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## WINTER SESSION CONFERENCE OF INGOS CONF/PLE(2018)SYN1

### DRAFT SYNOPSIS of the meeting held on 24 January 2018

#### The Conference of INGOs

1. [Opening address](#) of the meeting by the President of the Conference: Anna Rurka
2. **Adopted** [the meeting agenda](#), after correcting the date mentioned in item 4: “Synopsis of the meeting on 24 June ‘2016’” amended to “24 June ‘2017’”
3. **Appointed** the rapporteurs for the meeting: Anne Kraus and Maritchu Rall
4. **Adopted** unanimously the synopsis of the meeting held on 29 June 2017
5. **Adopted** unanimously the 2017 activity report [CONF/PLE\(2017\)RAPACT](#). The President said that Jean-Michel Caudron had left his position as Rapporteur in the Bureau of the Conference at the beginning of December 2017, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.
6. **Heard a statement from** Anne Nègre, Gender Equality Expert, on [her activities in 2017](#), with particular regard to the pay gap between men and women, the few women in decision-making bodies and rights violations.
7. **Heard a statement from** Anne Kraus, on the work of the Ad hoc Committee on the Representativeness of the Conference of INGOs (October 2016-January 2018) and the measures recommended by that Committee for inclusion in the 2018-2021 Action Plan:
  - Priority measures and tools to be implemented as quickly as possible and incorporated into the 2018-2021 Action Plan (validation by the Standing Committee in January 2018):
    - The systematic training of INGO representatives (preparation and empowerment during and between sessions through such activities as the drawing up of glossaries, mentoring and the provision of clear and effective training tools, such as webinars, digital workshops, etc.);
    - Alignment of the Conference’s priority themes with the concerns and work of the other bodies of the Council of Europe and the establishment of a working method that would allow it to contribute effectively across a variety of thematic areas, including analysis of reports and co-ordination with the activities of the Steering Committees, as well as the identification of priority thematic areas such

that contributions were as relevant as possible and, preferably, cross-cutting, and the organisation of interactive events that brought together all stakeholders;

- The systematic and effective use of INGO expertise in identifying persons with specifically required profiles;
- The organisation and co-ordination of the Conference in such a way that it had the means to manage its projects through coherent and transparent co-operation that had a greater impact (through the provision of support and tools for collaboration, communication, etc.) and the establishment of a common calendar;
- Internal and external communication – the prompt establishment of a “Communications” team, in line with the Charter and in co-operation with the Secretariat.

8. **Heard a statement from** Jessica Chamba, member of the Bureau, who presented the [evaluation of the 2015-2017 Action Plan](#) and the chosen methodology, based on an evaluative questionnaire completed between April and October 2017 with a set of particular aims. In all, 132 activities had been carried out with a view to strengthening the decision-making process and to promoting the ratification of legal instruments. She concluded by highlighting the need to increase co-operation between the committees, to establish promotional and communication tools and, above all, to raise awareness of the Conference’s documents.
9. **Heard a statement from** the President of INGO-Service on INGO-Service’s contribution to the implementation of the 2015-2017 Action Plan. Since 2016, INGO-Service had managed financial matters relating to the travel of the Conference’s representatives between the various bodies of the Council of Europe.

*(The following part of the meeting was presided over by Antonina Dashkina, outgoing Vice-President of the Conference of INGOs)*

10. **Heard a statement from** Salomon Levy, President of the Verification and Dispute Committee, on the [validation process for candidatures in the election of the President of the Conference of INGOs](#), which had been carried out in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (Article 5).
11. Nomination of tellers: Mikhail Chernyak (EFLGCG), Léon Dujardin (ESAN); Pierre Haas (Simon Wiesenthal Centre) and André Reinald (AVE).
12. **Heard** Anna Rurka, who gave an oral presentation of her reasons for standing as President of the Conference of INGOs.
13. **Adopted** Recommendation [CONF/PLE\(2018\)REC1](#) relating to the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights – submitted by the Co-ordinating Committee for the Turin Process for the European Social Charter of the Conference of INGOs.
14. **Heard** the President of the Verification and Dispute Committee declare the results of the election to the presidency of the Conference of INGOs:
  - 118 voters registered, 113 votes cast, 5 spoiled votes, 30 blank votes
  - Anna Rurka received 83 votes and was elected with 73.45% of the vote

*(The following part of the meeting was presided over by the new President of the Conference of INGOs, Anna Rurka)*

15. **Heard** the presentations of the candidates to the Vice-Presidency, then Solomon Levy, who announced the results of the election:

116 votes cast, 3 spoiled votes, 2 blank votes

- Anne Kraus, CISV International, received 93 votes and was elected with 82% of the vote;
- Christoph Spreng, Initiatives of Change - International, received 92 votes and was elected with 81% of the vote;
- Robert Bergougnan, European Association of Schools of Social Work, received 75 votes and was elected with 66% of the vote

Result of the election of the Vice-President in charge of Equality:

116 votes cast, 3 spoiled votes, 2 blank votes

- Anne Nègre, University Women of Europe, received 89 votes and was elected with 78.76% of the vote

16. **Heard** the presentations of the five candidates to the three positions of Rapporteur

Results of the election:

116 votes cast, 3 spoiled votes, 4 blank votes

- Katarzyna Sokolowska, the European Students' Forum, received 84 votes and was elected with 74.34% of the vote
- Richard Pirolt, Comenius Association, received 73 votes and was elected with 64.40% of the vote
- Rares Augustin Craiut, European Confederation of Youth Club Organisations, received 62 votes and was elected with 54.87% of the vote

Candidates not elected:

- Farouk Allouche, European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers, received 46 votes, 41% of the vote
- Virgilio Falco, European Democrat Students Federation of Christian-Democratic, Conservative and Liberal Students, received 38 votes, 33.63% of the vote

17. Counting of the ballot papers: see items 15 and 16 for the election results

18. **Heard statements from** representatives of the Conference of INGOs on the concept note on the code of conduct to be voted on in June 2018, as a follow-up to the [Group of State against Corruption's recommendations to the Conference of INGOs](#).

19. **Adopted** the [draft resolution relating to the use of the term "droits humains" instead of "droits de l'Homme"](#) in all documents drafted in French by the Conference of INGOs as of 24 January 2018.

20. Results of the election of the Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteurs: see items 15 and 16

21. Date of the next meeting: 29 June 2018, to be confirmed