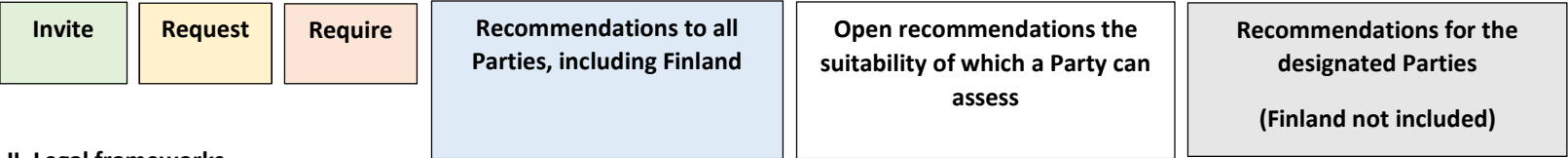


The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs) - Recommendations as to steps to be taken to improve the effective implementation of the Lanzarote Convention



II. Legal frameworks

<p>Recommendation II-1</p>	<p>Acknowledging that the term “child pornography” can be misleading and undermine the gravity of the crimes it refers to, the Lanzarote Committee invites Parties to rather use the term “child sexual abuse material” (CSAM) for material depicting acts of sexual abuse of children and/or focusing on the genitalia of the child following the guidance set out in the “Terminology Guidelines for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse” in the development of future national, regional and international legal instruments and policies addressing the prevention of and protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.</p>
<p>Recommendation II-2</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties to strengthen the protection of children by introducing explicit references in their respective legal frameworks to conduct concerning child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, identifying the circumstances when children should not be held criminally liable and when they should be prosecuted only as a last resort</p>
<p>Recommendation II-3</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that do not have a definition of “child sexual abuse material” in their legal framework to introduce one in line with its Recommendation II-1 above.</p>
<p>Recommendation II-4</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties to contemplate appropriate legal responses to conduct involving non-visual self-generated sexual material produced by children in the context of offences covered by the Convention.</p>

Recommendation II-5	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Parties⁹⁵ which provide for exemptions for adults from criminal liability for the possession of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the child depicted on such images has reached the legal age for sexual activities and has given his/her consent for the possession of such images and/or videos, and that- the person possessing the child-self generated images and/or videos and the child depicted on them are of similar ages and maturity (e.g., by setting a maximum age difference among them) in line with para 129 of the Lanzarote Convention’s Explanatory Report, and that- the production and possession of the mentioned images and/or videos did not involve any abuse. <p>⁹⁵ Austria, Cyprus, Denmark, the Russian Federation and San Marino.</p>
Recommendation II-6	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests that Parties ensure in their legal framework¹⁰¹ that a child will not be prosecuted when he/she possess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- their own self-generated sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos;- self-generated sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos of another child with the informed consent of the child depicted on them;- the self-generated sexually suggestive or explicit images and/or videos of another child as a result of receiving them passively without actively asking for them. <p>¹⁰¹ The expression “legal framework” is not limited to legislation but should be understood in a broader way, e.g., through prosecutorial guidance or practice.</p>
Recommendation II-7	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties to adopt legislative or other measures which promote as a priority educational and other measures that will aim to support children in safely exploring their sexual development while understanding and avoiding risks deriving from the production and possession of self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>
Recommendation II-8	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests that Parties ensure in their legal framework¹⁰⁶ that a child will not be prosecuted for sharing his/her sexual images and/or videos with another child when such sharing is voluntary, consensual and intended solely for their own private use.</p> <p>¹⁰⁶ The expression “legal framework” is not limited to legislation but should be understood in a broader way, e.g., through prosecutorial guidance or practice.</p>

<p>Recommendation II-9</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests that Parties that have not already done so ensure that the distribution or transmission by children of self-generated sexually explicit images and/or videos of other children is prosecuted as a last resort when such images and/or videos qualify as “child pornography” in accordance with Article 20(2) Lanzarote Convention.</p>
<p>Recommendation II-10</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that have not yet done so, to consider criminalising solicitation of children for sexual purposes (“grooming”), even when it does not lead to either a face-to-face meeting or to producing child sexual abuse material.</p>
<p>Recommendation II-11</p>	<p>When dealing with sexual extortion cases involving children, the Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that are not yet doing so to take into account the situation where child self-generated sexual images and/or videos are used to force, coerce or threaten the child to give additional self-generated sexual images and/or videos, other sexual favours, a financial gain or other gain to the offenders by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - either creating a specific incrimination to address this situation, - or prosecuting both the initial detention of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos and the act of extortion
<p>Recommendation II-12</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that are not yet doing so to ensure that sexual extortion of children involving child self-generated sexual images and/or videos is investigated and prosecuted.</p>

III. Investigations and prosecution

<p>Recommendation III-1</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests Liechtenstein and San Marino to establish specialised law enforcement units, services or persons in charge of dealing with ICT facilitated sexual offences against children.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-2</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure that there is a law enforcement unit, service or person(s) specialised in ICT-facilitated offences against children, covering the territory of the entire country.</p>

Recommendation III-3	Mindful of the different contexts in the Parties as recalled in para 235 of the Explanatory Report, the Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that law enforcement units, services or persons specialised in ICT facilitated sexual offences against children are adequately financed to ensure sufficient resources, including staff, equipment and training.
Recommendation III-4	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that the capacities of any investigative units, services or persons specialised in ICT facilitated sexual offences against children take into account evolving technologies and online behaviours, and more specifically, that they reflect current practices used by perpetrators. Additionally, the Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to exchange best practices between the relevant investigative units.
Recommendation III-5	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that law enforcement units, services or persons specialised in ICT facilitated sexual offences against children adequately cover and/or are specialised in offences against children involving child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation III-6	The Lanzarote Committee invites Lithuania, Monaco and Ukraine to set up specialised units, services or persons in charge of the prosecution of sexual offences against children facilitated by ICTs.
Recommendation III-7	Mindful of the different contexts in the Parties as recalled in para 235 of the Explanatory Report, the Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that prosecution units, services or persons specialised in ICT facilitated sexual offences against children are adequately financed to ensure sufficient resources, including staff, equipment and training.
Recommendation III-8	The Lanzarote Committee invites Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Switzerland and Ukraine to establish, where appropriate, specialised units, services or persons within the courts in charge of dealing with ICT facilitated sexual offences against children.

<p>Recommendation III-9</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that units, services or persons within courts responsible for ICT-facilitated sexual offences against children have the necessary specialisation in the intersecting areas of children’s rights, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children, and ICT technical knowledge</p>
<p>Recommendation III-10</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that units, services or persons within courts responsible for ICT-facilitated sexual offences against children have sufficient specialisation in offences involving child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-11</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so to have units, sections or persons specialised in ICT-facilitated sexual offences committed by children against other children for authorities responsible for investigation and for authorities responsible for prosecution.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-12</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Georgia, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine to ensure training on sexual offences against children to all law enforcement agents who are likely to come into contact with such cases, including front desk officers, rather than reserving it to specialised units.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-13</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests Georgia, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine to include ICT facilitated sexual offences against children in training of law enforcement agents who are likely to come into contact with such cases.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-14</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that are not already doing so to provide specific training on ICT facilitated sexual offences against children, including when such offences involve child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, and ICT facilitated coercion or extortion to law enforcement agents who are likely to come into contact with such cases.¹³⁸</p> <p>¹³⁸ Such trainings can also be part of broader training programmes</p>

Recommendation III-15	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not already doing so¹⁴⁰ to put training in place for prosecutors on aspects of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.</p> <p>¹⁴⁰ Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Luxembourg, Monaco, San Marino, Ukraine</p>
Recommendation III-16	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so¹⁴¹ to ensure that training on ICT facilitated sexual offences against children is available for prosecutors who are or will be working on these issues.</p> <p>¹⁴¹ Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Romania, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.</p>
Recommendation III-17	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that training on the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos and ICTfacilitated coercion or extortion of children is available to prosecutors.¹⁴²</p> <p>¹⁴² Such trainings can also be part of broader training programmes.</p>
Recommendation III-18	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so¹⁴⁴ to ensure that training on ICT facilitated sexual offences against children is available for judges who are or will be working on these issues.</p> <p>¹⁴⁴ Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.</p>
Recommendation III-19	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that training on the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos and ICT facilitated coercion or extortion of children is available to judges.¹⁴⁵</p> <p>¹⁴⁵ Such trainings can also be part of broader training programmes.</p>

<p>Recommendation III-20</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that are not already doing so to offer joint (or “joined-up”) training for professionals, and particularly law enforcement, prosecutors and judges, involved in legal proceedings involving ICT-facilitated child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, in order to ensure consistency at all stages.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-21</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that training on ICT-facilitated sexual offences against children for law-enforcement, prosecutors and judges contains a practical element, involving simulated or real cases.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-22</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Montenegro and San Marino to take measures to enable units or investigative services to identify the victims of the offences established in accordance with Article 20 of the Lanzarote Convention, in particular by analysing child sexual abuse material.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-23</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Luxembourg, North Macedonia and Serbia to set-up victim identification function within law enforcement in charge of combating ICT facilitated sexual offences against children.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-24</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that measures, services and technology available to those in charge of identifying child victims of ICT-facilitated sexual offences are up to date, reflecting current practices across Parties, include the establishment and use of national child abuse material databases, and that resources are sufficiently allocated.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-25</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to engage in and strengthen inter-Party cooperation for the purpose of identifying child victims of ICT facilitated sexual offences, including, where appropriate, by providing access to each other’s databases or shared databases.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-26</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Albania and North Macedonia to establish a connection with the INTERPOL’s ICSE database.</p>

<p>Recommendation III-27</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Montenegro and San Marino to ensure that any obstacles to active contribution to INTERPOL's ICSE's database are removed and that national contributions are implemented in practice, regardless of the nationality of the victims.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-28</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so¹⁵⁵ to take the necessary legislative or other measures, in conformity with the fundamental principles of their internal law, to ensure an effective investigation and prosecution of ICT facilitated sexual offences against children, allowing, where appropriate, for the possibility of covert operations.</p> <p>¹⁵⁵ Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Turkey, and Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-29</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to engage in and strengthen inter-Party cooperation for the purpose of identifying perpetrators of ICT facilitated sexual offences against children, including, where appropriate, by providing access to each other's databases or shared databases containing information on such perpetrators.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-30</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires all Parties to ensure that investigations and criminal proceedings in ICT facilitated sexual offences against children are treated as priority and carried out without any unjustified delay.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-31</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to take the necessary legislative or other measures to ensure that preservation of specified stored computer data in connection with a specific criminal investigation or proceedings is made possible, fully upholding the rights of the parties involved.</p>
<p>Recommendation III-32</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to take the necessary legislative or other measures to ensure that the investment in human, financial and physical resources is sufficient to have data generated by ICTs analysed in a timely manner so that investigations are carried out without any unjustified delay.</p>

IV. Jurisdiction rules

Recommendation IV-1	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so¹⁶⁰ to take the necessary legislative or other measures to establish jurisdiction over transnational cases of child sexual exploitation and abuse facilitated by ICTs, when one of the constituent elements of the offence has taken place in their territory.</p> <p>¹⁶⁰ Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia.</p>
Recommendation IV-2	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Cyprus to take the necessary legislative or other measures to establish jurisdiction over cases of child sexual exploitation and abuse facilitated by ICTs committed by one of its nationals, even if the offence occurs abroad.</p>
Recommendation IV-3	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties which have made a reservation in accordance with Article 25(3) with regards to Article 25(1)(e)¹⁶⁴ to consider removing this reservation and establish jurisdiction for offences under the Convention when such offences are committed abroad by persons having their habitual residence in their territory.</p> <p>¹⁶⁴ Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Montenegro, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovenia and Switzerland.</p>
Recommendation IV-4	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not yet doing so and which have not made a reservation to the application of Article 25(1)(e) of the Lanzarote Convention¹⁶⁵ to establish jurisdiction over offences established in accordance with the Convention committed abroad by persons who have their habitual residence in their territory.</p> <p>¹⁶⁵ Albania, Estonia, Georgia, Italy, Monaco, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia and Turkey.</p>
Recommendation IV-5	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not yet doing so¹⁶⁶ to remove the requirement that prosecution can only be initiated following a report from the victim or a denunciation from the State of the place where the offence was committed for offences of sexual abuse (Article 18), offences concerning child prostitution (Article 19), the production of “child pornography” (Article 20(1)(a)) and offences concerning the participation of a child in pornographic performances (Article 21), when committed by one of their nationals or by a person who has his or her habitual residence in its territory.</p>

	<p>¹⁶⁶ Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Turkey, Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation IV-6</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not yet doing so¹⁶⁹ to remove the requirement for dual criminality for offences of sexual abuse (Article 18), offences concerning child prostitution (Article 19), the production of child pornography (Article 20(1)(a)) and offences concerning the participation of a child in pornographic performances (Article 21), when committed by one of their nationals.</p> <p>¹⁶⁹ Albania, Cyprus, Georgia, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation IV-7</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties that are not yet doing so to remove the requirement for dual criminality for offences of possessing, offering, distributing, transmitting, procuring child pornography, and the fact of knowingly gaining access to child pornography through ICTs, when child self-generated sexual images and/or videos are involved when committed by one of their nationals.</p>
<p>Recommendation IV-8</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not yet doing so to remove the requirement for dual criminality for offences concerning solicitation of children for sexual purposes (Article 23) when committed by one of their nationals.</p>
<p>Recommendation IV-9</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro and Norway to endeavour to take the necessary legislative or other measures to establish jurisdiction over any offence established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention where the offence is committed against one of its nationals or a person who has his or her habitual residence in its territory.</p>

V. International cooperation

<p>Recommendation V-1</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Bulgaria, Hungary, Monaco and the Russian Federation to withdraw the reservation they made in accordance to Article 20(4) of the Lanzarote Convention, activating the right not to apply, in whole or in part Article 20(1),f. of the Convention.</p>
<p>Recommendation V-2</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Bulgaria and the Russian Federation to withdraw the reservation they made in accordance to Article 21(2) of the Lanzarote Convention, activating the right to limit the application of Article 21(1) c. of the Convention.</p>
<p>Recommendation V-3</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests all Parties to extend their international cooperation with other Parties to improve the effective implementation of the Lanzarote Convention.</p>
<p>Recommendation V-4</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to consistently analyse the possibilities to expand international cooperation with countries which are not Parties to the Lanzarote Convention to disseminate the standards of the Lanzarote Convention.</p>
<p>Recommendation V-5</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to assess on a regular basis the difficulties that they face when dealing with international cooperation and remedy them.</p>
<p>Recommendation V-6</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to assess, strengthen and develop international cooperation between the Parties of the Lanzarote Convention for the purpose of preventing and combating sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>
<p>Recommendation V-7</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to consistently analyse the possibilities to expand international cooperation with countries which are not Parties to the Lanzarote Convention to disseminate the standards of the Lanzarote Convention for the purpose of preventing and combating sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>

Recommendation V-8	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to strengthen cooperation with relevant intergovernmental bodies, and with transnational networks and other international organisations and initiatives due to their capacity to mobilisation, their world-wide scope, and their flexibility to work, for the purpose of preventing and combating sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-9	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to consider requesting the establishment of cooperation projects managed by the Council of Europe to assist them in their efforts to preventing and combating sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-10	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to support regional and international capacity building efforts to improve policy and operational measures including the pooling and sharing of successful education and awareness-raising tools for the purpose of preventing and combating sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-11	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to assess, develop and strengthen cooperation between them to protect and provide assistance to victims in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-12	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to regularly analyse the possibilities to expand international cooperation with countries which are not Parties to the Lanzarote Convention to disseminate the standards of the Lanzarote Convention, for the purpose of protecting and providing assistance to victims in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-13	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to assess, develop and strengthen cooperation with relevant intergovernmental bodies, transnational networks and other international organisations and initiatives due to their capacity to mobilisation, their world-wide scope, and their flexibility to work for the purpose of protecting and providing assistance to victims in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.

Recommendation V-14	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to maintain and develop efforts to strengthen international cooperation in investigation and proceedings concerning the offences established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention, in particular in the area of police cooperation, namely ensuring that their law-enforcement agencies can connect and contribute to the Europol and Interpol databases, and develop the areas of data, training, vetting, and selection, in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-15	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to analyse the possibilities to expand international cooperation with countries which are not Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, on investigation and proceedings concerning the offences established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention, in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-16	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to further maintain and develop efforts to strengthen international cooperation in investigation and proceedings concerning the offences established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention, with countries which are not Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, in particular in the area of police cooperation, namely ensuring that their law-enforcement agencies can connect and contribute to the Europol and Interpol databases, and develop the areas of collecting data, training, vetting, and selection in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation V-17	The Lanzarote Committee requires Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Turkey and Ukraine to ensure that victims of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos in the territory of a Party other than the one where they reside may make a complaint before the competent authorities of their State of residence.
Recommendation V-18	The Lanzarote Committee requires Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania and Sweden to ensure that the victims of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos in the territory of Parties to the Lanzarote Convention which are not members of the European Union other than the one where they reside, may make a complaint before the competent authorities of the State of their residence.

Recommendation V-19	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to integrate, where appropriate, prevention and the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children in matters related to child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, in assistance programmes for development provided for the benefit of third States.
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VI. Assistance to victims

Recommendation VI-1	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Parties that are not yet already doing so¹⁹⁸ to take the necessary legislative or other measures to encourage and support the establishment of information services, such as telephone or internet helplines, to provide advice to child victims of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs as well as persons wishing to help them, in a confidential manner or with due regard for their anonymity. These information services should be made available as widely as possible. This can be done in several ways: the service is available at extended hours, it is delivered in a language that the caller, and especially the child, can understand, and it is free of charge.</p> <p>¹⁹⁸ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, and Ukraine.</p>
Recommendation VI-2	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties that are not already doing so to promote awareness raising or specialised training for professionals who provide advice to children through telephone or internet helplines on ICT-facilitated sexual exploitation and abuse of children – including the risks associated with child self-generated sexual images and/or videos – and on how to provide appropriate support to victims and to those who wish to help them.
Recommendation VI-3	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Parties which are not already doing so¹⁹⁹ to take the necessary legislative or other measures to assist child victims of sexual exploitation and abuse, in the short and long term, in their physical and psycho-social recovery, these measures must take due account of the child's views, needs and concerns.</p> <p>¹⁹⁹ Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.</p>

<p>Recommendations VI-4</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites Parties which are not already doing so to ensure that the assistance measures referred to in Recommendation VI-3 are available to child victims of sexual exploitation and abuse facilitated by ICTs, including offences due to the production, possession, distribution or transmission of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>
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VII. Civil society involvement and cooperation

<p>Recommendation VII-1</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Parties which are not already doing so²⁰¹ to involve civil society bodies in the implementation of preventive measures in the field of sexual exploitation and abuse of children.²⁰²</p> <p>²⁰¹ Albania, Greece, Latvia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Turkey ²⁰² Examples of projects and/or programmes will enable assessment of follow-up to this recommendation.</p>
<p>Recommendation VII-2</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests Parties which are not already doing so²⁰³ to encourage the financing of projects and programmes carried out by civil society aiming at preventing and protecting children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.²⁰⁴</p> <p>²⁰³ Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Turkey, Ukraine ²⁰⁴ Examples of projects and/or programmes will enable assessment of follow-up to this recommendation.</p>
<p>Recommendation VII-3</p>	<p>Whilst recalling that cooperation may be regulated through partnerships and agreements, the Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to expand cooperation with civil society in order to better prevent sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, including when facilitated by ICTs and as regards the challenges raised by the exploitation of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>
<p>Recommendation VII-4</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that the forms of cooperation that take place with civil society in the field of prevention and protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse are of a sustainable nature.</p>

<p>Recommendation VII-5</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to support civil society to carry out projects and programmes that include the issue of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.²⁰⁶</p> <p>²⁰⁶ Examples of projects and/or programmes will enable assessment of follow-up to this recommendation.</p>
<p>Recommendation VII-6</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to encourage the participation of children, according to their evolving capacity, in the development and the implementation of state policies, programmes or other initiatives concerning the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, including when facilitated by ICTs and as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, and to provide example(s) of how children’s views are taken into account in the context of the participation of children.</p>
<p>Recommendation VII-7</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to seek children’s views at the stage of drafting new legislation on the issues of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, including when facilitated by ICTs and as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>

VIII. Promoting awareness of the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse faced by children generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves

<p>Recommendation VIII-1</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to ensure that explanations of the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse faced by children generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves, with or without coercion, are included in the awareness-raising campaigns that they promote or conduct, whatever the target audience.</p>
<p>Recommendation VIII-2</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to ensure that awareness-raising for children about the risks that they face when generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves takes place early enough, before they reach their teens, and that it is “adapted to their evolving capacity” or, in other words, their age and degree of maturity.</p>

Recommendation VIII-3	The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties , wherever possible, to use unchanged the awareness-raising tools, materials and activities mentioned in this report or else to adapt them to their national contexts and their own languages and, if necessary, develop new ones, concentrating on videos and distribution through social media.
Recommendation VIII-4	The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to have available awareness-raising tools, materials and activities suitable for children with disabilities.
Recommendation VIII-5	To improve its impact, the Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to ensure that awarenessraising for children regarding the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse that they face when generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves is led first and foremost by their peers.
Recommendation VIII-6	The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to do more to encourage the information and communication technology sector, the media and other professionals to raise awareness among children, their parents, persons having regular contact with children, and the general public about the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse faced by children generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves and about the preventive measures that can be taken.
Recommendation VIII-7	The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to introduce or step-up awareness-raising for parents and persons with parental authority about the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse faced by children generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves and about the preventive measures that can be taken.
Recommendation VIII-8	The Lanzarote Committee invites the Parties to promote or conduct awareness-raising campaigns for the general public providing information about the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse faced by children generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves and about the preventive measures that can be taken.

Recommendation VIII-9	The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that have not yet done so , to take the necessary measures to ensure co-ordination between the agencies responsible for raising awareness of the risks of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse faced by children generating and/or sharing sexual images and/or videos of themselves.
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IX. Education for children

Recommendation IX-1	The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so , to address in educational contexts the issue of the risks of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs, including as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation IX-2	The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so , to ensure that information on the risks of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs, including as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, is provided to children during both primary and secondary education (whether as part of the national curricula or in the context of non-formal education for children at these levels).
Recommendation IX-3	The Lanzarote Committee requires all Parties to ensure that all children at primary and secondary level receive information about the risks of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs. Organising lectures and/or activities on this topic should not be left to the discretion of schools or teachers.
Recommendation IX-4	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to consistently involve children in the development of internet safety awareness programmes.
Recommendation IX-5	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that there is a standing national internet safety resource, with an ongoing programme of activities.

<p>Recommendation IX-6</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to provide information to children on child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, facilitated by ICTs, including as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, in their national curriculum or other non-formal educational contexts, in a form which is adapted to the evolving capacity of the children and therefore which is appropriate for their age and maturity.</p>
<p>Recommendation IX-7</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so, to provide information to children on the risks of child sexual exploitation and abuse facilitated by ICTs, including as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, within a more general context of sexuality education.</p>
<p>Recommendation IX-8</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so, to ensure that parents, caregivers and educators are involved, where appropriate, in the provision of information to children on the risks of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by ICTs, in particular as regards child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.</p>

X. Higher education curriculum and continuous training

<p>Recommendation X-1</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requests those Parties that are not already doing so²⁷⁷ to ensure that the persons who have regular contacts with children (i.e. in the education, health and social protection, sectors and in areas relating to sport, culture and leisure activities), have an adequate knowledge of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, including when facilitated by ICTs, for example through education or continuous training.</p> <p>²⁷⁷ Albania, Belgium (Flemish and French communities), Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation X-2</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites those Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that the persons who have regular contacts with children (i.e. in the education, health and social protection, sectors and in areas relating to sport, culture and leisure activities), have an adequate knowledge of the risks associated with child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, for example through education or continuous training.</p>

<p>Recommendation X-3</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that all the sectors where professionals work in contact with children, including when working on a voluntary basis, have an adequate knowledge of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, including when facilitated by ICTs and with specific reference to the risks associated with child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, for example through education or continuous training.</p>
<p>Recommendation X-4</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not already doing so²⁷⁸ to ensure that teaching or training on the rights of children and their protection for persons who have regular contacts with children (i.e. in the education, health and social protection sectors and in areas relating to sport, culture and leisure activities) is not optional.</p> <p>²⁷⁸ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation X-5</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that the persons who have regular contacts with children are equipped to identify any situation of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in the education sector²⁸⁵ - in the health sector²⁸⁶ - in the social protection sector²⁸⁷ - in areas relating to sport, culture and leisure activities.²⁸⁸ <p>²⁸⁵ Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.</p> <p>²⁸⁶ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine.</p> <p>²⁸⁷ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.</p>

	<p>²⁸⁸ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation X-6</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires those Parties that are not already doing so to ensure that the persons who have regular contacts with children are informed of the possibility for them to report to the services responsible for child protection any situation where they have “reasonable grounds” for believing that a child is a victim of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in the education sector²⁸⁹ - in the health sector²⁹⁰ - in the social protection sector²⁹¹ - in areas relating to sport, culture and leisure activities.²⁹² <p>²⁸⁹ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.</p> <p>²⁹⁰ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine. ²⁹¹ Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.</p> <p>²⁹² Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.</p>
<p>Recommendation X-7</p>	<p>The Lanzarote Committee requires Parties that are not already doing so²⁹⁴ to encourage awareness of the protection and rights of children among persons who have regular contacts with children in the education, health, social protection, judicial and law-enforcement sectors and in areas relating to sport, culture and leisure activities.</p>

	²⁹⁴ Albania, Andorra, Belgium (French community), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.
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XI. Research

Recommendation XI-1	The Lanzarote Committee invites all those Parties which have not already done so to collect data and undertake research at the national and local level, for the purpose of observing and evaluating the phenomenon of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation XI-2	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to ensure that data on the phenomenon of child self-generated sexual images and/or videos and the risks associated with it is regularly collected and research on the issue is regularly undertaken.
Recommendation XI-3	The Lanzarote Committee invites all Parties to build on the findings from existing research on child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, when available, to ensure that policies and measures are best developed and appropriately targeted to tackle the issues raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos.
Recommendation XI-4	The Lanzarote Committee invites all those Parties which are not already doing so to take the necessary legislative or other measures to set up or designate mechanisms for data collection or focal points at the national or local levels and in collaboration with civil society, for the purpose of observing and evaluating the phenomenon of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, including on the issues arising from child self-generated sexual images and/or videos, with due respect for the requirements of personal data protection.