



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe



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7 November 2011

2nd meeting of the Executive Committee Wednesday 2 November 2011 (Lisbon)

Adopted decisions

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

Decision:

The Executive Committee adopted the draft agenda as it appears in document NSC/EC (2011) 14.

2. Setting-up of the Executive Committee

Decisions:

The Executive Committee:

- 2.1 decided to allocate the last two vacant civil society seats to the European NGO Confederation for relief and development (CONCORD) and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH);
- 2.2 adopted, on a provisional basis, its rules of procedure as they appear in document NSC/EC (2011) 10 prov, subject to a decision regarding article 5.6;
- 2.3 agreed to come back to article 5.6 of the rules of procedure at its next meeting, with a view to taking a final decision on this matter;
- 2.3 decided, in the meantime, to designate Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, as substitute to the Chair, in case of her absence, until the next Executive Committee meeting.

3. Information by the Chair and the Executive Director on recent developments

Decisions:

The Executive Committee:

- 3.1 expressed its gratitude for the voluntary contribution of 16,000 euros received from the government of Liechtenstein;

- 3.2 took note of the decision taken by the North-South Prize Jury regarding the 2011 prize winners and the ensuing contacts undertaken by the Secretariat with the prize winners;
- 3.3 decided to hold a general discussion on the objectives, selection criteria and decision making process of the Council of Europe's North-South Prize at its next meeting, in spring 2012;.
- 3.4 took note of the oral reports of the Chair and the Executive Director.

4. 2010 financial statements and budgetary management accounts

Decision:

The Executive Committee took note of the decisions taken by the Ministers' Deputies at their 1124th meeting on 26 October 2011 regarding the North-South Centre's financial statements and budgetary management accounts for 2010.

5. Implementation of the 2011 programme of activities

Decisions:

The Executive Committee:

- 5.1 took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the implementation of the 2011 programme of activities and the preparation of forthcoming events;
- 5.2 took note of the interim activities report as it appears in document NSC/Inf (2011) 5 prov 2.

6. North-South Centre strategy for 2011-2013

Decisions:

The Executive Committee:

- 6.1 took note of the strategy document for 2011-2013 as it appears in NSC/EC (2011) 8 final, in light of the discussions held at the meeting;
- 6.2 in this connection, agreed that the North-South Centre's role as an active player within the CoE's new neighbourhood policy will be a priority of its activities;
- 6.3 entrusted accordingly the North-South Centre Secretariat to present, by the end of January 2012, a draft concept for the Centre's enhanced interaction with the democratic forces in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region, building, inter alia, on the debates and results of the "Lisbon Forum" of 3-4 November 2011.

7. Draft programme of activities and draft budget for 2012-2013

Decisions:

The Executive Committee:

- 7.1. in its composition restricted to the member States of the North-South Centre, on the basis of the draft budget presented in document NSC/EC (2011) 16 prov, adopted Resolution NSC/EC (2011) 18 concerning the budget of the Partial Agreement establishing the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity for 2012-2013 (in appendix).
- 7.2 adopted the programme of activities for 2012-13 as it appears in document (NSC/EC (2011) 17 final, in light of the discussions held at the meeting.

8. Any other business

The Executive Committee asked the Chair to write to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe with a view to drawing his attention to the fact that the annual contributions of two North-South Centre member States were still outstanding.

9. Date and place of the next meeting

The Executive Committee agreed with the Chair's proposed calendar of statutory meetings for 2012 as follows:

- Meeting of the Bureau (to be held in Lisbon in March/April, in conjunction with the North-South Prize Ceremony)
- Spring meeting of the Executive Committee (to be held in Strasbourg in May/June)
- Meeting of the Bureau (to be held in Strasbourg in September, in conjunction with the Jury for the North-South Prize)
- Autumn meeting of the Executive Committee (to be held in Lisbon in November, in conjunction with the 2012 Lisbon Forum).

Draft Resolution NSC/EC (2011) 18
concerning the budget of the Partial Agreement establishing the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity for 2012-2013

The representatives of the Member States within the Executive Committee¹ of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity

1. Agree:

- a) to fix the ceiling of obligatory contributions of the member States for the financial year 2012 at € 893 700 as it appears in Table B (page 7);
- b) to approve the apportionment of the contributions of the member States for the financial year 2012, as it appears in Table A (page 6).

2. Resolve as follows:

- a) The budget of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity for the financial year 2012, totalling €1 363 000 as it appears on Table 23 on page 4 of document NSC/EC(2011) 16 prov, is adopted;
- b) The budget of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity for the financial year 2013, totalling €1 490 900 as it appears on Table 23 on page 4 of document NSC/EC (2011) 16 prov is approved on a provisional basis;
- c) The budget of expenditure of the programme account in 2012 will be equal to the difference between the total amount of the budget of receipts and the total of the budget of operational expenditure such as presented on page 4 of document NSC/EC (2011) 16 prov for an amount of € 479 500;
- d) The total of the budget of receipts such as presented in Table A on page 6 of document NSC/EC (2011) 16 prov will be a function of actual receipts and adjusted accordingly in the course of the financial year.

¹ In accordance to Resolution CM/Res/6, Article 4.3^a, the decisions concerning the adoption of the budget of the Centre shall be taken by the Executive Committee in its composition restricted to the Members of the Centre.