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INFORMATION ON THE 'LANDSCAPE AND DEMOCRACY AWARD' TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE GRANTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS - IFLA EUROPE

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Summary

At its 6th Meeting (Strasbourg, 4-5 November 2014 - CDCPP-Bu(2014)19), the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP):

- was pleased to learn that the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA Europe, had granted the 'Landscape and Democracy Award' to the Council of Europe on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee held in Oslo, Norway, on 19 October 2014;*
- noted that a Resolution was adopted on this occasion by IFLA-Europe on 'Landscape Democracy', and that it will be communicated to the participants at the next Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.*

The Conference is invited:

- to welcome the 'Landscape and Democracy Award' granted by the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA Europe to the Council of Europe on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee held in Oslo, Norway, on 19 October 2014 (Part 1);*
- to take note of the Resolution on 'Landscape Democracy' adopted by IFLA-Europe on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee held in Oslo, Norway, on 19 October 2014 (Part 2).*

PART 1

**‘Landscape and Democracy’ Award
granted by the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA Europe
to the Council of Europe, on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee held in Oslo, Norway,
on 19 October 2014**



*IFLA Europe 2014 ‘Landscape and Democracy’ Award
granted to the Council of Europe*

The 34 National Associations of the European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA EUROPE, have granted the Silver Jubilee **‘Landscape and Democracy Award’** to the Council of Europe at their General Assembly held in Oslo, Norway, on 19 October 2014.

The ‘Landscape and Democracy Award’ for Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, was presented by Mr Michael Oldham, first President of IFLA Europe, in the presence of Mrs Liv Kristine Mortensen, President of the Council of Europe Conference of the European Landscape Convention, Mrs Ana Luengo, President of IFLA-Europe, Mrs Marina Cervera, Secretary General of IFLA-Europe and the Representatives of the National Associations of IFLA-Europe.

The Award was given to Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, who represented the Secretary General on this occasion.

PART 2

Resolution on ‘Landscape Democracy’ adopted by IFLA-Europe, on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee, Oslo, Norway, 19 October 2014



LANDSCAPE DEMOCRACY

Landscape Democracy is a form of planning and design in which all citizens are meant to participate equally, either directly or through elected representatives in the proposal, development and establishment of the rules by which their landscape and open spaces are shaped.

The undersigned, as representatives of the 34 National Associations of the European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, having considered Landscape democracy at our general assembly in Oslo,

WE BELIEVE

landscape is integrative

It functions as a platform to get people together to consider the future of the places they want to live in

democracy is participative

It means involving people and including them as part of the decision making process

Understanding that landscape is a cultural construct, developed through an organic and cumulative process, forming part of a common heritage which is central to the development of life quality,

Conscious that Europe’s citizens’ present day situation is affected by climate change and globalization processes, which are contributing to social fragmentation, ecological imbalance and loss of cultural identity

Realizing there is an urgent need to shape our landscape for the benefit of all, preventing unsustainable exploitation, and forming a participative governance system, that will ensure appropriate responses to growing urbanisation, industrialisation and pollution.

WE URGE

the Council of Europe, the European Union and all IFLA Europe Member States to develop a holistic vision regarding cultural, social, political, environmental, and economic balance beyond political borders, while

Advocating cultural policies in order to enhance education, training and professional competences so as to raise awareness with regard to landscape heritage and perception,

Ensuring a democratic vision capable of reasserting collective interests, surpassing cultural differences, strengthening the links between people and their environment,

Establishing landscape policies and programs that will ensure plural and collective participation,

Developing landscapes with local communities so that environmental challenges are addressed, drawing from local conditions and technologies for energy efficient landscapes and ecological integrity,

Promoting financial tools and managerial systems that enable communities to protect and improve their landscapes,

Recognising that IFLA Europe has the professional expertise, creative approach and holistic vision essential for the delivery of resilient societal solutions.

Following other international and European texts on the matter such as:

- *The European Social Charter* (CoE, 1961)
- *The World Heritage Convention* (Paris, 1972), whose *Operative Guidelines* first expressed the notion of Cultural Landscapes
- *The Recommendation on participation by the people at large in cultural life and their contribution to it* (UNESCO, Nairobi, 1976), which enhances an ample vision of democratic participation
- *The Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development* (UNESCO, Stockholm, 1998), which recognises the importance of civil society within a democratic framework
- *The European Landscape Convention* (CoE, Florence, 2000)

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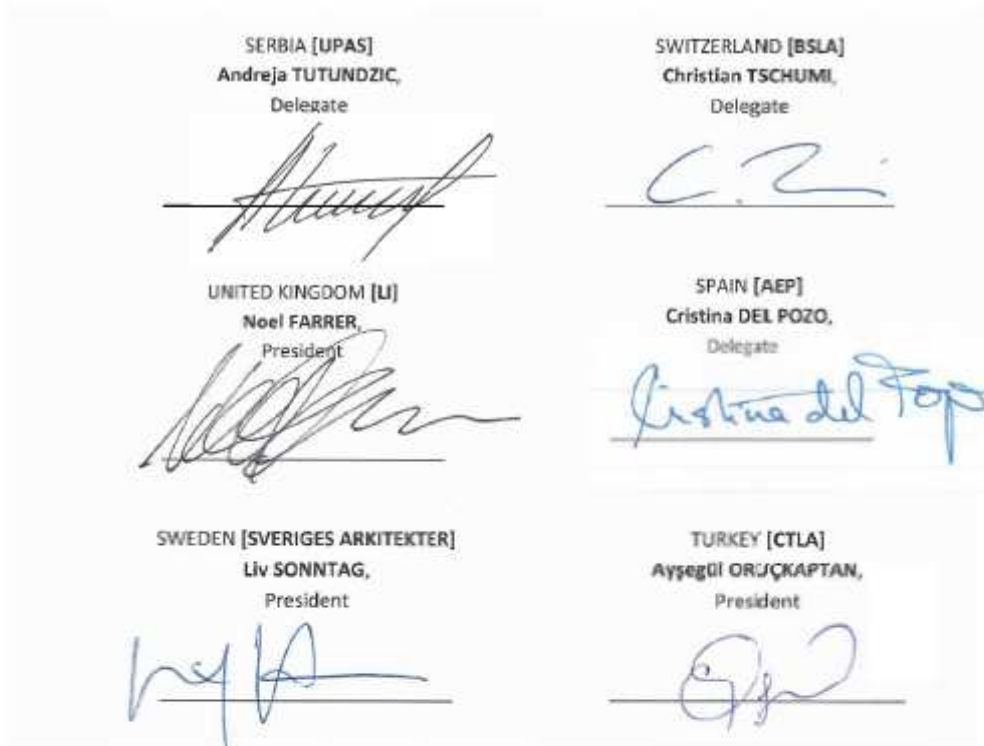


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IFLA EUROPE General Assembly, Oslo, Norway, October 2014.