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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

Extraordinary meeting

Venue: Strasbourg and KUDO platform

6 - 7 December 2022

Prepared by the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held an extraordinary meeting of the representatives of the Parties in Strasbourg and online on 6-7 December 2022. The agenda, the list of participants, and the statements of the representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine are appended (Appendices I-V) to the meeting report.

1. Opening of the meeting

1. Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO, Acting Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee (Portugal), opened the meeting welcoming the representatives of the Parties to the Convention. She recalled that the Chairperson, Ms DE CRAIM (Belgium) was on sick leave and wished her a prompt recovery on behalf of the Committee.

2. She then explained why an extraordinary meeting was convened referring to the Committee of Ministers decisions on the consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and their possible impact on the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee.

3. After having presented the draft agenda specifying when voting was scheduled to take place, the agenda was adopted by the Committee.

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

4. The Acting Chairperson reminded the Committee that although the Russian Federation was no longer a member of the Council of Europe, it remains a party to the Convention, which is open to accession by all States globally. She underlined that in its [decision of 30 June 2022](#), the Committee of Ministers had invited “*each body representing all the Parties of treaties to which the Russian Federation remains a Party (...) to decide, on the basis of its rules of procedure, on the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the respective body*”. She then reiterated the three-step decision-making procedure suggested in document T-ES(2022)01 EXT to decide on the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee.

5. Prior to starting with the first vote, the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) recalled the relevant [Rules of Procedure](#) concerning voting and explained how to vote on the KUDO platform underlining the confidential nature of the online voting system.

6. To check the quorum in a hybrid nature meeting, Ms SCAPPUCCI (Executive Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee) called the name of each representative of the Parties to the Convention entitled to vote. Only the representatives of the Republic of

Moldova, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and Tunisia did not respond. Therefore, the quorum was reached with 43 members present.

7. The Acting Chairperson declared the vote open on the following question: “Does the effective functioning of the Lanzarote Committee warrant a reconsideration of the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Committee in response to the invitation by the Committee of Ministers?”.

8. Following the closing of the vote, the Secretariat announced that 34 representatives participated in the vote which resulted in:

- 30 representatives having voted YES,
- 1 representative having voted NO,
- 3 representatives having abstained.

9. The Acting Chairperson declared that the Committee had therefore accepted by a large majority to reconsider the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Committee.

2.1. Examination of a draft new Rule to frame the possible restriction of the modalities of participation in the Lanzarote Committee for a Party having ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe or having ceased relations with the Council of Europe (Item examined on 6 December 2022)

10. The Acting Chairperson introduced the draft new Rule suggested for adoption as set forth in document T-ES(2022)01 EXT, i.e.:

“Rule 2.1.x

The Lanzarote Committee may decide on measures to restrict the participation in its work of a Party that has ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe, following a decision by the Committee of Ministers in the context of a procedure launched under Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe for a serious violation of Article 3 of the Statute. Similarly, measures restricting the participation of a Party can be taken in respect of any non-member state of the Council of Europe concerned by a Committee of Ministers decision restricting or suspending its relations with it due to serious breaches of international law comparable to a serious violation of Article 3 of the Statute. No measures contravening the rights of the States Parties under the Convention may be imposed. No participants or observers shall be present during the Committee’s examination of the matter. Voting shall be in accordance with Rule 18 paragraph 2 and the decision taken shall have immediate effect. Any reconsideration of the decision shall be in accordance with Rule 17 and shall be carried out as swiftly as possible. The Chairperson shall ensure the orderly implementation of the decision in the interest of the effective functioning of the Committee.”

11. The Acting Chairperson stated that she had not received any amendments or suggestions on this draft new Rule therefore, she deemed it appropriate to proceed to the vote on the inclusion of this new Rule at the end of Rule 2.1 of the Lanzarote Committee’s Rules of Procedure.

12. Mr CHEKANOV (the Russian Federation), asked for the floor to read out a statement. The Committee agreed to append his statement to this meeting report (See Appendix III).

13. Since there were no other representatives who asked for the floor, the Acting Chairperson declared the vote open following the verification of the quorum.

14. Following the closing of the vote, the Secretariat announced that 34 representatives participated in the vote, resulting in:

- 31 representatives having voted YES,
- 2 representatives having voted NO,
- 1 representative having abstained.

15. The Acting Chairperson therefore declared that the Committee had adopted the new Rule by a large majority. She highlighted that according to Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure this new rule would enter into force the next day, thus she invited the Committee to continue with item 3.1 of the Agenda and to consider item 2.2 on 7 December.

2.2 Decisions concerning possible restrictions of the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the Lanzarote Committee (Item examined on 7 December 2022)

16. In light of the new Rule adopted the previous day, the Acting Chairperson invited the Committee to consider the third step in the decision making process as suggested in document T-ES(2022)01 EXT regarding possible restrictions of the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the Lanzarote Committee. She informed that no amendment had been received on the following suggested decision:

“Based on new Rule 2.1.x of its [Rules of Procedure](#), the Lanzarote Committee adopts the following measures with immediate effect:

- a. The representative of the Russian Federation will not take part in the election of the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee, and s/he shall not chair the Lanzarote Committee or be a member of the Bureau. Similarly, s/he shall not be entrusted with any task of rapporteur and shall not represent the Lanzarote Committee in any circumstances.*
- b. The representative of the Russian Federation will continue to receive information concerning the work of the Lanzarote Committee and will have access to its working documents via the shared space of the Lanzarote Committee but will not be invited to take part in the meetings and capacity building activities of the Lanzarote Committee.*
- c. In the context of the Lanzarote Committee’s monitoring and capacity-building work, the representative of the Russian Federation may communicate to the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee any comments s/he may have on working documents only to the extent that they refer to, or include an evaluation of, the*

situation in the Russian Federation. The Chairperson will ask the Secretariat to present any such comments received by the Russian Federation during the meetings. If further clarifications from the Russian Federation are necessary following the Committee's examination of the comments received, the Secretariat will seek such clarifications in the margins of the meeting and communicate them to the Committee.

- d. If voting is scheduled to take place, the Secretariat will inform the representative of the Russian Federation beforehand and will provide a link to participate in the vote remotely or indicate another channel for communicating his or her vote directly to the Secretariat. In case of a vote by secret ballot, the Secretariat shall ensure the secrecy of the vote.*
- e. The Russian Federation will continue to be required to respond to Committee requests concerning its own implementation of the Lanzarote Convention in accordance with Rules 23 and 24 of its Rules of Procedure.*

Any reconsideration of the above decision shall take place in accordance with Rule 17."

17. The Acting Chairperson reminded the Committee that the decision on such measures would come into force immediately.

18. Mr CHEKANOV (the Russian Federation), asked for the floor to read out a statement. The Committee agreed to append his statement to this meeting report (See Appendix IV).

19. Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine), asked for the floor to read out a statement. The Committee agreed to append her statement to this meeting report (See Appendix V).

20. As no other representative asked for the floor, the Acting Chairperson asked the Secretariat to check the quorum and thereafter proceeded with the vote. Only the representatives of the Republic of Moldova, Poland, Tunisia and the United Kingdom did not respond. Therefore, the quorum was reached with 44 members.

21. The Acting Chairperson declared the vote open. However, voting had to be cancelled due to technical problems that prevented a representative present in the meeting room to access the KUDO platform. After the technical problems were solved, and the quorum was rechecked determining that the same 44 members were still present, the Acting Chairperson declared the voting was open.

22. Following the closing of the vote, the Secretariat announced that 36 representatives participated in the vote, resulting in:

- 30 representatives having voted YES,
- 2 representatives having voted NO,
- 4 representatives having abstained.

23. The Acting Chairperson declared that the decision on the modalities of the participation of the Russian Federation was adopted by a large majority and entered into force immediately and Mr CHEKANOV (the Russian Federation), left the meeting room.

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

3.1 Adoption of the revised Rules of Procedure of the Lanzarote Committee (document T-ES(2022)02 EXT) (Item examined on 6 December 2022)

24. The Acting Chairperson recalled that most of the amendments contained in document T-ES(2022)02 EXT were agreed upon by the Lanzarote Committee during its 35th and 36th meetings. She highlighted that there were only two rules that had not been seen then. The first one was the one that the Committee had adopted under item 2.1. The second one concerned voting by written procedure suggested for inclusion in Rule 18 of the Rule of Procedures. She recalled that this Rule corresponded to the Article on Voting in the updated CM Resolution which inspired the Lanzarote Committee's Rules of Procedure.

25. In this respect Ms SCAPPUCCI specified that Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 was replaced by Resolution CM/Res(2021)3. She read letter f of Article 11 of Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 to the Committee for reference: *"f. In the case of a vote by written procedure, the Secretariat shall transmit to members, on the Chair's instruction, the draft decision to be voted upon together with a voting form indicating the deadline by which members must ensure that their vote reaches the Secretariat of the committee. In the case of a vote by secret ballot, the Secretariat shall ensure the secrecy of the vote."*

26. The Acting Chairperson asked the Committee whether it agreed to add letter f of Art. 11 of CM/Res(2021)3 after para 4 of Rule 18 and opened the vote on this question.

27. Following the closing of the vote, the Secretariat announced that 35 representatives participated in the vote, resulting in:

- 32 representatives having voted YES,
- 1 representative having voted NO,
- 2 representatives having abstained.

28. The Acting Chairperson declared that the Committee had agreed on the additional paragraph to Rule 18 of the Rule of Procedures by a large majority of the votes.

29. Before proceeding with a vote on all the amendments to the Rules of Procedure as contained in document T-ES(2022)02 EXT, the Secretariat checked the quorum again by calling the name of each representative of the Parties to the Convention entitled to vote. Representatives of Belgium, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, Tunisia, and United Kingdom did not respond. The quorum was reached with 42 members present.

30. Following the closing of the vote, the Secretariat announced that 31 representatives participated in the vote, resulting in:

- 30 representatives having voted YES,
- 1 representative having voted NO.

31. The Acting Chairperson declared that the amendments to the Rules of Procedure had been adopted by a large majority and would enter into force the following day in accordance with Rule 33.

3.2 Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the [evaluation of the Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms](#)

32. Ms SCAPPUCCI presented the [main findings](#) of the evaluation of the Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms conducted by the Council of Europe Directorate of Internal Oversight. She recalled that the Lanzarote Committee had been chosen as a case study and therefore was mentioned several times in the report. She stated that the Secretariat, some of the Bureau members, and observers of the Committee were interviewed and asked to reply to surveys for this evaluation and thanked them for the time dedicated to this exercise. She informed that the Secretariat of all monitoring mechanisms were studying the conclusions and recommendations of this study to ensure follow-up to them and this presentation aimed at starting such process.

33. She mentioned that the Lanzarote Committee had very positive results on many issues that had been evaluated. For instance, the Committee scored very high on its ability to cooperate without overlapping with the work of other monitoring bodies. The work of the Committee's gender equality rapporteur was also highly appreciated.

34. Ms SCAPPUCCI also highlighted some of the issues that the Committee could work on further to improve. For instance, the Committee should find better solutions to determine its real impact and to promote it more broadly. Additionally, the majority of the participants to the surveys stated that the Committee did not have adequate financial and human resources. The importance of the voluntary contributions to improve this point and ensure the sustainability of the Committee's work was thus reiterated.

35. As regards the conclusions of the report overall, it was underlined that all monitoring mechanisms were encouraged to explore and use new digital tools, to support their monitoring activity with cooperation projects, to share knowhow and good practices among Parties, to create synergies between monitoring mechanisms.

36. Ms SCAPPUCCI also explained that the Secretariat had already taken some steps to follow up on these conclusions. It was for instance exploring the possibility of digitalising as much as possible the questionnaires for the forthcoming new monitoring round to enable different automated compilation of the responses. She also pointed out that several new cooperation projects were underway to support Parties wishing to establish the Barnahus model to follow-up on one of the first promising practices identified by the Committee. Finally, she mentioned that the next capacity building events could be organised back-to-back with a meeting of another relevant monitoring mechanism to create possible productive synergies.

37. The Acting Chairperson invited the Lanzarote Committee members to examine the evaluation results and reflect further on how to give follow-up to them and discuss again about these issues in a forthcoming plenary meeting.

3.3 Presentation of progress in the elaboration of pilot Country Overviews

38. The Acting Chairperson recalled that during its 36th meeting, the Lanzarote Committee welcomed the presentation of preliminary examples of possible country overviews developed by the Secretariat with the cooperation of the Italian and Portuguese authorities. The Secretariat was entrusted to prepare two or three additional pilot country overviews to refine the process of their development by taking into account similar initiatives and assessing the resources required to secure funding to cover the preparation of such country overviews for all Parties. She underlined the usefulness of such country overviews to complement the thematic monitoring reports of the Committee and invited the Secretariat to explain how it had moved forward to refine the country overview concerning Italy and to prepare overviews for Finland and the Republic of Moldova.

39. Ms SCAPPUCCI referred to collaboration with ECPAT-International to prepare these country overviews. She explained that existing texts were enriched with more information about promising practices and that the Secretariat is also adding in the country overviews relevant findings of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) and any recent UN CRC conclusion.

40. She underlined that the aim of the pilot process was also to estimate the cost of producing country overviews, as these could be funded through extra budgetary contributions. The Acting Chairperson stressed the importance and usefulness of the tool and encouraged the Committee members to reach out to the Secretariat if they are willing to make voluntary contributions needed for the continuation of the project.

4. Up-date on the workplan of the Committee for monitoring and capacity building

4.1 Presentation of an indicative timeline for the continuation of the monitoring round on the protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust (evaluation procedure for 22 Parties and compliance procedure for 26 Parties)

41. Ms SCAPPUCCI recalled that the next monitoring round was returning to the theme of protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust, already addressed in the 1st monitoring round. Time had indeed come to assess progress made by the 26 Parties monitored in that round but also have a more comprehensive picture of the situation by evaluating also the 22 countries that became Parties to the Lanzarote Convention after the launch of the 1st monitoring round. To ensure this monitoring process proceeds with regular outcomes, more focused questionnaires will be addressed to all Parties and shorter reports will be adopted while the process progresses to also ensure greater visibility. The first questionnaire will seek information on the issues related to legal and judicial frameworks and might be ready for adoption by the Lanzarote Committee before the summer 2023.

42. The Committee endorsed this way of action.

4.2 Up-date on the preparation of a capacity building event on legal age for sexual activities and statute of limitations for sexual offences against children

43. Mr POUTIERS (Secretary to the Lanzarote Committee) recalled that two questionnaires were sent in February 2021 to all Parties to the Lanzarote Convention on the legal age for sexual activities and the statute of limitations for sexual offences against children. He pointed out that the Secretariat contacted members of the Lanzarote Committee again recently to obtain missing answers and/or updates. This information is being analysed by two consultants in close cooperation with the Secretariat. A presentation of a preliminary analysis of this work will be made during the 37th meeting of the Committee (31 January – 2 February 2023).

44. The final analysis will be presented at a capacity building event on these two topics which will take place before the summer 2023. During this event the legal framework of the Lanzarote Convention on the two topics will be recalled, a description of the situation in the Parties made by the consultants will be presented alongside trends, good practices and challenges. The ultimate objective is that members, participants and observers of the Lanzarote Committee have a better understanding of the situation in the Parties to reflect on possible follow-up to be given to this exercise.

4.3 Consideration of a suggestion to update a 2010 survey to collect data on the occurrence of sexual violence against children in Council of Europe member states

45. Mr POUTIERS highlighted that the question of the prevalence of sexual violence against children comes up very regularly as stakeholders are interested in having the most precise data possible to develop appropriate policies in response to the challenges raised. He recalled the Council of Europe well known “1 in 5” data – i.e. 1 in 5 children being considered as having experiencing some form of sexual violence before reaching the age of 18 years old – which was at the origin of its ONE in FIVE Campaign to raise awareness of sexual violence against children, from 2010 to 2015. He reiterated that this figure had resulted from various national and international studies undertaken before the launch of that Campaign, but was also based on responses to a questionnaire which had been sent to Council of Europe member states in 2010 by the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC). He asked whether Parties would be interested in contributing to the gathering of up-dated data. The representatives of Parties agreed and requested the Secretariat to prepare a new questionnaire to this effect, using as a basis the 2010 survey as well as the relevant Lanzarote Committee recommendations from Chapter II (Collection of data on child sexual abuse in the circle of trust) of its [first implementation report: “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: The framework”](#). This questionnaire will be examined and adopted by the Committee at one of its future meetings. The Secretariat promised to share the 2010 compilation of replies to the survey for Parties’ information.

5. Election/Appointment of Committee representatives and their substitutes

5.1 Election of the Lanzarote Committee's Bureau

46. Ms SCAPPUCCI announced that there was one candidate for each vacant position at the Bureau and underlined that the current candidates would ensure a balanced geographical and gender representation in the renewed Bureau. The Committee thus elected by acclamation, for a term of office of two years renewable once, Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) as Chairperson of the Committee, Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine) as Vice-Chairperson, Mr NIKOLAIDIS, (Greece), Mr MAGNÚSSON (Iceland) and Ms LOVŠIN (Slovenia) as members of the Committee's Bureau.

47. The Committee also re-elected by acclamation, for a second term of office of two years, Mme DOURTHE (France) and Ms MUSCAT (Malta), as members of the Committee's Bureau.

48. The Committee thanked Ms. DE CRAIM (Belgium) for her outstanding work as Chairperson of the Committee.

5.2 Appointment of Lanzarote Committee representatives and/or substitutes

49. Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine) was appointed representative and Ms MUSCAT (Malta) was appointed as her substitute to the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CCS).

50. Ms BOROVIČANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) was appointed as a substitute to Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) to the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF).

6. Any other business

51. Ms SCAPPUCCI informed the Committee that the Secretary General of the Council of Europe had, as every year, invited the Heads of all monitoring mechanisms and advisory bodies to meet with her on 17 January 2023. She explained that for this year's meeting exchanges in plenary would alternate with discussions in the following three working groups:

- Group 1: Consequences of the war in Ukraine and the expulsion of the Russian Federation from the Council of Europe;
- Group 2: Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union
- Group 3: Challenges of democratic backsliding and the role of Council of Europe monitoring and advisory bodies.

52. Even though all three themes were of interest, members agreed that, it would be most appropriate for the Lanzarote Committee's Chairperson to participate in working Group 2 on relations between the European Union and the Council of Europe, in particular since the European Union is currently up up-dating its Directive on combating child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

53. At the end of the meeting, the representatives of the Parties to the Convention adopted the [list of decisions](#) of this meeting and noted that the 37th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee was scheduled to take place on 31 January – 2 February 2023 (Strasbourg/hybrid).

Appendix I

Agenda

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5.2 Appointment of Lanzarote Committee representatives or substitutes as follows:

- A representative and his/her substitute for the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CCS)
- A substitute for the representative to the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)
- A substitute for the representative to the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)
- A substitute for the representative to the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)
- A substitute for the representative to the Cyber-Crime Convention Committee (T-CY)

6. Any other business

Adoption of the list of decisions of this meeting

Appendix II

List of participants

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Appendix III

Statement of the Russian Delegation

Item 2.1 - Examination of a draft new Rule to frame the possible restriction of the modalities of participation in the Lanzarote Committee for a Party having ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe of having ceased relations with the Council of Europe

Colleagues,

It is sad that this Committee decided to respond to the “invitation” of the Committee of Ministers. To inform you, not every Committee opted for this way.

Lanzarote Committee is an independent structure functioning on the basis of the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse. Not the Statute of the Council of Europe. The Convention does not contain a single reference to the Statute in terms of obligations of the Parties. In this respect, we are very much in doubts that any article of the Statute could be a pretext to amend the Rules of Procedure of this Committee.

Moreover, the Parties to the Convention that have never been members of the Council of Europe would be treated differently in comparison to the Parties – ex-members of the Council of Europe. Such an approach would be a violation of the Article 2 of the Lanzarote Convention – Non-discrimination principle.

Colleagues, the vote today is about what is more important to us. Substance – protection of children, and legal grounds – equality of the Parties. Or the political context? Russian Federation fully fulfils its obligations under the Lanzarote Convention that is the only legal basis for the functioning of this Committee. Not any other international treaty. And the principle of equality should be applied to all Parties to the Convention. In this regard, we firmly believe that no changes to the Rules of Procedure is needed.

Appendix IV

Statement of the Russian Delegation

Item 2.2 – Decisions concerning possible restrictions of the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the Lanzarote Committee

Colleagues,

The main aim of this Convention is to prevent and combat sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children. That is the problem we pay the greatest attention to. However, if the Convention itself, without any further actions, could protect children, we would not be sitting here.

Unfortunately, the document itself cannot eradicate the problem. That is why under Article 1, “in order to ensure effective implementation of its provisions by the Parties, this Convention sets up a specific monitoring mechanism”. The mechanism is this Committee.

We act on the premise that if any right of participation of a Party is restricted then it will prevent effective implementation of the Convention. If it is the decision of the Committee then, against the background that the effective implementation is not possible, we reserve the right to react accordingly.

Colleagues, today’s voting is not just about the rights of the Russian Delegation in this body. No matter results, I can assure that my country has a solid system and will continue guaranteeing the highest standards for the protection of children.

Today’s voting is the expression of attitude towards the children living in Russia and their rights.

Appendix V

Statement of Ukraine

Today we have to make an important decision regarding the possible modalities of restriction of a state party to the Convention.

Yesterday we approved amendments to the Rules of Procedure that allow limiting the country's participation in the Convention.

Today, in the context of the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, we are resolving the issue of possible modalities for restricting the aggressor country in the Convention.

This extraordinary meeting was preceded by consultations and discussions on this important and sensitive topic.

There is a draft decision on this issue.

But before making a final decision, I would like to draw your attention to one point of this draft document with which Ukraine does not agree. We are talking about the right to vote for the Russian Federation. Ukraine is against of this and considers it is out of mind to leave a voice to the aggressor.

Of course, the final decision depends only to the Committee.