Resolution (98) 7-Authorising the partial and enlarged agreement establishing GRECO

Authorising the partial and enlarged agreement establishing the “Group of States against corruption – GRECO”

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 5 May 1998, at its 102nd Session)

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Having regard to the recommendations of the XIXth and XXIst Conferences of European Ministers of Justice (Valletta, 1994 and Prague, 1997 respectively);

Having regard to the Programme of Action against corruption adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 1996;

Pursuant to the Final Declaration and the Action Plan adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe at their Second Summit, held in Strasbourg on 10-11 October 1997;

Taking into account Resolution (97) 24 on the 20 Guiding Principles for the Fight against Corruption adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 November 1997;

Bearing in mind the opinions expressed by the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and by the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC);

In the light of Statutory Resolution (93) 28, on partial and enlarged agreements as well as of Resolution (96) 36, establishing the criteria for partial and enlarged agreements of the Council of Europe,

TAKES NOTE of the draft Resolution on the Partial and Enlarged Agreement establishing the "Group of States Against Corruption – GRECO" (hereafter "The Agreement establishing the GRECO"), approved by the Multidisciplinary Group on Corruption (GMC) as it appears in document CM (98) 54 revised dated 29 April 1998;

AUTHORISES the adoption of the Agreement Establishing the GRECO, in the form of a partial and enlarged agreement,

INVITES Member States to notify to the Secretary General their intention to participate in the adoption of the Agreement Establishing the GRECO, it being understood that this Agreement will be considered as having been adopted on the first day of the month following the date on which the Secretary General receives the 14th notification from a Member States of its wish to participate in it,

INVITES non-Member States having participated in the elaboration of the Agreement establishing the GRECO, to notify to the Secretary General their intention to participate in it,

EXPRESSES the wish that soon all Member States of the Council of Europe and the non-Member States referred to above will participate in the Agreement establishing the GRECO.