

## SUMMER SESSION CONFERENCE OF INGOs

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## MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOS DRAFT AGENDA Thursday 25 June 2015

(9.30am – 1.00pm and 2.30 – 5.00pm) Strasbourg, Agora – Room G.03

- 1. Opening of the meeting by *Anna Rurka*, President of the Conference of INGOs
- 2. Agenda: for adoption
- 3. Synopsis of the meeting of 29 January 2015 [CONF/PLE(2015)SYN1]: for adoption
- 4. Nomination of the Rapporteur of the meeting and of the four tellers for the election
- 5. Election of a Rapporteur of the Conference of INGOs introduction by *Salomon Levy*, President of the Verification and Dispute Committee followed by oral presentations by the candidates
- 6. Exchange of views with *Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni*, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe (11h15)
- 7. Follow-up to the 125<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Ministers: What action by the Conference of INGOs and its member organisations? Introduction by *Anna Rurka* 
  - Report by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe "State of Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Europe. A shared responsibility for democratic security", in particular chapter III Freedom of assembly and freedom of association: *Adrian* Evtuhovici, Directorate of Policy Planning [link to the report]
  - Council of Europe's Action Plan "The Fight against Violent Extremism and Radicalisation Leading to Terrorism" [CM(2015)74 add final]: Daniele Cangemi, Special Co-ordinator, Directorate General of Democracy
- 8. Exchange of views with the Permanent Representatives of member States to the Council of Europe on strengthening the role of NGOs at the Council of Europe (12am to 1pm): Ambassador Astrid Helle, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe and Chair of the Ministers' Deputies Rapporteur Group on Democracy (GR-DEM) and Robert Drzazga, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to the Council of Europe [SG/Inf(2014)23] and [summary of the answers to the questionnaire]

- 9. Expert Council on NGO Law: [terms of reference of the Expert Council]
  - Appointment of the President of the Expert Council on NGO Law [Synopsis of the Standing Committee meeting of 20 April]
  - Information on the members of the Expert Council on NGO Law for the period July 2015 to June 2018
  - Discussion on recent developments: changes in legislation and working conditions for NGOs in the Russian Federation: Daria Miloslavskaya, member of the Expert Council on NGO Law
     [Federal Law on amending certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation]
     [Expert Council analysis of the draft amendments of December 2014]
     [ICNL analysis of the law on "undesirable organisations"]
     [Opinion of the Expert Council on the "foreign agents law", August 2013]
- 10. Role and activities of the Advisory Council on Youth: *Youssef Himmat*, member of the Bureau of the Advisory Council: Presentation followed by discussion
- 11. To step aside: Gender impact as an instrument of radicalisation and extremism a student's point of view: *Sophia Benazzouz et Magali Gomis*, Undergratuate Students of Spanish and French law, University Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense
- 12. Information on initiatives of the Gender Equality Expert of the Conference of INGOs: *Anne Nègre*
- 13. <u>Validation of the Action Plan of the Conference of INGOs for the next two years</u>: *Anna Rurka*
- 14. Feedback from the thematic Committees and adoption of texts
  - 'New disability strategy'
  - 'The violation of economic, social and cultural rights by austerity measures: a serious threat to democracy'
- 15. Other business
  - <u>Information on the training on the Collective Complaints procedure of the European Social Charter</u> (Brussels, 22 September 2015): *Anna Rurka*
  - Information on the ad hoc group on youth: Anne Kraus
- 16. Date of the next meeting