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Constitutive meeting of the Executive Committee 24 June 2011 (Strasbourg)

Adopted decisions

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

Decision:

The Executive Committee adopted the draft agenda as it appears in document NSC/EC (2011) 6.

2. Constitution of the Executive Committee

Decisions:

The Executive Committee:

- 2.1 took note of the nominations made by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, the Joint Council for Youth and the European Union;
- 2.2 entrusted its Bureau to consider possibilities for the two other vacant civil society seats and make proposals to the Executive Committee at its next meeting;
- 2.3 elected Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy) as its Chair for a two year period, expiring at its meeting of spring 2013;
- 2.4 following the election of its Chair, agreed the composition of its Bureau as follows:

Member States: Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway and Serbia

Parliamentary member: Seat shared by Mr Kimmo Sasi (PACE) and Mr Miguel Angel Martinez (European Parliament)

Local and regional authorities member: Seat shared by Dr Herwig Van Staa (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe) and Mr Christophe Rouillon (Committee of the Regions of the European Union)

Civil society member: Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, Chair of the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe

European Union: Ambassador Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Council of Europe

for a period of two years, expiring at the spring meeting of the Executive Committee in 2013;

With regard to the member States, it was agreed that membership in the Bureau would, in principle, be non-renewable, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

- 2.6 - took note of the draft internal rules of procedure as presented in document NSC/EC (2011) 10 prov;
 - asked all members to submit possible modifications to the document in writing to the Secretariat by 31 August 2011;
 - and entrusted the Bureau to finalise this document at its meeting in September 2011, for subsequent adoption by the Executive Committee at its next meeting in autumn 2011.

3. North-South Centre strategy for the period 2011-2013

The Executive Committee:

- 3.1 took note of the draft evaluation on the Centre's work for 2008-2010 as presented in document NSC/Inf (2011)4;
- 3.2 took note of the draft strategic document for 2011-2013 presented by the Executive Director (document: NSC/EC (2011) 8);
- 3.3 asked its members and the Think-Tank to send their comments on both documents in written form to the Secretariat by 31 August 2011;
- 3.4 entrusted the Secretariat to prepare the draft programme and budget for 2012-2013 on the basis of these documents and in light of the discussion held at the meeting and the written comments received;
- 3.5 expressed its appreciation for the work of the Think-Tank over the last year.

4. 2011 programme of activities

The Executive Committee:

- 4.1 took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the implementation of the 2011 programme of activities and the preparation of forthcoming events;
- 4.2 took note of the new format of reporting through the interim report, as presented in document NSC/Inf (2011) 5 prov, and the NSC calendar of activities;
- 4.3 noted that the deadline for submitting candidatures for the 2011 North-South Prize would be extended until 15 July 2011;
- 4.4 took note of the state of the preparations of the 2011 Lisbon Forum, on the basis of documents NSC/Inf (2011) 6 and addendum, and entrusted the Secretariat to continue with the preparatory work in collaboration with the NSC Think-Tank, and taking into account the discussions held at the meeting.

5. Any other business**PACE Recommendation 1962 (2011) – “The religious dimension of intercultural dialogue”**

Decision:

The Executive Committee took note of Recommendation 1962 (2011) on “the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue”.

6. Date and place of next meeting

The Executive Committee decided to hold its next meeting on Wednesday 2 November in Lisbon, in conjunction with the 2011 Lisbon Forum which will take place on 3-4 November.