

# CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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## Presentation

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Gilles Bloch</b>
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<b>Position in the INGO:</b>	<b>President of the European Sub-Committee, federal councillor</b>
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<b>Year participatory status was granted to the INGO:</b>	<b>1995</b>

## Motivation

I have been involved for ten years now in the prevention of hate speech and acts of hatred and the fight against racism. Over the last four years I have placed my skills and my know-how, acquired through my campaigning with LICRA, at the disposal of the Human Rights Committee of the Conference of INGOs.

Through the Conference's "Fight against hate speech" Working Group, which I co-ordinate, I have been able to instigate very close co-operation with many other Council of Europe sectors (ECRI, No Hate Parliamentary Alliance / PACE, Democracy Directorate, Youth Department, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities).

Over these years, I have established both a working relationship and ties of friendship and trust with the President of the Conference of INGOs and Chair of the Human Rights Committee.

Through the mandate which I am seeking today, I wish to help the Human Rights Committee:

- To work with all of its working groups and build links with all the other sectors of the Conference of INGOs;

- To build on the relations established with our partners (governments, international institutions and NGOs);
- To work with the new Chair of the Human Rights Committee to perpetuate the work and the progress I was able to set in motion through close co-operation with the outgoing Chair;
- To strengthen the position of the Conference of INGOs in its capacity as the representative of civil society on all human rights issues.