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Programming Committee on Youth (CPJ)

Terms of reference

*(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 10 May 2006,
at the 964th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

Introduction

1. The basic structure of the statutory organs of the youth sector of the Council of Europe was last reviewed in 1998, when the Committee of Ministers adopted two resolutions on the European Youth Centre and the European Youth Foundation.¹ During its 816th meeting in November 2002, the Committee of Ministers adopted the last version of the terms of reference of the statutory organs of the youth sector: the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ), the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) and the Programming Committee on Youth (CPJ).² The co-management formula was confirmed in a resolution on the youth policy of the Council of Europe, adopted in October 2003.³

2. The revised version of the terms of reference of the CPJ as presented hereafter concerns:

- The reference in the foreword of paragraph 4 to the priorities defined by the Action Plan of the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government;
- The withdrawal of the evaluation of the programme (transferred to the CMJ) in paragraph 4 iii;
- The presence, as an observer in the meetings, of a representative of the European Youth Forum, without the right to vote and without reimbursement of costs (paragraph 5);
- The extension of the terms of reference until 31 December 2008.

3. The terms of reference of the CPJ contain a clause, relating to the length of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair, for which a dispensation of Article 12.e of Appendix 1 of Resolution Res(2005)47 is necessary.

¹ Resolution (98) 6 on the youth policy of the Council of Europe, adopted at the 628th meeting on 16 April 1998; Resolution (98) 31 on the statutes of the European Youth Centre and the European Youth Foundation, adopted at the 650th meeting on 25 November 1998.

² Document CM/Del/Dec(2002)816.

³ Resolution Res(2003)7.

Terms of reference of the Programming Committee on Youth (CPJ)

1. Name of the Committee:

Programming Committee on Youth (CPJ)

2. Type of Committee:

Co-decision body between the governmental and the non-governmental partners of the youth sector

3. Source of terms of reference:

Joint Council on Youth (CMJ)

4. Terms of reference:

Having regard to Resolution (98) 6 adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 April 1998, the Decision CM/Del/Dec(2002)816 of the Committee of Ministers and the Statute of the European Youth Centre and the European Youth Foundation respectively, and in accordance with the priorities for intergovernmental co-operation defined by the Declaration and Action Plan adopted by the Third Summit of Heads of state and government as specified in the Lines of Action 2, 4, 6 and 8 of the Programme of Activities (2006), concerning Programmes "Human Rights awareness and training", "Strengthening the role of civil society in a pluralist democracy", "Intercultural dialogue" and "Youth policies" respectively;

As a co-decision body, acting on behalf of the Joint Council on Youth, the Programming Committee shall:

- i. establish the programmes of the European Youth Centres (Strasbourg and Budapest) and the European Youth Foundation on the basis of the common position developed by the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) on the priorities, objectives and budget envelopes of the youth sector;
- ii. monitor the implementation of the Centre's and the Foundation's programme.

5. Composition of the Committee:

5.A Members

The Programming Committee shall be composed of sixteen members, designated for a period of three years:

- i. eight members of the CDEJ representing governments from the member states of the Council of Europe, designated by the CDEJ, seeing to a well-balanced geographical distribution.
- ii. eight members of the Advisory Council (CCJ), designated by this body.

The Council of Europe budget will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of all members.

5.B Participants

None.

5.C Other participants

None.

5.D Observers

The European Youth Forum may send a representative to meetings of the Committee without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses.

6. Working methods and structures:

- i. As a general rule, the Programming Committee shall meet twice a year.
- ii. The Programming Committee shall draw up its own rules of procedure. The Programming Committee shall meet at one of the two European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe, but the Committee of Ministers may authorise the holding of meetings elsewhere.
- iii. The decisions of the Programming Committee shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of votes cast and by a majority of its members entitled to sit.
- iv. A member of the Programming Committee representing an organisation which has applied for funding through either the European Youth Centre or the European Youth Foundation shall not have the right to participate in the decisions by which the said organisation, he or she represents, stands to gain. The voting procedure specified in point iii. will be adjusted accordingly.
- v. The Programming Committee shall elect, for a period of three years, by an absolute majority of its members, its chair and vice-chair from among its members¹. The chair and the vice-chair shall not be elected simultaneously from among the governmental representatives or from among the non-governmental representatives. Each of these two functions shall be exercised alternately by a governmental representative and a non-governmental representative during half of the triennial period. If no candidate is elected in the first ballot, a second vote shall be taken in which the candidate obtaining a simple majority of votes cast is elected. No member may be re-elected as chair or vice-chair.
- vi. The Secretary General shall refer to the Joint Council on Youth and –if necessary– the Committee of Ministers any decision of the Programming Committee concerning the Centre and the Foundation which he considers to be incompatible with the role and aims of the Centre and the Foundation, as defined in Article I of the Statute of the Centre and Article 1 of the Statute of the Foundation respectively. In such a case, the Secretary General may suspend execution of the decision until the Joint Council on Youth or the Committee of Ministers has ruled thereon.

7. Duration:

These terms of reference will expire on 31 December 2008.

¹ As adopted by the Ministers' Deputies at their 816th meeting (13 November 2002), which constitutes a dispensation to Article 12.e of Appendix 1 of Resolution Res(2005)47