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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

44th meeting

Venue: Strasbourg

4-6 March 2025

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

The Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse ("the Lanzarote Committee)" held its 44th meeting in Strasbourg on 4-6 March 2025. The agenda and the list of participants are appended (Appendices I and II) to this meeting report.

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) opened the meeting.

2. Agnes von MARAVIĆ (Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee) updated the Committee that the 45th Plenary (1-3 July 2025) would be hosted by the Maltese authorities in Valetta, Malta, under the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and that the first day of the meeting would be a ministerial conference. She also informed the Committee that the 46th Plenary (18-20 November 2025) would be hosted by the Moldovan authorities in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, under the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and that the first day would be dedicated to the annual capacity building activity of the Committee.

3. Naomi TREWINNARD (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat), updated the Committee that the [18 November 2024 Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#) was a great success with multiple activities and statements being made in various countries. The Lanzarote Committee Declaration on protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by emerging technologies was widely publicised including at various international events including the Ministerial Conference to End Violence Against Children (7-8 November 2024, Bogotá), WPGA Global Summit (4-5 December 2024, Abu Dhabi), and Internet Governance Forum (15-19 December 2024, Riyadh).

4. Ekaterina MALAREVA (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) informed the Committee that a new [online training course](#) on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, developed in the course of 2024 by independent consultants together with the staff members of the Children's Rights Division, would be launched on 6 March 2025 on the Council of Europe's Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) platform, in English and French. The course is addressed to legal and other professionals working with and for children, including policy makers, and aimed to increase their knowledge about the phenomenon of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and the ways to combat it effectively. The Committee was invited to share information about the course, and Parties were encouraged to consider translating it in their national languages.

5. Javiera VERDUGO TORO (Attorney of the International Judicial Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile) informed the Committee that children's rights and the protection of children against sexual abuse are priorities for Chile and that there is strong interest in the Lanzarote Convention.

6. Katie BURKE (Policy Manager, WeProtect Global Alliance (WPGA)) informed the Committee that WPGA holds a bi-annual summit to drive progress towards a digital world where children are free from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. The [Global Summit 2024](#) was co-hosted by the Ministry of Interior of the United Arab Emirates and gathered delegates from over 100 countries. The summit resulted in the publication of a [call to action](#). She informed that WPGA would be interested in co-hosting their next summit with the Council of Europe at its headquarters in Strasbourg.

7. The Committee adopted its agenda.

2. Monitoring of the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2.1. “Data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” – Examination and possible adoption of the draft report

8. Páll MAGNÚSSON (Iceland) chaired this item. He recalled that in 2024, a [survey](#) was carried out to gather information on national data mechanisms concerning child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, followed by a presentation of preliminary findings at the 43rd plenary meeting of the Lanzarote Committee. The implementation report “Data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse” was circulated ahead of the 44th meeting and the Parties were invited to provide any amendments or additional information to the report. The information received by Parties was integrated into the report, as well as comments received by UNICEF, Monitoring, Evaluation and Data Team of the Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (ECARO). Ana GUERREIRO (Policy Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) informed the Committee that, in addition to submitting comments to the draft report, UNICEF expressed an interest to share the final report with the members of the Steering Committee on Statistics on Children, which was established under the umbrella of the Conference of European Statisticians. UNECE and UNICEF are members of the Committee, as well as several national statistical offices, Eurostat and OECD. The Committee was established in follow up to the 2024 [UNECE/UNICEF Expert meeting on statistics on children](#). Its Terms of Reference are available [here](#). UNICEF also expressed a wish to continue collaborating with the Committee in this context, including to the next Expert meeting on statistics on children planned to take place in March 2026, which will have a spotlight on statistics on violence against children, as well as on disability and alternative care statistics.

9. During the meeting, the Committee examined the draft implementation report on data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, agreed to submit any proposed amendments to the draft report circulated for the 44th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee by 10 March 2025. Furthermore, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised version and send it to the Committee on the 18 March 2025; and further agreed to submit additional amendments to the revised draft by 15 April 2025.

2.2. “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: legal frameworks” – Examination of the draft implementation report

10. Philippe OLIVIER (Vice-Chair, France) chaired this item. He recalled that in 2022, the Committee had [decided](#) to return to the theme of protecting children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust in order to monitor progress made in the 26 States that had taken part in the first monitoring round on this theme and to examine these questions for the first time in respect of the 22 States that had joined the Convention since 2015. To this end, the Committee had [adopted](#) the thematic questionnaire in June 2023, and had completed a preliminary examination of replies received from State Parties during its [41st](#), [42nd](#) and [43rd](#) Plenary meetings in 2024. The draft report had been prepared on the basis of the replies received, the analysis made by the rapporteurs as well as additional information received during and in follow-up to those meetings.

11. The Committee examined the draft report, provided feedback on the draft recommendations and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised version of the report for examination at its next meeting. The Committee also agreed to provide additional comments in writing by 23 March 2025. A revised draft would be circulated by the Secretariat by 15 May 2025.

2.3. “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: policies” – Examination of the draft questionnaire

12. Ekaterina MALAREVA recalled that at its 41st plenary meeting the Committee had [instructed](#) the Secretariat to prepare a draft questionnaire on policy frameworks as the next stage of the ongoing monitoring round. In particular, it had been agreed that the next questionnaire would focus on the same themes as the strategies report of the first round, with the addition of questions related to specific sectors of the circle of trust where child sexual abuse may take place. During this meeting, the Committee examined a draft questionnaire and agreed to provide its comments in writing by 23 March 2025. A revised draft would be circulated by the Secretariat by 15 May 2025.

2.4. “Protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs” – Update on compliance procedure

13. Naomi TREWINNARD recalled that the Committee had [decided](#) to launch a compliance procedure to measure progress in the implementation of recommendations made in the [implementation report on 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](#). The procedure was launched in October 2024 and Parties were given 5 months to provide information to demonstrate compliance with the recommendations. The deadline for Parties to provide information was 1 March 2025. At the time of the meeting 21 of the 43 Parties concerned had replied. The Committee therefore agreed to extend the deadline for replies to 17 March 2025.

3. Capacity-building, exchange of information, experiences, and good practices

3.1. Exchange with Antoaneta VASSILEVA, President ad interim of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)

14. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) recalled that the Lanzarote Convention protects children against all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and that this is complementary to the protections afforded by the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. She also recalled that in some States sexual exploitation through live streaming can be prosecuted under sexual offences against children and / or under trafficking offences, highlighting the close links with the Committee's previous work on child sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos generated, shared and received by children.

15. Antoaneta VASSILEVA, (President ad interim of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)) informed the Committee that GRETA's ongoing 4th monitoring round focuses on [vulnerabilities to trafficking](#), and that GRETA has observed a shift in sexual exploitation onto online sites, including increases in trafficking in relation to child sexual abuse material. She highlighted the particular vulnerabilities of missing children and the [risks of trafficking in human beings related to the war in Ukraine](#).

16. Petya NESTOROVA (Executive Secretary to the [Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings](#)) recalled that the international definition of trafficking in Human Beings is very broad encompassing all forms of sexual exploitation including against children. She updated the Committee that GRETA has noted a marked increase in children being sexually abused online. She also underlined the importance of ensuring that child victims have access to appropriate support services regardless of whether the crime is prosecuted under anti-trafficking legislation or legislation related to sexual offences more broadly. She indicated that there was a shortage of data in relation to the proportion of child victims of trafficking specifically facilitated by ICTs.

17. During the discussion the Committee agreed that there were many common challenges especially in relation to sexual exploitation of children facilitated by ICTs including definitions in criminal law and ensuring that child victims are protected against criminal liability especially where materials depicting the sexual exploitation were "self-generated". The Committee also discussed the heightened vulnerability of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to trafficking along with the challenges of detecting and recognising them as victims of trafficking. The Committee agreed to continue exchanging information and to strengthen co-operation with GRETA.

3.2. Exchange with Mark BEAVAN, Head of the Crimes against Children Unit, INTERPOL

18. Mark BEAVAN, Head of the Crimes against Children Unit at INTERPOL, presented the organisation's new strategy to disrupt online child sexual exploitation and abuse. Through new regional hubs in Nairobi, Buenos Aires, San Salvador and Singapore and an increase in law enforcement officers and capacity building, INTERPOL expects to be able to identify more children, more quickly. First response officers are trained to identify

children, collect evidence in safe ways, and use that evidence more effectively. Thanks to funding by the Human Dignity Foundation, INTERPOL will be able to update its International Child Sexual Exploitation image and video database. INTERPOL also supports countries in improving their legislative frameworks through gap analyses. Finally, INTERPOL works with the Child Rescue Coalition on non-recent child sexual abuse cases to support adult survivors.

3.3. Exchange on the Ministerial Conference at the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention, Malta, 1 July 2025

19. Joel ATTARD, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe shared information informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Social Policy, Family and Children's Rights, to be held in Valletta, Malta, on the 1st of July 2025, with an official dinner held on the 30th of June, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the ratification of the Lanzarote Convention. The Conference entitled "15 years of the Lanzarote Convention: Achievements, Challenges and Way Forward to Prevent and Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse", will be prepared in the context of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of Europe. The priorities of the Maltese Presidency include the protection of children, youth, equality and safeguarding the European Convention on Human Rights. The Conference will be organised across four sessions. The first session entitled "Tacking Stock: 15 years of the Lanzarote Convention", aims to celebrate the achievements of the Convention; the second session, entitled "Keeping harm away from children", aims to generate discussion about effective ways to prevent child sexual abuse from happening in the first place; the third session of the Conference, entitled "Empowering children to flourish free from sexual violence", looks at how can legislation, policies and programmes contribute to break the cycle of harm and empowering children to flourish free from sexual violence; and the fourth session of the Conference will be dedicated to the "Way forward", with a specific focus on linking the Lanzarote Convention within the wider international context. The Closing session features concluding remarks by high-level representatives, including the presentation of the work carried out by the Maltese Children's Advisory Group by the Maltese Ombudsperson for Children. An outcome document will also be presented.

20. The Committee took note of this information and discussed possible themes and some administrative-related concerns. Among other themes, the proposal was made that the conference could provide the Committee with a mandate to look into a possible review of the Lanzarote Convention in the light of technological and other developments. The Committee was informed that the invitations to the Conference will soon be sent to the Ministers responsible for Social Policy, Family and Children's Rights, who will be encouraged to co-ordinate the with the Ministry of Justice or other entities represented in the Committee, to invite the official members of the Lanzarote Committee. Joel ATTARD took note of the following possible topics, suggested by the Committee:

- international co-operation and prevention;
- child protection in crisis situations;
- emerging technologies;
- data collection practices; and
- treatment and support to victims.

3.4. Exchange on the possibility of initiating reflection on the use of the term “survivor”

21. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) informed the Committee that the Bureau of the Committee had met to exchange on the possibility of initiating reflection on the use of the term “survivor” in follow up to the [decision](#) taken by the Committee at its 43rd meeting (5-8 November 2024, Vienna). The Bureau proposed to start by collecting information on the possible use in State Parties of the term “survivor”, or other alternative terms, in legislation and policy related to protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

22. The Committee agreed to postpone the exchange on this subject and to invite Parties to submit information on the use of this term to the Secretariat. The Committee agreed, furthermore, to invite a representative of the Inter-agency working group on the second edition of the Terminology Guidelines for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (“the [Luxembourg guidelines](#)”) to present the revised Luxembourg guidelines, and a representative of the Brave Movement to make a presentation on the term “survivor”, during an information session, possibly at its 46th plenary meeting (18-20 November 2025).

4. Information about Council of Europe work relevant to the Lanzarote Committee’s mandate

4.1. Debriefings on participation in events on behalf of the Lanzarote Committee

- Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine Plenary (Strasbourg, 1-2 July 2024 and 21-23 January 2025)

23. Kristina STEPANOVA (Lithuania) informed the Committee about the discussions held during the two plenary meetings. A special thematic hearing on [understanding the risks of trafficking of children of Ukraine including for the purposes of sexual and labour exploitation](#), notably, concluded that such risks were higher for Ukrainian children, in particular due to their vulnerable situation and heightened online exposure. Challenges in detecting and prosecuting the trafficking cases also stemmed from the differences between States’ criminal law definitions, insufficient training of professionals, and the inability of children to self-identify as victims of trafficking and seek help. It was decided that the CGU should consider collaborating on a joint deliverable with GRETA and the Lanzarote Committee on protection of children of Ukraine from human trafficking. Other themes addressed during the two meetings included progress and current challenges of the reform of the Ukrainian child protection and alternative care system, trauma-informed care, guardianship, and preconditions for the children’s safe return to Ukraine.

- Global Ministerial Conference on Violence against Children (Bogotá, 7-8 November 2024)

24. Agnes von MARAVIĆ informed the Committee that the Lanzarote Committee Declaration on protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by emerging technologies had been brought to the attention of the Bogotá Conference by Marja RUOTANEN, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe. Marja RUOTANEN and Regina JENSDÓTTIR, then Head of the Children's Rights Division, also used the occasion of the conference to promote the Lanzarote Convention in their respective interventions and bilateral meetings.

- Cybercrime Regional Workshop on OCSEA (Rome, 28-29 November 2024)

25. Ana GUERREIRO attended the Workshop entitled "Protection of children online: what follow up to OCSEA reports?" on the 28-29 November 2024 in Rome, Italy, organised by the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe, with the objective to contribute to the improvement of the follow-up by criminal justice authorities to reports received on online child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. The Workshop co-organised by "CyberSouth +" and "CyberSEE" projects. The participants to the event included representatives of criminal justice authorities from Southern-East Europe and Southern Mediterranean regions: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Kosovo, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Italy, France, Kazakhstan and the USA, as well as representatives from service providers and other international organisations. Ana GUERREIRO informed the Committee that several countries outside the Lanzarote Convention membership manifested an interest to receive more information about how to accede to the Convention. Among the issues of relevance that were raised during the Workshop were those related to the challenges posed by cultural traditions in some countries and how to ensure that responses to child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse take such issues into account.

- WeProtect Global Summit (Abu Dhabi, 4-5 December 2024)

26. Agnes von MARAVIĆ informed the Committee that she attended, together with Marja RUOTANEN, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity, the WeProtect Alliance Global Summit to promote the Lanzarote Convention globally (see information provided by Katie BURKE under item 1. above).

- Conference (3-4 December 2024) in Tunisia

27. Philippe OLIVIER (France), Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium) and Naomi TREWINNARD (Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) took part in the [Conference on the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention](#) co-organised by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Women, Children, Family and Senior affairs of Tunisia on the 3-4 December 2024. The Conference focused on strengthening multi-sectoral co-operation and prevention. Philippe OLIVIER referred to the strong engagement and implication by Tunisia in participating in the work of the Committee and in implementing the principles enshrined

in the Convention and that Tunisia could be an inspiration for other countries wishing to join the Convention.

28. He warmly thanked the Tunisian authorities and the Council of Europe Office in Tunisia for the organisation. He informed the Committee that the conference was attended by participants from different sectors of government, including law enforcement, the judiciary and health care, and focused on the need for inter-sectorial co-ordination in implementing the Lanzarote Convention. Christel DE CRAIM shared the positive impression she had from the conference and stressed that co-ordination between different branches and levels of government is challenging in all countries. Nidhal HLAIEM (Tunisia) informed that the conference had already started to yield results, notably discussions on setting up a Barnahus and on a national action plan, for which Council of Europe support would be welcomed.

- Training sessions for child protection officers (9-10, 16-17, 23-24 January 2025)

29. George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) informed the Committee that he had made a presentation of the Lanzarote Convention at a training session for child protection officers in Sousse (Tunisia, 16-17 January 2025). Panayiota TRIFILLI (Cyprus) and Gökçen TÜRKER (Türkiye) had made similar presentations at separate training sessions (Tunis, 9-10 January 2025 and Djerba 23-24 January 2025 respectively).

- Steering Committee on the Rights of the Child (Strasbourg, 3-5 December 2024)

30. George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) informed the Committee that the draft Recommendation on the protection of the rights and best interests of the child in care proceedings submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption included references to the Committee's work, notably its [Declaration on protecting children in out-of-home care from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse](#), as well as a clear prioritisation of care formats and a reference to the UN guidelines on alternative care. Other themes discussed during the plenary meeting included safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content (see the [thematic guidance note](#)) and future action in view of the feasibility, timeliness and pertinence of elaborating a children's rights impact assessment (CRIA) tool on artificial intelligence.

- Conference on online child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Rabat, 18 February 2025)

31. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO informed the Committee that the above conference had been attended by over 200 Moroccan judges and prosecutors and addressed issues dealt with by law enforcement authorities related to online child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. The Chairperson also shared with the Committee information about progress in the work of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO), mentioning in particular two mapping studies on "[Investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated violence against women and girls](#)" and on "[Regulating ICT companies and internet intermediaries](#)", and suggested that similar mapping could be

done in relation to child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

5. Procedural matters

5.1. Adoption of the Lanzarote Committee's 9th Activity Report

32. Agnes von MARAVIĆ presented the 9th Activity Report covering the period from 16 February 2024 to 6 March 2025, which was adopted by the Committee.

5.2. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

33. The Committee adopted the list of decisions of this meeting.

6. Any other business

34. Naomi TREWINNARD updated the Committee that there was growing international interest in the Lanzarote Convention. She informed the Committee that the Secretariat had made an online presentation of the Lanzarote Convention to the Philippines national OCSEA and CSEM Taskforce in December 2024. She recalled that a project to promote the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention within State Parties and in Countries interested in acceding was running from March 2023 to December 2027. Planned activities include actions to raise awareness on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention (01/07/2025), and support for the capacity building activities of the Committee. She thanked Cyprus, France and Liechtenstein for their voluntary financial contributions to the project and informed the Committee that the project remained severely underfunded, a summary of the project was circulated to the Committee following the meeting.

Dates of the next plenary meetings

- 45th plenary meeting + 15th anniversary conference: 2-3 July 2025, Malta (preceded by a ministerial conference in Malta on 1 July 2025)
- 46th plenary meeting: 18-21 November 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Appendix I

Agenda

4-6 March 2025

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- Conference on "The Council of Europe's fight against child abuse in institutions" (Strasbourg, 6 December 2024)
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Appendix II

List of participants

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