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

4TH MEETING

24-26 MARCH 2025

STRASBOURG, AGORA BUILDING, G02

Abridged meeting report

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At its fourth meeting (Strasbourg, France, from 24 to 26 March 2025), held in conformity with its terms of reference as adopted by the Committee of Ministers, and chaired by Mr Cornel-Virgiliu Calinescu (Chair of PC-RAC, 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 Ms Hanne Juncher, Director of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law Directorate of the Council of Europe;

Agenda Item 2.	Adoption of the Agenda and Order of business, and 3rd Meeting Report
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Adopted the agenda of the meeting;

Adopted the report of the 3rd 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, particularly the attendance in the European Partners against Corruption (EPAC) and European contact-point network against corruption (EACN) Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly in Bucharest on 27-26 November 2024, and on upcoming events relevant to the Committee, notably the meetings where the Chair and Secretariat will present the work and progress of the PC-RAC: the Bureau meeting of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) on 28-29 April 2025, the 87th Plenary meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC) on 13-15 May 2025;

Informed the Committee on the change of representatives of Estonia;

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

Noted that Switzerland has announced a temporary decision to refrain from appointing a representative;

Took note of the opinion on the applicable processes for amending CETS No. 198;

Agenda item 4.	Reading of the First 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 Proposal for elements and outline for the Explanatory Report)
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Welcomed the written contributions on the First Draft of the Additional Protocol supplementing CETS No. 198 (hereinafter referred to as “First Draft”) from Armenia, Denmark, the European Union, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom, and invited them to intervene when relevant provisions are discussed;

Invited delegations which have not provided written contributions to intervene and share their comments and drafting proposals during discussions;

Completed a first reading of the preamble and articles of the First Draft, and discussed the clarifications and amendments considered necessary to reach an agreement on the draft provisions;

Instructed the PC-RAC Secretariat to revise the draft text on the basis of the outcomes of the discussions, and in light of the oral and written drafting proposals that received support, and to circulate the Second Draft of the Additional Protocol well in advance of the fifth meeting of the Committee;

Examined the draft outline of the Explanatory report and instructed the PC-RAC Secretariat to draft the relevant sections of the Explanatory Report to the Additional Protocol supplementing the CETS No. 198 for examination at the Committee's next meeting;

**Agenda
item 5.**

Information exchange on developments of relevance to the work of the PC-RAC

Took note that no issues were raised under item 5;

**Agenda
item 6.**

PC-RAC workplan for 2025

Examined and adopted the proposed PC-RAC workplan for 2025, without amendments;

Decided to hold the 5th meeting of the PC-RAC in Strasbourg from 21 to 23 May 2025;

Took note that a conference on criminal asset recovery will be organised by the PC-RAC Secretariat in the Council of Europe on 20th May 2025;

**Agenda
item 7.**

Any other business

Took note that no issues were raised under item 7;

**Agenda
item 8.**

Adoption of the abridged meeting report and close of the meeting

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