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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

45th meeting

Venue: Sliema, Malta

2-3 July 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 45th meeting in Sliema (Malta) on 2-3 July 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, following opening remarks by Hon. Michael FALZON, Minister for Social Policy and Children’s Rights of Malta and Marja RUOTANEN, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe (see item 3.1.1 below). 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

2. Páll MAGNÚSSON (Bureau member, Iceland) chaired this item. He recalled that this draft implementation report was based on the information provided by 36 Parties in response to a survey of data collection mechanisms launched by the Committee in 2023. The Committee held a first reading of the draft report at its 44th meeting. Three rounds of written consultations then followed, and that at the 45th meeting the Committee was to examine effectively the third revised version of the report. He noted that the draft report did not necessarily provide guidance or answered Parties’ questions on every aspect of data collection but could serve as a starting point for the discussion, which was notably to be continued at the capacity-building event scheduled to take place during the Committee’s next plenary meeting, 18-21 November 2025. He further noted that it was open to the Committee to consider more specific follow-up on the report.

3. Following the discussion, the Committee adopted the report.

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

4. Philippe OLIVIER (Vice-Chairperson, France) chaired this item, he recalled that in 2022 the Committee decided to return to the theme of the first monitoring round, namely the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in the circle of trust. The current monitoring round served to measure progress made in the 26 Parties that took part in the first monitoring round and to monitor the situation in the 22 Parties that had joined the Lanzarote Convention since 2015. The Committee adopted the questionnaire in 2023. 47 Parties replied to the questionnaire and 5 civil society organisations provided additional information. 2 Parties implemented child consultations that fed into the report. The Committee examined the responses received during its 41st, 42nd and 43rd meetings. It held a first reading of the draft report at its 44th meeting. 29 Parties provided additional information during the two written consultations that followed.

5. At the 45th meeting the Committee examined the second revised version of the report. During the discussions, the Committee identified the following themes for future work:

- The intersection between child sexual exploitation and abuse within the family and the criminalisation of “incest”.
- The use of restorative justice measures in relation to child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, notably in relation to children displaying or engaging in harmful sexual behaviours, the best interests of child victims under 18 years old, justice and healing for victims/survivors after they have reached the age of 18. The Committee noted the importance of obtaining informed consent before engaging in any such measures and the need to explore the specific considerations applicable in cases of child sexual abuse by a person in a recognised position of trust, authority or influence.
- Additional guidance on the notion of reporting in good faith to further clarify how States can protect professionals against the risk of negative repercussions when they report suspicion of child sexual abuse to the appropriate authorities.
- Promising practices in relation to the protection of child victims against disclosure of personal identifiable information in the media.
- Measures to ensure the supervision and/or monitoring of persons convicted of child sexual exploitation or child sexual abuse and the prevention of re-offending among this group. In this connection, the Netherlands informed the Committee that they published a report in June 2025 “Risk assessment for Dutch perpetrators of transnational child sex offences” ([summary](#) in English, [full report](#) only in Dutch).

6. The Committee adopted the report and thanked the rapporteurs involved in its preparation:

- Question 1: Jana LOVŠIN (Slovenia);
- Questions 2 and 3: Anna DOSZPOTH (Hungary);
- Question 4: Theresa RYAN-ROUGER (Missing Children Europe);
- Questions 5 and 6: Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal);
- Questions 7, 8 and 9: Tiina-Maria LEVAMO (Save the Children International);
- Question 10: Lorna MUSCAT (Malta);
- Question 11: Philippe OLIVIER (France);
- Question 12: Theresa RYAN-ROUGER (Missing Children Europe);
- Question 13: Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium);
- Question 14: Kristina STEPANOVA (Lithuania);
- Questions 15 and 16: Páll MAGNÚSSON (Iceland);
- Questions 17 and 18: Corah CAPLES (Ireland);
- Question 19: Nina VAARANEN-VALKONEN (Protect Children); and
- Question 20: Madalena PAMPALK-LORBEER (Austria).

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

7. Naomi TREWINNARD (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) recalled that the Committee had decided to update the [country factsheets](#) as a basis for the Compliance procedure 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, and invited the 8 States that had not yet sent in their updated factsheets to do so as soon as possible. The compliance procedure will take place in several phases as set out in the table below.

| | Thematic report | Relevant chapters in the Implementation Report |
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| Phase 1 | Criminal and Procedural Law | II - Legal frameworks |
| | | IV - Jurisdiction rules |
| | | III - Investigations and prosecution |
| | | V - International co-operation |
| Phase 2 | Victim services | VI - Assistance to victims |
| | | VII - Civil society involvement and co-operation |
| Phase 3 | Prevention | VIII - Promoting awareness |
| | | IX - Education for children |
| | | X - Higher education curriculum and continuous training |
| | | XI - Research |

8. The Committee called for volunteers to act as rapporteurs in the context of the compliance procedure notably to facilitate the identification of indicators for the examination of progress made in relation to the recommendations and invited volunteers to contact the Secretariat.

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

3.1. Follow-up to the Ministerial Conference at the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention, 1 July 2025, Malta

3.1.1. Address by Hon. Michael FALZON, Minister for Social Policy and Children’s Rights of Malta

9. Lorna MUSCAT (Malta) introduced Hon. Michael Falzon, Minister for Social Policy and Children of Malta, highlighting that Malta has introduced legislative reforms to increase public awareness, cross border co-operation and strengthen child protection systems.

10. Hon. Michael FALZON, Minister for Social Policy and Children of Malta, recalled that the Informal Conference of Ministers had taken place on 1 July 2025 to celebrate the 15th anniversary since the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention. This

conference focused on the prevention of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. A [Final Declaration](#) was adopted by all State Parties that participated in the Conference. The Minister referred to the discussions held at the Conference the previous day to stress the need to work in co-operation and to communicate across borders to effectively prevent and address child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. He highlighted the steps taken by Malta over the recent years to strengthen its legal and policy framework to better protect children, citing as examples the extension of the limitation periods for the prosecution of child sexual abuse to 20 years and the introduction of mandatory reporting, as well as the current plans to abolish the possibility to marry before reaching the age of 18.

11. Marja RUOTANEN, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe, thanked the Maltese authorities for having organised the informal conference of ministers and for hosting the 45th plenary meeting of the Lanzarote Committee. She welcomed the declaration adopted at the Conference, noted that its commitments concern the full spectrum of measures essential to building robust defences against child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, and called upon States to marshal the resources, political will and sustained commitment necessary to implement them without delay. She pointed out that due to its unique composition and role, the Lanzarote Committee is exceptionally well positioned to guide and support the implementation journey. The Director General confirmed that the Council of Europe Secretariat is ready to support this endeavour.

3.1.2. Discussion on potential follow up to the Ministerial Conference

12. The Committee warmly thanked the Maltese authorities for prioritising the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse under their presidency of the Council of Europe. Several themes were raised during the discussions including the need for children to receive education about the risks of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and how to get help, challenges related to travel and tourism for the purposes of child sexual exploitation as well as the need to work with financial sectors to better detect and prevent child sexual exploitation.

13. The following themes were identified as priorities to follow up to the declaration:

- Technology, including social networks and platforms, initiatives such as project Lantern (tech coalition) and NCMEC roundtable with tech industry. The need to pro-actively prevent future harm caused by the continued development of artificial intelligence was raised. In this respect the Committee considered the possibility of gathering promising practices in view of holding a thematic exchange with tech companies on this topic, potentially in the context of the on-going compliance procedure on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs.
- Strengthening legal frameworks and aligning regulation across borders. In this context the on-going legislative reform initiatives at EU and UN level were mentioned in addition to the application of UN and Council of Europe Cybercrime treaties in the context of emerging technologies. The recent

CDENF report on the exposure of children to pornography was mentioned in relation to the need to regulate the porn industry. General comment No. 24 (2017) on State obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the context of business activities, by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, was referred to specifically in respect of the banking and finance industry. The recent INHOPE mapping of CSAM legislation looked into the types of materials that are considered illegal, includes analysis of countries that criminalise content depicting an adult disguised as a child engaging in sexual activities.

- Enhancing child participation in the work of the Committee whilst ensuring the child participation processes are safe for the children involved. There was a call for the Committee to include child participation in each aspect of its work. The Committee invited Parties that are interested in bringing more child participation into the work of the Committee to contact the Secretariat.
- Preventing re-offending, including challenges linked to screening individuals that move to work in different countries and children displaying or engaging in harmful sexual behaviours.

14. The Committee also decided to hold an exchange on the follow-up to paragraph 25 of the [Final Declaration](#) at its 46th meeting (18-21 November 2025 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova). Paragraph 25 calls on the Committee to “[e]nsure the Lanzarote Convention remains a living and forward-looking instrument addressing both current and evolving issues, with a view of upholding children’s protection in the context of an accelerating digital transformation.”

3.2. Information by members, participants and observers

3.2.1. Mama Fatima SINGHATEH, UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children

15. Mama Fatima SINGHATEH (UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children) updated the Committee on her mandate and emphasised the importance of multilateralism to prevent child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. She recalled that progress made in implementing the Lanzarote Convention also contributes towards the realisation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. She called for the Committee to continue strengthening co-operation with countries and stakeholders that are not Parties to the Lanzarote Convention and emphasised the need for the Lanzarote Convention to remain up to date in the light of technological and other developments since it entered into force 15 years ago.

3.2.2. Iain DRENNAN, Executive Director, WeProtect Global Alliance

16. Iain DRENNAN (Executive Director, WeProtect Global Alliance) informed the Committee that WeProtect Global Alliance and Thorn had recently released a report

[“Evolving Technologies Horizon Scan: A review of technologies carrying notable risk and opportunity in the fight against online child sexual exploitation.”](#) In addition, WeProtect Global Alliance published in May 2025 a research paper on [“Health and wellbeing of frontline responders”](#). He also informed the Committee that they will be publishing a new report on harmful sexual behaviours to better understand the growing phenomenon of sexual abuse between children. The report will be published in August 2025, and a new edition of the Global Threat Assessment will be published in December 2025.

3.2.3. Anton Toni KLANČNIK, EUROPOL - European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), specialist in AP Twins

17. Anton Toni KLANČNIK updated the Committee about two recent EUROPOL operations related to:

- a. A global case against AI generated child sexual abuse materials that were being created for payment ([Operation Cumberland press release](#)); and
- b. A global case which dismantled a large online platform that was facilitating streaming of child sexual abuse for payments: [Operation Stream press release](#).

18. He also informed the Committee that EUROPOL has been implementing project [EMPACT](#) (European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats), a security initiative driven by EU Member States to identify, prioritise and address threats posed by organised and serious international crime. The current [four year cycle](#) (2022-2025) is closing, but a new cycle (2026-2029) is planned. He invited the Committee to coordinate with law enforcement at national level to identify potential priority actions to be included in this new cycle. He indicated that proposals for activities on training, operations, learning and exploring of trends, cooperation strengthening, were welcome.

19. Following these interventions the Committee held a discussion. Leah BUCK (United Kingdom) informed the Committee that AI-generated child sexual abuse material is already illegal under existing UK legislation but the [Crime and Policing Bill](#), which is currently progressing through UK Parliament, will amend the existing ‘paedophile manuals’ offence under section 69 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 to include pseudo-photographs and prohibited images, and create a new offence making it illegal to adapt, possess, supply or offer to supply AI models that have been optimised to create CSAM which will be punishable by a maximum sentence of five years in prison. The Committee also discussed the potential ways to ensure that the Lanzarote Convention would remain a living instrument and that the work of the Committee would continue to adapt to emerging phenomenon. The Committee also made reference to the second edition of the [terminology guidelines](#) for the protection of children from sexual exploitation and abuse. The Committee agreed to follow up on this discussion at the 46th meeting (18-21 November 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova).

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

4.1.1. Alliance against Trafficking in Persons conference, 31 March-1 April 2025, Vienna

20. Corah CAPLES (Ireland) informed the Committee that a side event on "[Preventing trafficking and online exploitation among displaced children of Ukraine](#)" was organised on the margins of the conference to showcase how the Lanzarote Convention, the Cybercrime Convention and the Convention against Trafficking in Human Beings work together to protect children against sexual exploitation. The event underlined that these standards complement each other and explored the nexus between technology and trafficking. The event focused in particular on increased vulnerability of displaced Ukrainian children to online sexual exploitation and trafficking.

4.1.2. Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child, 1-2 April 2025, Strasbourg

21. George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) informed the Committee that the plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child discussed several studies of relevance to the Lanzarote Committee notably on children's harmful sexual behaviour and comprehensive age-appropriate sexuality education. It also examined challenges related to the artificial intelligence and HUDERIA and child participation in decisions concerning health. He encouraged Committee members to take note of the studies that are available in the CDENF [meeting report](#).

4.1.3. 5th World Congress on Justice with Children, 2-3 June 2025, Madrid

22. George NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) informed the Committee that the Council of Europe took part in multiple sessions of the [5th World Congress on Justice with Children](#) to raise awareness about Council of Europe standards, in particular through a workshop "Bridging the Gap: International Standards and National Practices in Child Sexual Violence Proceedings". This workshop focused on showcasing how child-friendly justice guidelines and the Lanzarote Convention standards protect children against secondary-victimisation before, during and after judicial proceedings. It showcased the Barnahus model as a leading response to protect child victims and witnesses of violence.

4.1.4. Mid-Term Review Conference of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027), 3-4 April 2025, Strasbourg

23. Lorna MUSCAT (Malta) shared with the Committee that she had spoken at the [Mid-Term Review Conference](#) of the [Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2022-2027\)](#) during the session on "Protecting children from violence through age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education". She focused in particular on the added value of having the conference moderated by children. Links to a card game on digital parenting and other resources used or discussed during the conference can be found in the [meeting report](#). Sara ALAOUI (Global Collaborative) also spoke at this conference to

raise awareness about the importance of sexuality education in helping children to understand what constitutes child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and how to access help if they are a victim.

4.1.5. 5th meeting of the Committee on the prevention of violence (ENF-VAE), 4-5 June 2025, Strasbourg

24. Stevan POPOVIĆ (Serbia) informed the Committee that the meeting focused on a draft recommendation on comprehensive age-appropriate sexuality education. He particularly drew the Committee's attention to the active role that parents could play in such an education if they are provided with the necessary tools and understanding ([meeting report](#)).

4.1.6. Global Solutions for Global Problems: Lanzarote Convention against child sexual abuse and exploitation: Satellite event 5th World Congress on Justice with Children, 13 June 2025 Online / Chile

25. Eugenia POZO MORILLAS (Netherlands) informed the Committee that she had spoken at a [regional roundtable](#) to raise awareness about the Lanzarote Convention in Latin America and the Caribbean, where Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) also made an intervention. The event was co-organised by the Council of Europe and the Office of the Ombudsman for Children in Chile ([Defensoría de la Niñez](#)) and supported by [Baker McKenzie](#), as part of the 5th World Congress on Justice with Children. She shared insights into the work of the Lanzarote Committee work and its practical impact on national policies and practices. The Children's Ombudsman has launched an awareness campaign "[MovimientoPorLanzarote](#)" (Movement For Lanzarote), to raise awareness about the Lanzarote Convention and promote co-ordination among various government led initiatives in this area.

4.1.7. Committee of Experts on Combatting Technology-Facilitated Violence against Women and Girls (GEC/PC-eVIO), 3-4 April 2025, Strasbourg

26. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) updated the Committee that the GEC/PC-eVIO had discussed the revised draft Recommendation on accountability for technology-facilitated violence against women and girls ([meeting report](#)). She raised concerns about the lack of attention to technology facilitated violence against men and boys and potential discrepancies with the forthcoming EU-level legislation.

4.1.8. Exchange with Committee of Ministers of chairpersons of monitoring bodies, 22 May 2025, Strasbourg

27. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) also informed the Committee that she had held an [exchange](#) with the Committee of Ministers to present the Committee's 9th Activity Report. An active exchange followed her presentation which centred on the importance of protecting children against sexual offences facilitated by technologies and the importance of reducing barriers to reporting,

including through the Committee's work on limitation periods. She invited Parties to make use of the [Guidelines for policy-makers](#) on engaging with victims and survivors of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse – “Nothing About Us Without Us” and the new [HELP online training course](#) on the Lanzarote Convention.

4.1.9. Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), 2-3 June 2025 (online)

28. Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) updated the Committee about the recent work of the Cybercrime Committee notably to reinforce international co-operation to detect and combat cybercrime ([meeting report](#)).

4.1.10. Octopus Conference, 4-6 June 2025 (Strasbourg)

29. Naomi TREWINNARD (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) informed the Committee that a workshop had been organised during the Octopus Conference on “[Child sexual exploitation and abuse materials \(CSAM\) in the era of artificial intelligence](#)”. During the workshop participants were encouraged to implement the Lanzarote Committee [Declaration on protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by emerging technologies](#) adopted in 2024.

4.1.11. 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention

30. Ekaterina MALAREVA (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) informed the Committee that to mark the 15th anniversary since the entry into force of the Lanzarote Convention, an [exhibition of art](#) created by survivors of child sexual abuse was held in Strasbourg on 16-27 June. The exhibition was organised in partnership with the Brave Movement and under the auspices of the Maltese presidency of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers. The Committee was invited to watch the [video](#) made at the opening, and informed that a webpage hosting a gallery of the artwork accompanied by the authors' own words was under development. The exhibition was made possible thanks to the voluntary contribution received from the Maltese authorities. The Committee was informed that information about all the anniversary initiatives, including the [Informal Conference of Ministers](#) is available on the special [anniversary webpage](#). It also contains the video testimonies recorded by several Committee members and observers on the impact of the Convention and the Committee's work, survivors' experience of the Committee, and the potential benefits for countries to join the Convention in the future.

4.1.12. Update on plans for the 46th meeting, 18-21 November 2025, Chisinau

31. Petru JALBĂ (Republic of Moldova) confirmed that the Republic of Moldova is looking forward to welcoming the Committee in November and that preparations are underway to prepare the meeting.

32. Naomi TREWINNARD (Legal Advisor, Lanzarote Committee Secretariat) informed the Committee that the capacity-building activity would take place on 18 November 2025 in Chisinau and that it would focus on evidence-based policy making through data

collection. The workshop will provide an opportunity for Parties to exchange information on data collection practices including as regards co-operation between different sectors in data collection and child participation. The day will also focus on several of the Committee's recommendations made in the report on "Data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse".

5. Procedural matters

5.1. Nomination of representatives to other Council of Europe committees and a substitute Gender Equality Rapporteur

33. The Committee appointed:

- Magdalena BOCHIŃSKA (Poland) as its representative for the Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS) and Maria José CASTELLO-BRANCO (Chairperson, Portugal) as substitute representative;
- Christel DE CRAIM (Belgium) as rapporteur for the Review of the Council of Europe's Guidelines on child-friendly justice;
- Matthew McVARISH (Brave Movement) as substitute Gender Equality Rapporteur.

5.2. Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

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

Dates of the next plenary meetings

- **46th plenary meeting:** 18-21 November 2025, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
- **47th plenary meeting:** 24-26 March 2026, Strasbourg, France
- **48th plenary meeting:** 9-11 June 2026, Strasbourg, France (TBC)
- **49th plenary meeting:** 17-19 November 2026, Strasbourg, France (TBC)

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6. Any other business

Appendix II

List of participants

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| ALBANIA / ALBANIE | Alma TANDILI Chairperson of the State Agency for the Rights and Protection of the Child Ministry of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality |
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| GEORGIA / GÉORGIE | Ketevani TATUASHVILI Adviser Human Rights Secretariat Administration of the Government |
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| GREECE / GRÈCE | <p>George NIKOLAIDIS Psychiatrist, Researcher Department of Mental Health and Social Welfare Centre for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Institute of Child Health</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MEMBER OF THE BUREAU / <i>MEMBRE DU BUREAU</i></p> |
| HUNGARY / HONGRIE | <p>1. Iván A. BUJDOS Senior legal advisor Department of Criminal Law Codification Deputy Secretariat of State for Criminal Law Legislation Ministry of Justice</p> <p>2. András GYÖRE Child Protection Specialist Department for Child Protection and Guardianship Affairs Deputy State Secretariat for Social Affairs Ministry of Interior</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apologised / Excusé</p> |
| ICELAND / ISLANDE | <p>1. Páll MAGNÚSSON Counsellor Permanent Mission of Iceland in Geneva</p> <p>2. Linda Hrönn INGADÓTTIR Senior Adviser Ministry of Education and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MEMBER OF THE BUREAU / <i>MEMBRE DU BUREAU</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apologised / Excusée</p> |
| IRELAND / IRLANDE | <p>1. Corah CAPLES Assistant Principal Officer Criminal Justice Policy Department of Justice</p> <p>2. Ciara O'CONNELL Head of the Criminal Justice Policy Department of Justice</p> |
| ITALY / ITALIE | <p>1. Elena FALCOMATÀ Senior Expert Presidency of the Council of Ministers</p> <p>2. Marino DI NARDO Senior Expert Presidency of the Council of Ministers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apologised / Excusée</p> |
| LATVIA / LETTONIE | <p>1. Indra AIZUPE-DZINTARE Head of the Criminal Law Department Ministry of Justice</p> <p>2. Kristiāna KALNIŅA Deputy Director for General Affairs Department of Criminal Justice Ministry of Justice</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apologised / Excusée</p> |

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