview	Helsinki, Finland
launch event		Identification of steps to be undertaken to address	
		selected issues	
Moldovan Republic Country	4 May 2023	National awareness raising on the Country Overview	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Overview launch event		Identification of steps to be undertaken to address	<i>,</i> ,
		selected issues	
Italian Country Overview	21 June (tbc)	National awareness raising on the Country Overview	Rome, Italy
launch event		Identification of steps to be undertaken to address selected issues	
38 th meeting	30 May to	Adoption of the legal framework questionnaire for the	
	2 June 2023	resuming of monitoring work on the protection of	
		children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust.	
	31 May 2023	Capacity building organised with the French authorities	
		back-to-back with the Istanbul Convention CoP on:	
		The legal age for sexual activities	
		• The statute of limitations for sexual offences against children	Strasbourg and online
		and follow-up to be given to this capacity building	
		events' main conclusions.	
		Continued discussion on working methods to consider	
		ways of strengthening the monitoring procedure and its	
		impact	
Circle of trust monitoring	June 2023	Addressing the first questionnaire (on legal framework	
procedure		tbc) to Parties	
Circle of trust monitoring	End September	Deadline to reply to the first questionnaire for Parties	
procedure	2023		

39 th meeting	26 September to 28 September 2023	 Monitoring work on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: State of play of replies received to the first questionnaire (on legal framework) Consideration of other issues to be addressed Exchange on initiatives taken in the context of specific dimensions of the circle of trust. Work on follow-up to the capacity building event on the age of consent and statute of limitations. Presentation of the up-dated version of the 2010 CDPC survey to collect data on child sexual exploitation and abuse which had triggered the ONE in FIVE Campaign Continued discussion on working methods to consider ways of strengthening the monitoring procedure and its impact 	Strasbourg and online
Circle of trust monitoring procedure	15 October 2023 (tbc)	Deadline for NGOs to comment on Parties replies to the legal framework questionnaire	
ONE in FIVE up-date	27 October 2023	Deadline for Parties to submit data on CSEA (up-dating CDPC 2010 survey)	
European Day	18 November 2023	Thematic focus to be decided	
Exchange with the CM	29 November 2023	The Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee will present the Committee's work to the Committee of Ministers	Strasbourg

40 th meeting	28 - 30 November 2023	Possibly presentation of preliminary observations on: - part of the replies to first circle of trust questionnaire - the data collect	
		Annual panel on Civil Society initiatives	Strasbourg and online
		Continued work on the age of consent/statute of limitation follow-up work	Strasbourg and Online
		Identification of focus of next capacity building event/work	

2024			
Meeting/Activity	Dates	Deliverables/Focus	Place
41 st meeting		8 th Annual Activity Report	
		Monitoring on the circle of trust continued	
		Identification of the recommendations of the March 2022 monitoring report concerning challenges raised by	Strasbourg and online
		child self-generated images and videos that should be followed-up more speedily and decision on a timeline for the assessment of compliance with such recommendations	Strasbourg and omme

42 nd meeting	Monitoring on the circle of trust continued	Strasbourg or in the country hosting the capacity building
	Launching of the compliance procedure for selected recommendations to address the challenges of child self-generated sexual images and videos	event
	Annual capacity building event	
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43 rd meeting	Annual panel on Civil Society initiatives	Strasbourg
Launch events of further	Countries to be selected on a voluntary basis subject to	In the capitals of the countries
Country Overviews	resources available	concerned