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PREPARATION OF THE 16th COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION ON

**“Landscape and transfrontier co-operation”
Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra,
(30 September), 1-2 October 2015**

and draft document on transfrontier landscapes

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Summary

The 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Andorra, will be held on 1-2 October 2015 (study visit on 30 September 2015) in Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, on “Landscape and transfrontier co-operation”.

The European Landscape Convention states indeed in Article 9 on ‘Transfrontier landscapes’, that “The Parties shall encourage transfrontier co-operation on local and regional level and, wherever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes”.

In order to prepare the programme, the Parties to the Convention were invited by the Secretariat (E-mail of 18 November 2014) to send proposals for presentations by 15 December 2014.

The programme is being prepared with the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Andorra and the invitations will be sent in June 2015.

The Conference is invited:

- to take note of the holding of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Andorra, on 1-2 October 2015 (study visit on 30 September 2015) in Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, on “Landscape and transfrontier co-operation”.

The Conference is moreover invited to:

- examine the draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Parties to the Convention on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on “Transfrontier landscapes”, as it appears in the appendix to this document, in view of its presentation for examination at the CDCPP.

Appendix

Draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on promoting implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on “Transfrontier landscapes”

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage,

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature by the member states of the Council of Europe in Florence on 20 October 2000,

Considering Article 9 of the said Convention on “Transfrontier landscapes” which states that “The Parties shall encourage transfrontier co-operation on local and regional level and, wherever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes”,

Referring to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (Madrid, 21 May 1980) and its additional protocols,

Bearing in mind the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Strasbourg 15 October 1985),

Considering that transfrontier landscapes bear witness to geographical continuity, historic events and the human and cultural relationships that have been forged over time,

Eager to raise greater awareness on both sides of the border of the landscape values of the areas concerned and to promote transfrontier co-operation focusing on landscapes,

Wishing to involve and bring together elected representatives, professionals, the local population and other stakeholders taking action for the protection, management and development of these transfrontier landscapes,

Considering that it is important for appropriate consideration to be given to landscape and its environmental, cultural, social and economic values as a development factor for local societies,

1. Recommends that the states Parties to the Convention promote co-operation focusing on transfrontier landscapes by encouraging local and regional authorities to work together to draw up, where appropriate, joint landscape-enhancement programmes for implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on transfrontier landscapes;
2. Calls on the Parties concerned to inform the other Parties to the Convention, in the framework of the Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention, of the co-operation programmes drawn up and put in place as a result so that they can foster an exchange of experience.

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