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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON CRIMINAL ASSET RECOVERY (PC-RAC)

2ND MEETING

9-11 SEPTEMBER 2024

STRASBOURG, PALAIS DE L'EUROPE, ROOM 6

Abridged meeting report

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At its second meeting (Strasbourg, France, from 9 to 11 September 2024), held in conformity with its terms of reference as adopted by the Committee of Ministers, and chaired by Mr Cornel-Virgiliu Calinescu (Romania), the Committee of Experts on Criminal Asset Recovery (hereinafter referred as “the PC-RAC” or “the Committee”):

Agenda Item 1.	Opening of the meeting
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Took note of the opening remarks of Mr Gianluca Esposito, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe;

Agenda Item 2.	Adoption of the Agenda and Order of business
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Adopted the agenda without amendments;

Adopted, without amendments, the report of the 1st meeting of the Committee;

Agenda item 3.	Information by the President and Secretariat
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Took note of the information provided by the Chair on recent developments and upcoming events of relevance for the Committee, notably presentations of the progress in the Committee’s work on 85th Plenary meeting of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) on 18 June 2024, and planned presentations on the upcoming bureau meeting of the CDPC on 14-15 October 2024, meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (hereinafter CETS No. 198) on 17-18 October, and 86th Plenary meeting of the CDPC on 18-22 November 2024;

Welcomed newly appointed members from Denmark, North Macedonia, and Spain;

Informed the Committee on change of member states’ representatives of Finland, Latvia and Norway;

Invited Germany, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania and Portugal to consider appointing their representatives before the next meeting;

Took note of the information presented by the representatives of the European Commission regarding the decision of the EU Council authorising the European Commission to participate, on behalf of the European Union, in negotiations on an additional protocol to the CETS no. 198;

Classified as restricted detailed meeting reports of the Committee and drafts of the additional protocol supplementing the CETS no. 198;

Agreed that, at the moment, detailed meeting reports of the Committee and drafts of the additional protocol supplementing the CETS no. 198 can be accessed by PC-RAC members, observers and participants, and competent authorities in their respective states;

Agenda item 4.	Presentation of the zero-draft of the additional protocol supplementing the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism (CETS no. 198) and draft inventory of provisions
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Heard a presentation of Ms. Ana Gomez from the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law of the Council of Europe on the provisions of the zero-draft of the additional protocol supplementing the CETS no. 198 (hereinafter zero-draft), notably on the possibilities of introducing amending provisions into an additional protocol;

Heard a presentation of the zero-draft and exchange views regarding the overall structure and any outstanding gaps or additional elements that should or could be considered for inclusion in the additional protocol;

Approved an initial inventory of provisions for the draft additional protocol;

Agenda item 5.	First reading of the zero-draft additional protocol supplementing the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism (CETS no. 198)
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Examined draft provisions of the zero-draft and took note of the comments given on each provision, including written contributions provided before the meeting;

Decided not to introduce any changes into the zero-draft before the 3rd meeting of the Committee when additional comments will be presented on the draft provisions and the questions presented under “issues for discussion and/or explanatory report” of the zero-draft;

Invited PC-RAC members, observers and participants to submit their written contributions on the zero-draft at the latest during the 2nd week of October (7-13 October 2024);

Agenda item 6.	Appointment of Gender Equality Rapporteur
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Took note of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding the procedure for the organisation of the appointment for the position of Gender Equality Rapporteur;

Appointed Ms Kateryna Shevchenko (Ukraine) as Gender Equality Rapporteur for the duration of the mandate of the Committee;

Agenda item 7.	Information exchange on developments of relevance to the work of the PC-RAC
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No delegation presented information under this item;

Agenda item 8.	Date and place of next meetings
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Decided to hold the next meeting of the PC-RAC in Strasbourg from 14 to 16 October 2024;

Agenda item 9.	Any other business
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No delegation presented information under this item;

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item 10.**

Adoption of the list of decisions and close of the meeting

Adopted the abridged meeting report at the end of the meeting.