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Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): contribution that might be considered for the 8th session of the UPR:

Armenia:

In its Joint First and Second Round Compliance report on Armenia, adopted in June 2008, GRECO concluded that a number of its recommendations in respect of public administration, for example, the introduction of ethical codes of public officials and protection of "whistle blowers" would require further efforts in order to improve the integrity of the public service, vital for securing the public's trust in the government's efforts to tackle corruption (Greco RC-I/II (2008) 3E, paragraph 125).

Spain:

GRECO concluded in its Third Round Evaluation Report on Spain, adopted in May 2009, that Spain had not ratified the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173), nor had it signed/ratified the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 191). This remains a pressing need, in order to ensure a coordinated criminalisation of corruption". (Greco Eval III Rep (2008) 3E, paragraph 100).

Sweden:

Nothing to report.

Turkey:

In its Joint First and Second Round Compliance report on Turkey, adopted in April 2008, GRECO was particularly concerned that several recommendations of principal importance had not been addressed, for example, to entrust an oversight body, involving the civil society, with the responsibility of overseeing the implementation of national anti-corruption strategies. Another area of crucial importance which remained to be addressed was that of the independence of the judiciary which was still, despite minor adjustments, closely linked to the executive power i.e. the Ministry of Justice. (Greco RC-I-II (2008) 2E, paragraph 89)

Belarus:

Belarus which has ratified the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 173) and the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS 174) is in 2009 in the process of becoming a member of GRECO.