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COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON CRIMINAL ASSET RECOVERY (PC-RAC)

6TH MEETING

6-10 OCTOBER 2025

PALAIS DE L'EUROPE, ROOM 11

Abridged meeting report

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At its sixth meeting (Strasbourg, France, from 6 to 10 October 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 to as “the PC-RAC” or “the Committee”):

**Agenda
Item 1.**

Opening of the meeting

Took note of the opening remarks of Ms Hanne Juncher, Director of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law Directorate of the Council of Europe;

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Item 2.**

Adoption of the Agenda and Order of business, and 5th Meeting Report

Adopted the agenda of the meeting;

Adopted the report of the 5th meeting of the Committee;

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item 3.**

Information by the President and Secretariat

Took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the process of elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, which took place via written procedure after the 5th PC-RAC meeting, as well as the decision of the Committee adopted on 4 July 2025 on the re-election of Mr Cornel-Virgiliu Calinescu (Romania) and Mr Borja Aguado Delgado, as Chair and Vice-Chair of the PC-RAC, respectively;

Took note that the PC-RAC Secretariat circulated a list of questions and drafting proposals concerning five articles that were subject to extended negotiations during the 5th meeting of the PC-RAC, and that written comments were obtained from the Committee and reflected in the Third 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), as well as in the Draft Explanatory Report to the Additional Protocol supplementing the CETS No. 198 (hereinafter referred to as “the draft Explanatory Report”);

Took note of the information provided by the Chair on recent developments, particularly his participation in the 87th plenary meeting of the Council of Europe’s European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) held on 17-19 June 2025;

Took note of the decision of the CDPC regarding the data protection issue, which was adopted at the above-mentioned meeting and had already been shared with the PC-RAC;

Took note that the PC-RAC Secretariat participated in the 4th meeting of the Joint Expert Group on organised crime relating to drug trafficking (OC-DT) on 7 July 2025, and the meeting of the Restricted Group of experts on international co-operation (PC-OC Mod) on 24 September 2025;

Took note of the upcoming events of relevance, notably the meetings where the Chair and Secretariat will present the agreed version of the draft Additional Protocol and the draft Explanatory Report, notably the CDPC Bureau meeting on 22-23 October 2025, the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CETS 198 on 4-5 November 2025, and the 88th PC-OC plenary meeting on 4-6 November 2025. Finally, the Chair will attend the 88th CDPC plenary meeting on 25-27 November 2025, and present the draft Additional Protocol for approval by the CDPC;

Informed the Committee on the nomination of new representatives of Germany, changes of representatives of France and Sweden, and additional representatives nominated for Denmark;

Informed the Committee on the nomination of new representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);

Noted that Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Lithuania have not appointed their representatives;

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

Agenda item 4.	Approval of the 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) in view of adoption by the CDPC
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Welcomed the written contributions on the Third Draft of the Additional Protocol supplementing the CETS No. 198 (hereinafter referred to as “Third Draft”) from Armenia, the European Union, San Marino, the United Kingdom, and the Kingdom of Morocco;

Welcomed the written contributions on the Third Draft of the Additional Protocol supplementing CETS No. 198 from the UNODC;

Invited delegations, both those that provided written contributions and those that have not, to intervene and share their comments and drafting proposals during discussions;

Completed a reading of the preamble and articles of the Third Draft, following the order agreed by the Committee, starting with the provisions requiring more extensive discussions as determined by previous deliberations, the comments received, identified priorities, and the estimated time required to finalize each provision;

Discussed and adopted the changes considered necessary to reach an agreement on the draft text of the provisions and the structure of the Third Draft;

Agreed on the draft text of the Additional Protocol to the CETS No. 198 as amended during this meeting;

Instructed the PC-RAC Secretariat to circulate to the Committee the agreed draft Additional Protocol and to transmit it to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) in view of the adoption at its next plenary meeting;

Agenda item 5.	Reading of the draft Explanatory Report to 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) in view of adoption by the CDPC
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Welcomed the written contributions on the draft Explanatory Report from the European Union and the United Kingdom, as well as the additional comments and drafting proposals received during the meeting;

Invited delegations, both those that provided written contributions and those that have not, to intervene and share their comments and drafting proposals during discussions;

Completed a reading of the draft Explanatory Report and discussed the clarifications and amendments considered necessary to reach an agreement on its text;

Agreed on the additional points that shall be included in the draft Explanatory report;

Instructed the PC-RAC Secretariat to revise the draft Explanatory Report in order to reflect the changes of the draft text of the Additional Protocol agreed during the previous discussion, as well as to include the additional points, clarifications and amendments agreed upon during the meeting;

Instructed the PC-RAC Secretariat to circulate the revised draft of the Explanatory Report to the Committee with a view to further examining and reaching agreement on its text at the next PC-RAC meeting, as well as to transmit this revised draft of the Explanatory Report to the CDPC for consideration at its next plenary meeting;

Agenda item 6.	Next steps
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Took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the next steps of the adoption process of the Additional Protocol and Explanatory Report;

Scheduled the next meeting of the Committee to be held from 8 to 10 December in Strasbourg, with a possibility of online participation, for the purpose of examining and approving the revised draft of the Explanatory Report;

Agenda item 7.	Any other business
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Took note that no other issues were raised under item 7;

Agenda item 8.	Adoption of the abridged meeting report and close of the meeting
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Adopted the abridged meeting report at the end of the meeting.