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Verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures

Bureau of the Congress

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Draft resolution (for vote) 2

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SOC: Socialist Group
ILDG: Independent Liberal and Democratic Group
ECR: European Conservatives and Reformists Group
NR: Members not belonging to a political group of the Congress

DRAFT RESOLUTION²

The Congress,

1. With regard to the official appointment procedures for national delegations to the Congress:
 - a. approves the new appointment procedure for Iceland; and
 - b. invites member states which have not yet done so to present their appointment procedures using the form prepared by the Congress secretariat for this purpose.
2. With regard to the vacant seats in Congress delegations:
 - a. notes, with concern, a significant increase in vacant seats in the delegations;
 - b. further notes a significant increase in the number of resignations, and that said resignations are sometimes used to avoid implementing the provisions of Article 2.6 of the Charter of the Congress;
 - c. wishes to remind delegations that the resignations must be notified to the President of the Congress and to his/her national delegation by the delegate himself/herself.
3. With regard to the electoral mandate of Congress members and the provisions of Article 2.6 of the Congress Charter, reminds delegations that:
 - a. delegates are appointed for a four-year term of office and may only be replaced in the case of death, resignation or loss of mandate;
 - b. a member of the Congress having lost his/her mandate should be replaced as soon as possible and that he/she may not retain membership for more than six months after the loss of mandate;
 - c. changes in the delegations must be notified to the Congress by the body empowered to do so, as indicated in the official procedure for appointing national delegations.
4. Asks national delegations to remind their authorities that the next renewal session of all national delegations will take place in October 2016 and that the lists of proposed delegates must be submitted together with the results of the latest local and regional elections.
5. Proposes that the credentials of the members of the national delegations, as contained in the appendix to this resolution, be approved.

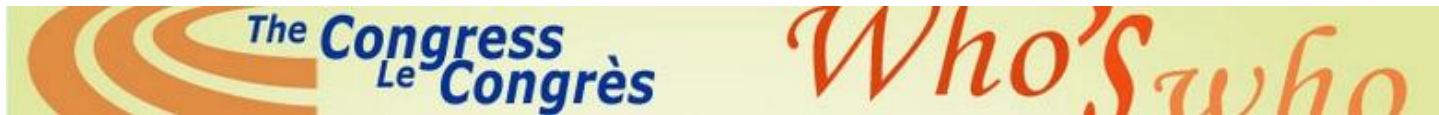
2. Preliminary draft resolution approved by the Bureau of the Congress on 23 March 2015.

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**OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES
TO THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter

ICELAND – 12 FEBRUARY 2015

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	THE ICELANDIC ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
2. Bodies empowered to propose candidatures (List the concerned authorities or organisations (associations of local and regional authorities, local and/or regional authorities themselves, other representative organisations or bodies with the complete contact details)	
▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities	THE ICELANDIC ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	NO REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN ICELAND
3. Associations and/or institutional bodies consulted with a view to drawing up the final list of candidatures to be submitted to the Congress (List the concerned authorities or organisations (associations of local and regional authorities, local and/or regional authorities themselves, other representative organisations or bodies with the complete contact details)	
▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities	THE ICELANDIC ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	
B. Formal Appointment	
Body(ies) empowered with the formal appointment of members of the delegation, after verification of the compliance with the criteria of the Charter	THE ICELANDIC ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
II. OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	
Body empowered to inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of the list of members (Representatives and Substitutes) of the national delegation	THE ICELANDIC ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, CF. LETTER OF EMBASSY OF ICELAND DATED 10 MAY 1994
III. EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTORAL MANDATE RESULTING FROM A DIRECT ELECTION	
On the basis of Article 2.1 of the Charter, when a country wishes to send to the Congress members who do not hold a general mandate stemming from a direct election within a local or regional authority but who are politically responsible to a directly elected assembly, this must be clearly noted and must give precise details on the terms and conditions of dismissal of the delegates concerned which it deemed were in conformity with Article 2.1 of the Charter.	ICELAND HAS NOT MADE USE OF THIS ARTICLE
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
<p>Members from the Chamber of Regions must be from authorities placed between central government and local authorities and enjoying prerogatives either of self-organisation or of a type normally associated with the central authority and having a genuine competence to manage, on their own responsibility and in the interests of their populations, a substantial share of public affairs, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity (see article 2.4 of the Charter).</p> <p>Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions.</p> <p>If a country has authorities which cover a large area and exercise both local and regional responsibilities, representatives of such authorities shall also be entitled to sit in the Chamber of Regions. The list of these authorities shall be included in the national official appointment procedure. (see article 2.4 of the Charter).</p> <p>Members states which do not have regional authorities within the meaning of Article 2.4 of the Charter shall be able to send members to the Chamber of Regions in an advisory capacity. (This provision does not affect the participation of these representatives as full members of the Plenary Congress and its organs)</p>	