CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOS

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Presentation

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Motivation

My first three-year term mandate had passed very fast. Thanks to our common work, the actions led by the Conference of INGOs have shown their relevance and have improved the visibility of our Organisation. The new developments reinforced its political recognition by other Council of Europe's institutions, national and local stakeholders. The authority and legitimacy of the Conference of INGOs is built on the collective wisdom and culture which puts to the fore what unites us, rather than what divides us.

This work is not finished. With the new Bureau and on the base of our common commitment, the Conference of INGOs should continue to develop its potential and reinforce its impacts. We should adjust our activities to the needs of the Council of Europe, to the needs of INGO and NGOs in the Member States and serve those who need it most.

The Conference of INGOs has a singular role to ensure an <u>enabling environment for NGOs</u> at national and international level, to increase <u>civil participation in policy-making process</u>. In this regards the Conference of INGO's actions regarding protection, promotion of Human Rights, education for Democracy and Rule of law are essential.

In the Council of Europe, the INGOs can contribute to ensuring that human dignity and rights are effectively protected by law. Let us seize this opportunity with ambitions and realism. Let's work together deliberately to assess and to respond effectively and efficiently to the emerging challenges.