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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2013

1. Opening of the meeting by Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Conference of INGOs
2. The agenda [[CONF/SC\(2013\)OJ1](#)] was adopted unanimously.
3. The synopsis of the meeting held on 19 November 2012 [[CONF/SC\(2012\)SYN8](#)] was adopted unanimously.

4. An exchange of views was held with Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Head of the Democratic Initiatives Department, Democratic Governance Directorate. The Civil Society Division had been attached to that department. Information was provided on the new structure of DG Democracy and on democratic issues at the Council of Europe.

An update was given on the next Forum for Democracy. Jean-Marie Heydt offered co-operation regarding preparation of the content of the Forum and organisation.

Members wished to have more precise details about the Directorate General's activities so that the Conference of INGOs could work more effectively in multiplying their impact.

5. Preparation of the January session

The new rules of procedure would have to be approved in plenary.

Update on the various working groups and the committees, validation of working groups – cf appended list.

6. General information

Jean-Marie Heydt reported on the latest developments concerning the North-South Centre. As a member of the quadrilogue, the Conference of INGOs would be present at the meetings of the ad hoc working party tasked with considering the future of the North-South Centre.

An update was also given on the Year of Citizenship 2013, cross-cutting aspects and the introduction of the issues in the committees.