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## **GRECO** holds 33rd plenary meeting in Strasbourg from 29 May to 1 June 2007

Strasbourg, 24.05.2007 – The 33rd plenary meeting of the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) will be devoted to a training workshop on incriminations within the Third Evaluation Round (29 May) and the examination of reports in the framework of the First and Second Evaluation Rounds (30 May-1 June).

The workshop on incriminations, designed for GRECO evaluators, will involve a number of international experts in this area (see <u>agenda</u>). The main topics are the monitoring of the implementation of international anti-corruption standards in the criminal law sector and the practical aspects of applying criminal legislation in the investigation and prosecution of corruption at domestic level.

GRECO will examine for adoption the draft addendum to the First Round Compliance Report on Portugal, as well as draft Second Round Compliance Reports on Bulgaria, Germany, Lithuania, Malta and Sweden.

The plenary meeting will hold a round table discussion on the following topics: "Recent developments in anti-corruption institutions and strategies (including measures taken to raise public awareness in this area)" and "Actual and potential obstacles to the ratification of the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (CETS 174)."

A hearing with the Mexican "Federal Institute for Access to Public Documents" is also foreseen.

Elections will be organised to fill one vacant seat on the Bureau.

For further information, please visit the GRECO website: <a href="www.coe.int/greco">www.coe.int/greco</a>.