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CODEXTER ELECTIONS

During the 31st CODEXTER Plenary Meeting (November 2016), the mandates of Mr Alexandros STAVROPOULOS (Greece) and Ms Lucia LING KET ON (the Netherlands) as Chair and Vice-Chair of the CODEXTER were renewed respectively for one year; the mandate of Mr Mario JANECEK (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as member of the Bureau was renewed for two years. The CODEXTER also decided that the future Chair of the Consultation of the Parties will become member of the Bureau of the CODEXTER ex officio. Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy) was elected as Chair of the Consultation of the Parties on 22 May 2017, in Strasbourg. The term of office is of one year, renewable once.

Ms Lucia LING KET ON withdrew from her position as member of the CODEXTER and consequently as Vice-Chair.

The Committee is called upon to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Committee is called upon to elect a new Member of the Bureau.

In accordance with Article 13 of the Rules of procedure for Council of Europe intergovernmental committees (*Appendix 1 to Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) of the Committee of Ministers on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*) (hereafter – the Rules), the members of the Bureau are elected for the duration of the mandate of the committee (which is two years for the CODEXTER) and their term of office may be renewed once. Paragraph c of the same Article 13 provides that members of the Bureau are appointed in the same manner as the Chair and Vice-Chair.

According to Article 12 of the Rules, election of the Chair and Vice-Chair is held by secret ballot and requires a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. As stated in Article 11 paragraph b of the Rules, voting requires the quorum (32 members in the case of CODEXTER).

Excerpts from the Rules of procedure for Council of Europe intergovernmental committees

Article 5 – Quorum

There shall be a quorum if two-thirds of the members of the committee are present.

Article 11 – Voting

a. Each member of the committee shall have one vote; however, where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting,

b. Subject to any contrary provisions in these Rules, voting requires the quorum. The decisions of the steering committees are taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

(...)

f. For the purposes of these Rules, “votes cast” shall mean the votes of members cast for or against. Members abstaining shall be regarded as not having cast a vote.

Article 12 – Chair

a. Every committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. However, the Chair of a subordinate body may be appointed by the steering or ad hoc committee to which it is answerable.

(...)

d. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. In steering committees, the election shall be held by secret ballot, in other committees by a show of hands, unless a member of the committee requests a secret ballot.

e. The term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be one year. It may be renewed once.

Article 13 – Bureau

(...)

c. Other members of the Bureau shall be appointed in the same manner as the Chair and Vice-Chair. They shall be appointed immediately after the Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with an equitable distribution of posts, taking into account in particular geographical distribution, gender balance and, where relevant, legal systems.

d. The term of office of such members shall correspond to the duration of the mandate of the committee and may be renewed once. However, a member may, on expiry of her/his second term, be appointed Chair or Vice-Chair. In order to ensure partial replacement of the Bureau each year, the first term of at least one such member shall be limited to one year.

ANNEX

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE CODEXTER BUREAU

	Name	Elected		Renewed		Expiration of mandate
		Meeting	Date	Meeting	Date	
Chair	Alexandros STAVROPOULOS (Greece)	29 th	18/11/2015	31 st	17/11/2016	End of 2017
Vice-Chair						
Bureau member	Mario JANECEK (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	27 th	14/11/2014	31 st	17/11/2016	End of 2018
Bureau member and CoP Chair	Nicola PIACENTE (Italy)	2 nd CoP	22/05/2017			May 2018 (to be renewed)
Bureau member	Mr MOKIN Daniil (Russian Federation)	30 th	20/05/2016			May 2018 (to be renewed)
Bureau member	Ileana VISOIU (Romania)	29 th	18/11/2015			End of 2017 (to be renewed)
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