

**GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ACTION AGAINST
TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS (GRETA)**

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8 March 2016

**Subject: Visit by the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
(GRETA) to Portugal**

Dear Mr Gradim,

I am writing to you in your capacity as contact person appointed by the Government of Portugal to liaise with GRETA.

In accordance with Article 36(1) of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (the Convention), GRETA monitors the implementation of the Convention by the Parties. Article 38(1) of the Convention stipulates that GRETA shall evaluate the implementation of the Convention by the Parties following a procedure divided in rounds.

GRETA initiated the second evaluation round in respect of Portugal by sending the questionnaire for that round to the Portuguese authorities on 8 June 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for distributing the questionnaire to the different national bodies concerned, co-ordinating their replies and submitting to GRETA a consolidated official reply to the questionnaire.

Pursuant to Article 38(4) of the Convention, GRETA may organise country visits in co-operation with the national authorities and the contact person. GRETA's evaluation visit to Portugal is scheduled to take place from **4-8 April 2016**. It will be carried out by a delegation composed of:

- Mr Nicolas Le Coz, President of GRETA;
- Ms Vessela Banova, member of GRETA;
- Mr Markus Lehner, Administrator in the Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention.

They will be assisted by two interpreters, Ms Sophie Enderlin and Ms Paola Manuppella.

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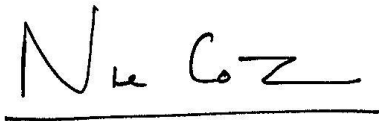
As the contact person appointed to liaise with GRETA, your kind help in the organisation of the programme of this evaluation visit is required. The Secretariat will soon contact you with a list of public bodies which the GRETA delegation would like to meet in Portugal, as well as a list of issues which the GRETA delegation wishes to raise and places it wishes to visit.

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules on the Evaluation Procedure, meetings with non-governmental organisations, other relevant organisations and members of civil society will be organised directly by the Secretariat.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Markus Lehner (markus.lehner@coe.int or +33 3 90 21 48 24) for any further information concerning this evaluation visit or GRETA's work.

I thank you in advance for your assistance in the organisation of the second evaluation visit by GRETA to Portugal and look forward to our continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicolas Le Coz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Nicolas Le Coz
President of GRETA

CC: Permanent Representation of Portugal to the Council of Europe