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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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**Meeting report**

**39<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Venue: Strasbourg and KUDO platform**

26 – 28 September 2023

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

1. 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 39<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and on the KUDO platform on 26–28 September 2023. The agenda and the list of participants are appended (Appendices I-II) to this meeting report.

**1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

2. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) opened the meeting. The Committee adopted its agenda.

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

**2.1. Update on the urgent questions addressed to the Russian Federation in accordance with Rule 28 of the Lanzarote Committee’s Rules of Procedure and consideration of possible follow-up (working document T-ES(2023)10) in view of a decision**

3. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled that at its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting the Committee had decided to address urgent questions to the Russian Federation. The deadline for the Russian Federation to submit a special report in response to the questions was 10 July 2023. She informed the Committee that the Russian Federation had not replied to the questions within the deadline but had sent some documents to the Secretariat on 28 July and 15 September 2023. These documents were examined by the Bureau and a draft statement was prepared for consideration by the Committee.

4. Ms SCAPPUCCI (Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee) informed the Committee that following the receipt of the latest documents from the Russian Federation on 15 September it was proposed to insert some additional wording into the draft statement (working document T-ES(2023)10) and this was presented to the Committee.

5. Ms GUIDIKOVA (Head of Children’s Rights and Sports Values Department) recalled that the text had been carefully drafted to address the very partial response given by the Russian Federation.

6. Ms GERASIMCHUK (Plenipotentiary Adviser to the President of Ukraine on Children's Rights and Child Rehabilitation) informed the Committee that data on the numbers of missing children, child deaths and casualties was recorded on the state-owned portal “[children of war](#)”. She pointed out that this portal indicates that 13 children have been reported as victims of sexual violence and that these cases were under investigation by the prosecutors. She also informed the Committee that the President of Ukraine had established a plan to facilitate the return of children from the Russian Federation to Ukraine and called on the Committee to urge the Russian Federation to fully respond to the questions addressed to it. She also called on the Committee to consider establishing a working group to examine the cases of sexual abuse.

7. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO expressed deep compassion and concern felt by the Committee for the children affected by the war and recalled that the Committee must act within its mandate and be guided by the best interests of the child. In this respect, Ms SCAPPUCCI underlined that the Committee does not have a mandate to examine individual cases or to make findings of fact in the context of on-going criminal investigations. She recalled that once the facts are established at national level they may be brought to the attention of the Committee and be considered in the context of its mandate.

8. The Committee then carefully considered the draft statement line by line, agreed on a few amendments and adopted the [Statement](#) deploring the lack of an appropriate response from the Russian Federation and urging it to co-operate fully in conformity with its obligations as a Party to the Lanzarote Convention. Mr POPOVIĆ (Serbia) requested that the meeting report reflect the fact that Serbia voiced its abstention in the forming of the consensus on the text.

## **2.2. Update on the establishment of the Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU), in accordance with the Declaration on the situation of the children of Ukraine which was adopted at the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe**

9. Ms SCHUETZE-REYMAN (Special Advisor, Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine) informed the Committee that the Consultation Group on Children of Ukraine (CGU) had been set up. The objectives of the CGU are to enhance knowledge and understanding of different legal and policy frameworks and to facilitate co-ordination between States. The thematic focus of the work of the CGU remained to be defined by the CGU members at the “zero meeting” scheduled to take place online on 4 October 2023. She informed the Committee that the CGU would not deal with individual cases and that it would not receive any individually identifiable data. She also clarified that Ukrainian children in the Russian Federation or areas temporarily controlled or occupied by it were not within the mandate of the CGU but children who returned to Ukraine would fall within its mandate.

10. The Committee welcomed the initiative and informed Ms SCHEUTZE-REYMAN that it would contribute to the work of the CGU through its nominated representative (see item 6.1 below).

## **3. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention**

### **3.1. Update on replies to the new questionnaire “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: the legal frameworks” and decisions on the timeline and modalities to assess the replies**

11. Ms SCAPPUCCI recalled that the deadline for the submission of Parties’ replies to the new monitoring round’s first thematic questionnaire focused on legal frameworks had been extended to 10 October 2023 in view of the fact that only 17 Parties had provided the requested information by the deadline. Following an exchange, the Committee agreed that draft chapters of the implementation report would be prepared by rapporteurs from among the Committee members, participants and observers with assistance from the Secretariat and, where need be, independent experts according to the draft schedule included in Appendix III. The Committee thanked Ms DOSZPOTH (Hungary), Ms LOVŠIN (Slovenia) and

Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) who volunteered to act as Rapporteurs for the first set of questions.

12. The Committee further agreed that submissions from non-governmental organisations and other relevant professionals replying to the thematic questionnaire or complementing State Parties' responses should be received by the Secretariat by 10 December 2023, and contributions from child consultations on their understanding of the notion of "circle of trust" should be received by the Secretariat by 29 March 2024.

### **3.2. Presentation of the Guidelines for the Implementation of Child Participation in Lanzarote Committee's Activities and the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (working document T-ES(2023)14) and decisions on the specific involvement of children in the new monitoring round on the circle of trust**

13. Ms GUERREIRO (Policy Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) presented the Guidelines (working document T-ES(2023)14) and the Lanzarote Committee took note of the information communicated by the Secretariat. Following questions by some members, Ms GUERREIRO and other members of the Secretariat further clarified that it is not compulsory to carry out child consultations in the current monitoring round but recalled that the Committee decided to continue promoting the involvement of children in its work, thus the Guidelines were prepared to enable such involvement. The results from the child consultations will be integrated in the monitoring reports, as was the case in the 2nd monitoring round. As to the issue of engaging child victims or non-victims in the child consultations, the Secretariat explained that all options were possible as long as the necessary child safeguarding principles were respected. The experience of child victims/survivors may be of particular value in the context of specific questionnaires of the monitoring round, such as those dealing with the reporting or quality of services to child victims. Ms GUERREIRO called attention to the fact that when involving child victims/survivors, particular attention must be paid to safeguards and protection of all the children involved. Ms TREWINNARD (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) further informed the Committee that Guidelines on the Engagement with Victims/Survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation will also be developed in the context of the [2023 edition of the European Day](#) and that these may help to support the child consultations that will be carried out at national level. As mentioned above (see para. 12), the Committee agreed that the timeline to receive the responses from children involved in the new monitoring round on the circle of trust to be 29 March 2024.

### **3.3. Presentation and adoption of the draft Survey of data on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse updating the 2010 CDPC survey on prevalence of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, (working document T-ES(2023)11)**

14. Ms TREWINNARD recalled that at its meeting in December 2022, the Committee agreed to collect updated data on the occurrence of sexual violence against children in Parties to the Convention. She presented the draft survey that had been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the 2010 survey of the Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) and relevant recommendations of the Lanzarote Committee.

15. The discussions focused largely on the nature and characteristics of disaggregated data that should be included in the Survey. Committee members agreed that data collected should be comparable and compatible to allow for accurate analysis. The discussions clarified the types of disaggregated data that should be included in the Survey. During the discussions it was also agreed that the Survey should collect data specifically on victims of online child sexual exploitation and abuse. In this context EUROPOL offered to try to gather relevant data on NCMEC CyberTips. Following a proposal by Mr MAGNÚSSON (Iceland); the Committee concluded that it was also necessary to identify indicators to be used in data collection. Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium), Mr MAGNÚSSON and Ms MUSCAT (Malta) offered to help the Secretariat to revise the draft survey and to prepare potential indicators for the Committee to discuss at its next meeting.

16. The Committee entrusted the Secretariat to amend the draft Survey in accordance with the points raised during the discussions and to commence work on defining potential indicators to be used in the context of data collection for discussion at its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **4. Capacity-building work, exchange of information, experiences and good practices**

##### **4.1. Consideration and decisions on follow-up to the public seminar of 31 May 2023 on challenges raised by statutes of limitation in respect of sexual offences against children and on the legal age for sexual activities**

###### **4.1.1. Concept note on the Committee's future work on statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children (working document T-ES(2023)12)**

17. Ms MALAREVA (Legal Adviser to the Lanzarote Committee) presented the concept note prepared by the Secretariat outlining the structure of a future guidance note or another similar instrument on the interpretation and implementation of the Lanzarote Convention with regard to the statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children. Mr McVARISH (Brave Movement) presented the report "Justice Unleashed: Ending Limitations, Protecting Children" prepared by the Brave Movement in collaboration with Child Global. Ms CASTELLO BRANCO (Chairperson) expressed consternation at the criticism expressed with regard to the Lanzarote Convention in the report "Justice Unleashed" and reiterated that the Convention is the most comprehensive international instrument in this area.

18. During the ensuing exchange the following points were raised. Parties in general supported the idea of preparing a document but several Parties expressed the need to carefully examine the place of statutes of limitations in national legal systems and to balance the rights of victims against the rights of defendants in criminal proceedings. Several Parties expressed an interest in hearing in more detail about the experience of those States which had statutes of limitations in place but chose to abolish them completely or partially, as well as in consulting legal professionals from the areas of constitutional law and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. A concern was expressed that abolishing statutes of limitations would negatively affect the principle of legal certainty critical for the national legal systems and favour unjustly one category of victims over all the rest. Most Parties' representatives supported the inclusion into the document of a range of policy measures capable of improving victims' access to justice and a listing of promising practices.

19. Following the exchange, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare the first draft of the document in time for its examination at the 40<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting scheduled for 28-30 November 2023.

**4.1.2. Concept note on the Committee's future work on the legal age for sexual activities (working document T-ES(2023)13)**

20. Due to lack of time, the Committee agreed to postpone the examination of the concept note to its 40<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting scheduled for 28-30 November 2023 (Strasbourg and online).

**4.2. Information by members, participants and observers on changes in national policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, practice and/or presentation of relevant activities**

**4.2.1. Brief tour de table of the members to inform the Committee about any recent changes in the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse at national level that illustrate the impact of a Lanzarote Committee recommendations and decisions**

21. The Committee was informed of:

- adopted or proposed amendments in several Parties' substantive and procedural criminal law with regard to CSEA offences, including changes concerning terminology (Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova), criminal definitions and the introduction of new criminal offences (Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Portugal), criminal sanctions (Austria, Germany, Montenegro, Poland), statutes of limitations (Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Spain), and measures to prevent persons convicted of CSEA offences from working with children (Austria, Azerbaijan). Two Parties (Cyprus and Luxembourg) specifically informed of legislative amendments concerning the legal age for sexual activities following the Committee's related capacity-building event held on 31 May 2023.
- legislative amendments and new policy measures to render the justice system more child-friendly (Azerbaijan, Latvia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal).
- opening or working towards setting up of Barnahus and other similar structures for multidisciplinary interagency response to child sexual abuse (Croatia, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Montenegro, the Slovak Republic, Ukraine, Portugal).
- measures for raising awareness of child sexual abuse for children (Azerbaijan, Ireland, Italy), adults (Italy, the Slovak Republic), and specifically for members of the judiciary (Poland).
- measures to improve the online safety of children via the adoption of new legislation, negotiations (United Kingdom) or the opening of a hotline and working towards opening a Safer Internet Centre (the Slovak Republic).
- the adoption of national strategies or action plans for the strengthening of children's rights, or for the prevention of violence against children (Bulgaria) and domestic violence and child sexual abuse and exploitation (Italy, Norway,

Portugal).

- setting up a new government structure and a national human rights institution dealing with the protection of children against sexual abuse (Germany).
- initiatives to gather data on children's rights including CSEA (Iceland, Italy).
- strengthening training/qualification requirements for judges who interact with child victims of CSEA (Germany, Poland).

#### **4.2.2. Presentation of any recent activity by Lanzarote Committee observers or participants that could enrich the outcome of the Committee's ongoing work**

22. Ms FATALIYEVA (member of PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on children) updated on relevant developments at PACE. In particular she informed the Committee that two reports were under preparation on "Child abuse in Europe: addressing compensation and prevention" and "Right of the child to protection while using the internet". She also proposed to prepare a common declaration in aid of the 2023 European Day to end child sexual abuse to emphasise the importance of engaging with victims and survivors at national and local level to improve policies.

23. Ms KOHLI (End Violence Against Children Fund) informed that EVAC has launched a new open call for proposals in the context of their [Safe Online](#) funding round. This is to fund non-profit and not-for-profit organisations to implement actions to strengthen networks and systems, develop research, data and technology solutions to better prevent and protect children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse online. The deadline to apply is 31 October 2023.

24. Ms VARRELLA (ECPAT International) Informed the Committee that in May 2023 work commenced to update the Terminology Guidelines for the Protection of Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation ([Luxembourg Guidelines](#)). The aim is to update the terms used and to adapt the terminology to take into account new technologies and new crime types. The updated guidelines are scheduled to be finalised in March / April 2024. The Secretariat informed it would take part in the meetings of the Interagency Working Group tasked with the up-dating of the Terminology Guidelines and would therefore regularly inform the Committee of progress in this project.

25. Ms BUCK (UK) informed the Committee that the UK Parliament had passed the [Online Safety Bill](#) which protects both safety and privacy of online users. The Bill places legal duties on companies to tackle all forms of child sexual exploitation and abuse on their platforms, including grooming, livestreaming and sharing images. The [Bill](#) will receive Royal Assent in the coming weeks.\*

26. Mr KLANČNIK (EUROPOL) updated the Committee that EUROPOL has published the 2023 [Internet organised crime threat assessment](#) (IOCTA) according to which: detected child sexual abuse materials (CSAM) has increased in the quantity and severity, social media have been increasingly used to groom victims, trends indicating instances of offenders encouraging other offenders to abuse the same victim, and sharing advice among offenders on how to avoid detection. More sophisticated impersonation techniques, including deep fakes using

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\* The Bill received Royal Assent on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

the face of a real child placed on an AI generated body, has also been detected and are being used to extort money and more CSAM from children. He also informed about extended reality 'cinemas' being used by offenders to view CSAM including live streaming of abuse and capturing images from the abuse that were then circulated. He recalled that EUROPOL had adopted [guidelines for first responders](#) which had been translated into 11 languages at that time. He also informed that the EUROPOL [Global Response Against Child Exploitation](#) (GRACE) project would hold its final conference 29-30 November 2023 in Madrid, Spain and that through this project many tools had been developed to build law enforcement agencies capacities to handle referrals of CSAM.

27. Ms RYAN-ROUGER (Missing Children Europe) informed the Committee about the [CESAGRAM project](#) which aims to enhance the understanding of the grooming process and in particular how this is facilitated by technology, this will be supported by research into the links between grooming and children going missing. The project will also develop awareness raising tools and materials for young people, training for frontline workers to identify and respond to victims of grooming and design tools based on artificial intelligence to facilitate prevention and detection of grooming content online.

**4.2.3. Up-date on progress in the negotiations of the [proposal for an EU Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse](#) and in the review of EU Directive 2011/93 and that of other relevant Directives**

28. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO informed the Committee that the European Commission could not send a representative to up-date the Committee on this item during the current meeting. The Committee thus agreed to postpone examination of this item until its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting (28-30 November 2023).

**4.2.4. Up-date on progress in the [negotiations](#) of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee (UN AHC) to elaborate a comprehensive international Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes**

29. Mr KRALIK (Programme Manager, Cybercrime Division) informed the Committee that the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) facilitates coordination and common positions between the Parties to the Budapest Convention in the UN Ad Hoc Committee (UN AHC) and the Council of Europe through its Cybercrime Division participates in the UN AHC negotiations as an observer. The main aim is to ensure that the draft treaty is consistent with relevant Council of Europe standards including the Lanzarote Convention. He informed the Committee that Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention as well as the Opinion on Article 23 of the Lanzarote Convention were taken into account in Art. 14 of the draft as it stood at the date of the commencement of the sixth session of the AHC. That there was a risk that consensual behaviours among children would be criminalised and that definitions may be diluted to include materials relating to other forms of violence against children (e.g. terrorist content or torture). He also informed that a new version of the draft text of the treaty was due to be published by the end of November 2023 and the T-CY would facilitate common positions of the T-CY Members on the new draft. He also notified the Committee that the T-CY adopted a new guidance note on procedural powers for the collection of electronic evidence ([T-CY\(2023\)6 Guidance note Scope of powers](#)) which highlighted the synergies between the



two Conventions.

30. During the discussions that ensued, Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled that cybercrime presented a growing threat to children and posed a real challenge for States to regulate the online environment. She reminded the Committee that the EU was also in the process of updating legislation to regulate CSAM online. Mr KLANČNIK highlighted that images and videos of child sexual abuse are gross violations of the rights of the child victim to privacy and emphasised that protections to detect and remove this content should not be weakened in the name of privacy in general. Mr McVARISH called for the draft treaty to include a call to abolish the statute of limitations for offences related to child sexual abuse material, especially as regards the production of such material, given that these images and videos continue to circulate on the internet for years after the initial abuse.

#### **4.3. Debriefing of the event: “Barnahus: a European Journey” held on 28 September 2023**

31. During this event Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO made a presentation to inform participants that the Lanzarote Committee has recognised this model as a promising practice and is committed to promoting to the principles and standards of Barnahus. She emphasised that the Lanzarote Committee will explore more fully how to accommodate the specificities attached to the participation of children as victims in proceedings and the practical implications of Barnahus models in the context of the current monitoring round. The Committee widely welcomed the research initiative and expressed interest in receiving the [full mapping study](#). The Committee expressed preference to use the terms Barnahus and other child-friendly justice models or multidisciplinary and interagency models to ensure that all relevant models were included in this notion. The Committee identified the following challenges for the effective implementation of these models: ensuring that vulnerable children and those living outside the capital city can access help, and follow up support for children who had interacted with these services. The Committee welcomed initiatives to expand these services to cover all forms of violence against children, not only limited to sexual violence. Ms LIND HALDORSSON (Council of Baltic Sea States) informed the Committee that the CBSS had also prepared a mapping study which had produced some different results, highlighting that analysis can vary according to how research and assessment models are framed and offered to present the results of this study at a forthcoming meeting of the Committee. The Committee expressed its interest in learning also from the results of this exercise and agreed to continue promoting the implementation of Barnahus and other multidisciplinary inter-agency child-friendly models for victims of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

#### **4.4. Debriefings by Lanzarote Committee members having participated in meetings of Council of Europe bodies on the Lanzarote Committee’s behalf**

32. As Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) could not participate in the Committee’s meeting, debriefing of his participation in the [fact-finding visit of Ms KAYACIK \(Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees\) to Bulgaria from 11 to 15 September](#), will be made available in writing in the Committee’s shared space.

33. Ms MUSCAT sent a written submission to update the Committee following the conference of the European Committee for Social Cohesion on “Transition of Jobs: changing labour markets and the impact on social cohesion” which is available in the Committee’s shared space.

#### **4.5. Debriefings by Lanzarote Committee representatives or its Secretariat having participated in outside events**

##### **4.5.1. UNODC Expert working group on removal of child sexual exploitation and abuse material from the internet, 26-27 June 2023, Austria**

34. Ms TREWINNARD participated in the meeting to share key findings and outcomes of the Lanzarote Committee monitoring work in particular in relation to child self-generated sexual images and videos. The meeting identified key challenges including: specific safety concerns for survivors of CSAM who are stalked and harassed as adults by offenders who consumed images and videos of them being sexually abused as children, failure by platforms and service providers to take down content after receiving notices issued by hotlines due to a lack of a mandatory duty to act on those notices, increased presence of organised crime and increasing presence of younger children including images produced by young children (7-11 years old). Potential solutions identified during the discussions included: strengthening legal frameworks to oblige service providers to take down CSAM after receiving notices from hotlines and hold them accountable for failing to act through provisions related to criminal liability for legal persons. Following the meeting 71 countries signed the [UN call to action: removing child sexual exploitation and abuse materials](#).

##### **4.5.2. Asociación Afecto of Colombia (<https://afecto.org.co/>) Congress against child abuse, 28-30 August 2023, Colombia and online**

35. Ms SCAPPUCCI and Ms TREWINNARD took part online in the Congress. They presented the Lanzarote Convention and the Lanzarote Committee’s work to raise awareness and enhance understanding among participants in general and to explain the [added value of joining the Lanzarote Convention](#) for states outside the Council of Europe.

##### **4.5.3. UN General Assembly side event, 19 September 2023, New York and online**

36. Ms SCAPPUCCI addressed the UN GA Side Event “[Lifting the voices of Survivors](#)” organised by [Global Collaborative](#) to inform participants about the Lanzarote Convention and Committee’s work and to call on states worldwide to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention. The event was also an opportunity to pay tribute in particular to Sierra Leone and Nigeria for their leadership in sponsoring the UN GA resolution which declared 18 November the [World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence](#) building on the 18 November [European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#).

**4.6. Information about the publication of the factsheets developed on the basis of the Lanzarote Committee’s 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”**

37. This item was taken in conjunction with item 5 (see below). Meanwhile, all country factsheets have been published next to the relevant country flag on the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round webpage: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/2nd-monitoring-round> Key findings and thematic factsheets are available on this page at <https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/key-findings-and-thematic-factsheets>. The final edited version of the Committee’s 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” is also [online](#).

**4.7. Information about the 2023 edition of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse**

38. Ms TREWINNARD recalled that the theme of the 2023 edition of the European Day was engaging with victims and survivors of childhood sexual violence to inspire policy change. She informed the Committee that the Secretariat would prepare guidelines for survivor engagement. In addition, a panel of organisations engaging with survivors would take place during the Committee’s 40<sup>th</sup> meeting on 30 November 2023.

**4.8. Update on the possible organisation of the annual 2024 capacity building event on the challenges raised by the Metaverse for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse**

39. Ms TREWINNARD informed the Committee of the proposal to focus on the challenges and opportunities raised by emerging technologies for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. It was proposed that this also be the theme of the 2024 edition of the European Day. She informed the Committee that the event could be hosted by a State party and or an organisation with participatory or observer status in the Committee and invited States, participants and observers to express their interest by contacting the Secretariat.

40. During the discussions the Committee expressed an interest to learn more about the risks and opportunities raised by artificial intelligence, technologies such as Chat GPT, evidence gathering challenges occurring where abuse is live streamed and ways of financially disrupting organised criminal networks. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO recalled that work was underway at the Council of Europe to establish a Convention on Artificial Intelligence. Ms BUCK informed the Committee that the UK would host an AI summit in December 2023 and would keep the Committee informed of the outcomes that could feed into the capacity building event in 2024.

41. The Committee agreed that the theme of the capacity building event and European Day 2024 would focus on emerging technologies, threats and opportunities for the prevention and protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

## 5. Country Overview – State of play in light of the Lanzarote Convention

### 5.1. Update on the situation with the last pilot Country Overview (Italy) jointly prepared by ECPAT International and the Council of Europe Secretariat with the support of the national authorities

42. Ms. GUERREIRO recalled that in 2022, the Lanzarote Committee Secretariat and ECPAT International engaged in a collaboration to prepare Joint Country Overviews, following the discussion and agreement by the Lanzarote Committee to pursue such endeavour. The process was initiated with the preparation of three pilots (Republic of Moldova, Italy and Finland) in 2022/2023. ECPAT International was responsible for coordinating the research and drafting process, including in collaboration with ECPAT members/partners in the countries, while the Lanzarote Committee Secretariat coordinated the work with national authorities, revised and otherwise prepared inputs to the Country Overviews. The Secretariat also coordinated the preparation of the Launch Events in Finland and the Republic of Moldova, in collaboration with national authorities and other stakeholders. The Country Overview for Italy is ready for publication, however. Ms BERNARDON (Italy) explained that it was not yet confirmed that the Italian launch event could take place in the country.

### 5.2. Information about the possible follow-up to the pilot Country Overviews

43. Based on the pilot experience, Ms GUERREIRO explained that it seemed realistic to say that the whole process of preparing a Country Overview (from the start until the launch event) would take on average 9-12 months, per country. It was also indicated that it would be advisable not to start Country Overviews in parallel, but every three months, to phase out the different stages of the process. It would thus be possible to start/carry out 3-4 Country Overviews per year. As there are currently 48 Parties to the Convention, considering the time and resources required to prepare each Country Overview, it would take several years to cover all Parties. Taking this into account the following proposals for follow-up were presented:

- **To continue the collaboration with ECPAT International for the preparation of Country Overviews**, when a State Party is interested and ready to commit to the process; and where resources allow it;
- **To promote a simplified process, based on the Country Factsheets monitoring findings**, when a State Party is interested and ready to commit to the process; and where resources allow it, as follows: build on [the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round Country Factsheets](#) to organise a national event to disseminate the recommendations highlighted in the Country Factsheets to the country in question, as a means to disseminate the findings of the monitoring round, promote a dialogue at national level and identify concrete measures to implement the recommendations of the Committee ahead of the compliance procedure.

## **6. Procedural matters**

### **6.1. Appointment of a representative of the Lanzarote Committee**

44. The Committee appointed as representatives: Ms Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO to the Committee of Experts on Combatting technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO, jointly with CDPC) with Ms Jana LOVŠIN, as substitute representative, and Mr Artur DEGTEARIOV (Republic of Moldova) as representative to the Consultation Group of Children of Ukraine (CGU).

### **6.2. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting**

45. At the end of the meeting the Lanzarote Committee adopted the [list of decisions](#) by consensus.

## **7. Any other business**

46. The Lanzarote Committee welcomed the submission of an application for membership to the WeProtect Global Alliance by the Council of Europe.

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47. The Lanzarote Committee noted that its next meetings are scheduled as follows:
- 40th meeting, 28 – 30 November 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid);
  - 41st meeting: 13-15 February 2024 (Strasbourg);
  - 42nd meeting: 28-31 May 2024 (date and venue TBC);
  - 43rd meeting: 13-15 November 2024 (Strasbourg).

## Appendix I

### Agenda

The 39th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee will include a joint event with the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) “Barnahus: a European Journey”. The event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on 28 September 2023 in Strasbourg and online. It will include a presentation of the results of a Barnahus Mapping study, showcase the Lanzarote Committee and CDENF work on this topic and discuss several country-specific examples (see separate [programme](#)).

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- 3. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention**
  - 3.1. Up-date on replies to the new questionnaire “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: the legal frameworks” and decisions on the timeline and modalities to assess the replies
  - 3.2. Presentation of the Guidelines for the Implementation of Child Participation in Lanzarote Committee’s Activities and the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (working document T-ES(2023)14) and decisions on the specific involvement of children in the new monitoring round on the circle of trust
  - 3.3. Presentation and adoption of the draft Survey of data on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse updating the 2010 CDPC survey on prevalence of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, (working document T-ES(2023)11)
- 4. Capacity building, exchange of information, experiences and good practices**
  - 4.1. Consideration and decisions on follow-up to the public seminar of 31 May 2023 on challenges raised by statutes of limitation in respect of sexual offences against children and on the legal age for sexual activities

- 4.1.1. Concept note on the Committee's future work on statutes of limitations in respect of sexual offences against children (working document T-ES(2023)12)
- 4.1.2. Concept note on the Committee's future work on the legal age for sexual activities (working document T-ES(2023)13)
- 4.2. Information by members, participants and observers on changes in national policy, legislation, institutional arrangements, practice and/or presentation of relevant activities
  - 4.2.1. Brief tour de table of the members to inform the Committee about any recent changes in the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse at national level that illustrate the impact of a Lanzarote Committee recommendations and decisions
  - 4.2.2. Presentation of any recent activity by Lanzarote Committee observers or participants that could enrich the outcome of the Committee's ongoing work
  - 4.2.3. Up-date on progress in the negotiations of the [proposal for an EU Regulation to prevent and combat child sexual abuse](#) and in the review of EU Directive 2011/93 and that of other relevant Directives
  - 4.2.4. Up-date on progress in the [negotiations](#) of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee (UN AHC) to elaborate a comprehensive international Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes
- 4.3. Debriefing of the event: "Barnahus: a European Journey" held on 28 September 2023
- 4.4. Debriefings by Lanzarote Committee members having participated in meetings of Council of Europe bodies on the Lanzarote Committee's behalf
- 4.5. Debriefings by Lanzarote Committee representatives or its Secretariat having participated in outside events
- 4.6. Information about the publication of the factsheets developed on the basis of the Lanzarote Committee's 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"
- 4.7. Information about the 2023 edition of the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse
- 4.8. Up-date on the possible organisation of the annual 2024 capacity building event on the challenges raised by the Metaverse for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse
- 5. Country Overview - State of play in light of the Lanzarote Convention**
  - 5.1. Update on the situation with the last pilot Country Overview (Italy) jointly prepared by ECPAT International and the Council of Europe Secretariat with the support of the national authorities

5.2. Information about the possible follow-up to the pilot Country Overviews

**6. Procedural matters**

6.1. Appointment of representatives of the Lanzarote Committee:

- to the Committee of Experts on Combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO, jointly with CDPC)
- to the Consultation Group of Children of Ukraine (CGU)

6.2. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

**7. Any other business**



## Appendix II

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## Appendix III

## Monitoring of the circle of trust legal framework timeline

Meeting	41 <sup>st</sup> Meeting (13-15/02/2024)	42 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting (28-31/05/2024)	43 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting (13-15/11/2024)	44 <sup>th</sup> Meeting (2025)
<b>Questions &amp; themes</b>	<b>Questions 1-6 and 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key notions (Q1)</li> <li>• Victim's age (Q2)</li> <li>• Scope of offence (Q3 and 4)</li> <li>• Ex officio prosecution (Q5)</li> <li>• Measures in respect of children who sexually offend and children displaying risky and harmful sexual behaviour (Q6)</li> <li>• Guarantees of protection for persons reporting suspected offences (Q10)</li> </ul>	<b>Questions 7-9, 11- 12 and 17-18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child victims' rights to protection and parental rights (Q7, 8, and 9)</li> <li>• Assistance to third parties (Q11 and 12)</li> <li>• Support for child victims in investigative and judicial proceedings (Q17 and 18)</li> </ul>	<b>Questions 13-16, and 19-20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of offenders (Q13)</li> <li>• Measures in respect of professionals and legal persons (Q14)</li> <li>• Special representatives (Q15 and 16)</li> <li>• Investigation (Q19)</li> <li>• Judicial proceedings (Q20)</li> </ul>	Examination of preliminary draft full report
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Q1: Q2: Q3: Q4: Q5: Q6: Q10:	Q7: Q8: Q9: Q11: Q12: Q17: Q18:	Q13: Q14: Q15: Q16: Q19: Q20:	