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Combating sexual violence against children: towards a successful conclusion of the ONE in FIVE Campaign

Reply to Recommendation¹: Recommendation 2045 (2014)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully considered Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2045 (2014) on “Combating sexual violence against children: towards a successful conclusion of the ONE in FIVE Campaign” and transmitted it to its relevant subordinate body.²

2. Combating sexual violence against children is a high priority for the Committee of Ministers. In this context, it regularly encourages member States to sign, ratify and implement the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201, “Lanzarote Convention”) which it considers a major tool in addressing this scourge. Furthermore, in line with the Assembly’s recommendation, the Committee agreed to the extension of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign for an additional year, until the end of 2015.

3. Bearing in mind the Assembly’s recommendation to establish a European Day to fight sexual violence against children, the Committee of Ministers also entrusted the Secretariat to prepare, by the end of the year, possibly together with key stakeholders, a concept paper on the establishment of such a day, with the aim of raising awareness of sexual violence against children, in line with the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015). The Committee of Ministers will inform the Assembly in due course on the result of its deliberations on the matter.

1. Adopted at the 1212th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (19 November 2014).

2. The European Committee for Social Cohesion, Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS).

