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Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CAHDI

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ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE CAHDI

1. The term of office of Ms Edwige BELLARD (France), Chair of the CAHDI, which has been renewed once expires on 31 December 2012. The term of office of Ms Concepción ESCOBAR HERNÁNDEZ (Spain), Vice-Chair of the CAHDI, has come to an end following the change of her functions as announced at the last meeting of the CAHDI (Strasbourg, 29-30 March 2012).
2. Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods¹ lists the rules applicable on this matter:

Article 12 – Chair

- a. Every committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. However, the Chair of a subordinate body may be appointed by the steering or ad hoc committee to which it is answerable.
- b. The Chair shall conduct proceedings and sum up the conclusions whenever he or she thinks necessary. He or she may call to order a speaker who departs from the subject under discussion or from the committee's terms of reference. The Chair shall retain the right to speak and to vote in her/his capacity as a member of the committee, except in cases where an additional expert from the same country has been appointed to sit on that committee.
- c. The Vice-Chair shall replace the Chair if the latter is absent or otherwise unable to preside the meeting. If the Vice-Chair is absent, the Chair shall be replaced by another member of the Bureau, appointed by the latter or, where there is no Bureau, by a member of the committee appointed by the committee.
- d. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. In steering committees, the election shall be held by secret ballot, in other committees by a show of hands, unless a member of the committee requests a secret ballot.
- e. The term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be one year. It may be renewed once.

Article 13 – Bureau

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- e. A member elected to replace another whose term of office has not expired shall complete her/his predecessor's term. The same shall apply to the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair.

3. Having regard to Article 13.e. of Resolution CM/Res(2011)24, it is proposed not to replace the Vice-Chair for the short period of time remaining before the expiration of her original term of office. In the practice of the CAHDI (cf. attached table) precedents can be found of meetings in which the Committee had not appointed a Vice-Chair.
4. In light of the above, the CAHDI is called upon to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for a period of one year, from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013.
5. The attached table lists the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the CAHDI since its creation.

¹ Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 9 November 2011, at the 1125th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.

Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the CAHDI

Year	Meeting	Chair	Vice-chair
1991	1	Mr Türk (AT)	Mr Corell (SE)
1992	2	Mr Türk (AT)	Mr Corell (SE)
	3	Mr Corell (SE)	Mr Puissochet (FR)
	4	Mr Corell (SE)	Mr Puissochet (FR)
1993	5	Mr Corell*(SE)	Mr Puissochet* (FR)
	6	Mr Corell*(SE)	Mr Puissochet* (FR)
1994	7	Mr Puissochet (FR)	Mr Bos (NL)
	8	Mr Puissochet (FR)	Mr Bos (NL)
1995	9	Mr Bos (NL)	Mr Szenasi (HU)
	10	Mr Bos (NL)	Mr Szenasi (HU)
1996	11	Mr Bos* (NL)	Mr Szenasi* (HU)
	12	Mr Bos* (NL)	Mr Szenasi* (HU)
1997	13	Mr Szenasi (HU)	Mr Caflish (CH)
	14	Mr Szenasi (HU)	Mr Caflish (CH)
1998	15	Mr Szenasi* (HU)	Mr Caflish* (CH)
	16	Mr Szenasi* (HU)	Mr Caflish* (CH)
1999	17	Mr Hilger (DE)	Mr Tomka (SK)
	18	Mr Hilger (DE)	Mr Tomka (SK)
2000	19	Mr Hilger* (DE)	Mr Tomka* (SK)
	20	Mr Hilger* (DE)	Mr Tomka* (SK)
2001	21	Mr Tomka (SK)	Mr Michel (CH)
	22	Mr Tomka (SK)	Mr Michel (CH)
2002	23	Mr Tomka* (SK)	Mr Michel* (CH)
	24	Mr Tomka* (SK)	Mr Michel* (CH)
2003	25	Mr Michel (CH)	-
	26	Mr Michel (CH)	-
2004	27	Mr Michel* (CH)	Ms Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)
	28	Mr Michel* (CH)	Ms Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)
2005	29	Ms Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)	Sir Michael Wood (UK)
	30	Ms Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)	Sir Michael Wood (UK)
2006	31	Ms Dascalopoulou-Livada* (GR)	Sir Michael Wood* (UK)
	32	Ms Dascalopoulou-Livada* (GR)	Sir Michael Wood* (UK)
2007	33	Sir Michael Wood (UK)	Rolf Einar Fife (NO)
	34	Sir Michael Wood (UK)	Rolf Einar Fife (NO)
2008	35	Sir Michael Wood* (UK)	Rolf Einar Fife* (NO)
	36	Sir Michael Wood* (UK)	Rolf Einar Fife* (NO)
2009	37	Mr Rolf Einar Fife (NO)	-
	38	Mr Rolf Einar Fife (NO)	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)
2010	39	Mr Rolf Einar Fife (NO)*	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)*
	40	Mr Rolf Einar Fife (NO)*	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)*
2011	41	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)	Ms Concepción Escobar Hernández (ES)
	42	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)	Ms Concepción Escobar Hernández (ES)
2012	43	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)*	Ms Concepción Escobar Hernández (ES)*
	44	Ms Edwige Belliard (FR)*	-

(*) Second one-year term, not renewable (cf. Art. 12 (e), Appendix 1, Resolution Res/CM(2011)24).