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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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List of Decisions

46th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee
19-21 November 2025
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Organised with the support of the Moldovan Authorities and the
International Centre La Strada Moldova

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held its 46th meeting on 19-21 November 2025 in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova), following a capacity building conference on 18 November 2025 “Strengthening the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse through evidence-based policy making”.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

As regards monitoring the implementation of the Lanzarote Convention

2. Examined a draft thematic compliance report on criminal substantive and procedural law (working document T-ES(2025)10), agreed to provide comments or additional information, if any, by 15 December 2025, and decided to examine the revised draft, with a view to possible adoption, at its next meeting (24-26 March 2026).
3. Agreed to dedicate the next monitoring round to the screening and training of professionals and volunteers and to discuss the draft thematic questionnaire in a working group ahead of the next meeting (24-26 March 2026).

As regards capacity building, exchange of information, experiences and good practices

4. In respect of the 2025 capacity building event on strengthening the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse through evidence-based policy making, agreed to continue following up on the implementation of the recommendations made in its implementation report on data collection mechanisms on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.
5. Following the exchange on the use of the term “survivor”, agreed to continue exploring the use of this term and invited Parties to share information on the use of this term in their national legislation and policies with the Secretariat by 4 December 2025.
6. As regards follow up to the [Final Declaration](#) of the informal conference of ministers (1 July 2025, Malta), instructed the Secretariat to conduct a gap analysis of the scope of the Lanzarote Convention in light of emerging technologies and evolving international norms, and an analysis of the mechanisms available to the Committee and their respective implications, with a view to holding an exchange at its next meeting (24-26 March 2026).
7. Agreed to invite the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) to present the draft Committee of Ministers’ Recommendations on comprehensive sexuality education and on multidisciplinary interagency services at its next meeting (24-26

March 2026) and that Lanzarote Committee members would liaise with their respective national CDENF members about possible comments on these drafts once circulated to the Committee.

8. Agreed to invite the Gender Equality Commission to present the draft Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on combatting technology-facilitated violence against women and girls at its next meeting (24-26 March 2026).
9. To underline the importance of synergies with the work of the Cybercrime Committee (T-CY), agreed to hold a joint session with the T-CY on the morning of 2 June 2026.
10. Agreed to hold its 49th meeting in Rome 3-5 November 2026.

Other procedural matters

11. Agreed to admit the International Centre La Strada Moldova as an ad hoc observer to participate in the 46th meeting.

Any other business

12. Instructed the Secretariat to prepare a new workplan for consideration at its next meeting (24-26 March 2026).
13. Adopted this list of decisions.

Dates of the next plenary meetings

- 47th plenary meeting: 24-26 March 2026, Strasbourg, France
- 48th plenary meeting: 2-5 June 2026, Strasbourg, France (TBC)
- 49th plenary meeting: 3-5 November 2026, Rome, Italy