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OFFICIAL PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTING NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THE CONGRESS

**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
ALBANIA – 05/09/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. PROPOSED CANDIDATURES	
1. AUTHORITY EMPOWERED TO COLLECT THE CANDIDATURES	For the Chamber of Local Authorities: Association of Local Autonomy Albanian Association of Municipalities For the Chamber of Regions: Association of Regional Councils
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	Association of Local Autonomy Albanian Association of Municipalities
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	Association of Regional Councils
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	Association of Local Autonomy Albanian Association of Municipalities
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	Association of Regional Councils
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	Minister for Local Issues
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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.	NOT APPLICABLE
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS SHALL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THESE REGIONS INTO THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS. 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). 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)	NOT APPLICABLE

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ANDORRA – 10/04/2002

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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	Meeting of Mayors
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Meeting of Mayors
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	Association of Town Halls of Andorra
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Town Halls of Andorra
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	
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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.	
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>	

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ARMENIA – 5/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Union of Communities of Armenia
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	Union of Communities of Armenia Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Union of Communities of Armenia Municipalities
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	Union of Communities of Armenia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Union of Communities of Armenia
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	Ministry of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
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.	not intended
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>	Armenia does not have regional elected authorities

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AUSTRIA - 04/09/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	For the Chamber of Local Authorities: Association of Austrian Cities and Towns Association of Austrian Municipalities For the Chamber of Regions: Federal states of Austria
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	Association of Austrian Cities and Towns Association of Austrian Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Federal states of Austria
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	Association of Austrian Cities and Towns Association of Austrian Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Federal states of Austria
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	Republic of Austria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, via the Permanent Representation of Austria to the Council of Europe
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	Republic of Austria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, via the Permanent Representation of Austria to the Council of Europe
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.	All members of regional governments are individually responsible to the respective Regional parliament. E.g. Art. 71 of the Constitution of the Federal State of Vorarlberg stipulates: Responsibility of members of the State Government (1) The State Parliament can take legal action against members of the State Government before the Constitutional Court for the contravention of law. (2) Compensation claims by the State against members of the State Government are made by the State Parliament. (3) The State Parliament is entitled to withdraw confidence in the State Government or individual members thereof by an explicit decision. If the State Parliament passes a vote of no confidence in the State Government or individual members thereof, they must resign.
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions.	/

<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>	
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AZERBAIJAN - 03.09.2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	National Associations of City, Settlement and Village Municipalities of Azerbaijan
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	Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Associations of City, Settlement and Village Municipalities of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic
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	National Associations of City, Settlement and Village Municipalities of Azerbaijan
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Parliament (Ali Mejlis) and Associations of City, Settlement and Village Municipalities of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic

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	Governing Bodies of National Associations of City, Settlement and Village Municipalities of Azerbaijan
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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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
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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.	---
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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>	----
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BELGIUM – NOVEMBER 2014

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	CIPE (INTERMINISTERIAL CONFERENCE « FOREIGN AFFAIRS)
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	GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMPETENT FEDERAL ENTITIES
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMPETENT FEDERAL ENTITIES
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	ASSOCIATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMPETENT FEDERAL ENTITIES
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	GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMPETENT FEDERAL ENTITIES
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	FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE – FOREIGN AFFAIRS
III. EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTORAL MANDATE RESULTING FROM A DIRECT ELECTION	
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – 15/05/2001

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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	Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Republika Srpska
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	Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Republika Srpska
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	Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Government of the Republika Srpska Ministries of Justice

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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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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.	
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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>	
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BULGARIA – 28/07/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
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	National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regional Associations and Associations of Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regional Associations and Associations of Municipalities
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	National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regional Associations and Associations of Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regional Associations and Associations of Municipalities
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	Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
III. EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTORAL MANDATE RESULTING FROM A DIRECT ELECTION	
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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). 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)	

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CROATIA – 01/09/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Administration of the RoC
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	Association of Cities in the RoC Association of Municipalities in the RoC
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Croatian Association of Counties
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	Association of Cities in the RoC Association of Municipalities in the RoC
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Croatian Association of Counties
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	Ministry of Administration
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
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.	n/a
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>	n/a

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
CYPRUS - 21/08/2014

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. PROPOSED CANDIDATURES	
1. AUTHORITY EMPOWERED TO COLLECT THE CANDIDATURES	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
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	UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES, UNION OF COMMUNITIES
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES, UNION OF COMMUNITIES
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	UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES, UNION OF COMMUNITIES
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES, UNION OF COMMUNITIES
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	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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.	N/A
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS SHALL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THESE REGIONS INTO THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS. 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). 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)	LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CYPRUS EXERCISE BOTH LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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CZECH REPUBLIC – 31/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. PROPOSED CANDIDATURES	
1. AUTHORITY EMPOWERED TO COLLECT THE CANDIDATURES	UNION OF TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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	UNION OF TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	ASSOCIATION OF REGIONS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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	UNION OF TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	ASSOCIATION OF REGIONS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, VIA THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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.	
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS SHALL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THESE REGIONS INTO THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS. 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). 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)	

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DENMARK – 30/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of the Interior and Health
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	Local Government Denmark (lgdk)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Danish Regions
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	Local Government Denmark (lgdk)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Danish 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	Ministry of the Interior and Health
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	Ministry of the Interior and Health via the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the Council of Europe
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.	Non Applicable
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>	Non applicable

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ESTONIA – 24/07/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Association of Estonian Cities Association of Municipalities of Estonia
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	Association of Estonian Cities Association of Municipalities of Estonia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Estonian Cities Association of Municipalities of Estonia
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	Association of Estonian Cities Association of Municipalities of Estonia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Estonian Cities Association of Municipalities of Estonia

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	Ministry for Regional Affairs
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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	Ministry for Regional Affairs
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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.	The mayor of a member of city or rural municipality government corresponds to aforementioned criteria according to Estonian legislation. The election and release from office of the rural municipality of city mayor is in the exclusive competence of the local government council (art. 22 clause 1 p. 15 of the Local Government Organisation Act).
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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>	Estonia does not have regional authorities within the meaning of paragraph 4.2 of the Charter.
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FINLAND – 12/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	The Association of Finnish Local and regional 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 Association of Finnish Local and regional Authorities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	The Association of Finnish Local and regional Authorities
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 Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities discusses with the political parties. The Board of the Association makes an official proposal to the Ministry of Finance.
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities discusses with the political parties. The Board of the Association makes an official proposal to the Ministry of Finance.

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 Government of Finland / The Ministry of Finance
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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 Ministry of Finance / For information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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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.	The Municipal Manager (Mayor) is eligible to the Congress and Finland insists to maintain its right to nominate municipal managers to the Finnish Delegation of the Congress.
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS

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FRANCE – 2/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of the Interior
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	ARF – ADF - AMF
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	ARF – ADF - AMF
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	ARF – ADF - AMF
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	ARF – ADF - AMF
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	Ministry of the Interior
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
III. EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTORAL MANDATE RESULTING FROM A DIRECT ELECTION	
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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>	

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GEORGIA – 10/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure
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	National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	High Council of Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia High Council of Autonomous Republic of Adjara Tbilisi City Council
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	Parliamentary Committee on Regional Issues, Self-Governance and High Mountainous Regions Administration of Provisional Administrative-Territorial Entity of Former Autonomous District of South-Ossetia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Parliamentary Committee on Regional Issues, Self-Governance and High Mountainous regions, High Council of Autonomous Republic of Adjara, Tbilisi City Council, High Council of Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia
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	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
III. EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTORAL MANDATE RESULTING FROM A DIRECT ELECTION	
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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GERMANY – 18/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Vorsitzland der Europaministerkonferenz
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	Deutscher Städtetag, Deutscher Landkreistag, Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Landesparlamente (regional Parliaments) Landesregierungen (Regional Governments)
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	Deutscher Städtetag, Deutscher Landkreistag, Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Landesparlamente (regional Parliaments) Landesregierungen (Regional Governments)

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	Landesparlamente (Regional Parliament) Landesregierungen (Regional Governments) Deutscher Städtetag Deutscher Landkreistag Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund
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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	Ministerpräsidentenkonferenz, Auswärtiges Amt
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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.	
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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>	
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GREECE – 21/07/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Interior, Decentralisation & E-Government, Office of the Secretary General, 27, Stadiou str., 10183, Athens, Greece Tel: +30 210 37 44 944-6, fax: +30 210 37 44 203, e-mail: grafeio.ggrammatea@ypes.gr
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	KEDKE (Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece) 65 Akadimias & Gennadiou 8, 10678, Athens, Greece Tel: +30 210 38 99 627, 38 99 641, fax: +30 210 33 02 044, e-mail: info@kedke.gr , chamakioti@kedke.gr
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	ENAE (Union of Prefectural Authorities of Greece) +30 210 74 68 703, fax: +30 210 77 96 016, e-mail: enae@otenet.gr , pref-dkx@otenet.gr
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	KEDKE (Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece) 65 Akadimias & Gennadiou 8, 10678, Athens, Greece Tel: +30 210 38 99 627, 38 99 641, fax: +30 210 33 02 044, e-mail: info@kedke.gr , chamakioti@kedke.gr
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	ENAE (Union of Prefectural Authorities of Greece) +30 210 74 68 703, fax: +30 210 77 96 016, e-mail: enae@otenet.gr , pref-dkx@otenet.gr

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	Ministry of Interior, Decentralisation & E-Government, Office of the Secretary General, 27, Stadiou str., 10183, Athens, Greece Tel: +30 210 37 44 944-6, fax: +30 210 37 44 203, e-mail: grafeio.ggrammatea@ypes.gr
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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	Permanent Representation of Greece in the Council of Europe
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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.	All representatives hold a general local or regional authority mandate resulting from direct elections. Therefore the offices and conditions of dismissal of the delegates are subject to provision of Article 2.6 of the Charter.
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS

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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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	The members of the Greek delegation in the Chamber of Regions come from Prefectural Self-Administrations (Nomarcheies), they hold a mandate stemming from a direct election. The Prefectural Self-Administrations (Nomarcheies) are indeed placed between central government and local authorities (which are the municipalities and communities in Greece), they do enjoy prerogatives either of self-organisation or of a type normally associated with the central authority, and finally, they do have 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.
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Regions. The list of these authorities shall be included in the national official appointment procedure. (see article 2.4 of the Charter).

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)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: According to Law 3852/2010 (OJ87/A/07.06.2010) concerning the new architecture of self-administration and the decentralized administration – Kallikrates Programme), as from 01.01.2011 the municipalities and the regions will constitute the first and the second level of local self-government. Even in that case, those two types of local authorities shall enjoy prerogatives of self-administration

In Greece, regions do not have any kind of legislative powers (even according to the provisions of the above-mentioned law).

In Greece, authorities exercise either local or regional responsibilities, not both of them.

**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
HUNGARY – 30/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	The nomination Committee (every association shall delegate one member to this committee)
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	National Association of Small Town Local Governments (KÖOESZ) Hungarian Association of Local Governments (MÖSZ) Hungarian Village Association (MFSZ) Hungarian Village and Small Regions Association (KÖSZ) Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities (TÖÖSZ) Association of Towns with County Rights (MJVSZ)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Hungarian Association of Local Governments (MÖSZ) Association of Towns with County Rights (MJVSZ) National Association of Small Town Local Governments (KÖOESZ) National Association of County Local Governments (MÖÖSZ) Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities (TÖÖSZ)
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	/
▪ 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 Minister of Administration and Justice
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 Minister for Local Government (by means of the Minister of Foreign Affairs)
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.	No exception
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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	We do not have directly elected authorities at regional level. The general Assemblies of the Counties are responsible for the proposition of the candidatures for the chamber of regions

<p>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>	
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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 – 12/02/2015

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>	

**ICIAL 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
IRELAND – 13/06/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
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	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
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	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
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	Department of Foreign Affairs
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	Department of Foreign Affairs
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.	
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>	

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
ITALY - 2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	AICCRE
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	AICCRE – UNCEM – ANCI - UPI
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	CINSEDO
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	AICCRE – UNCEM – ANCI - UPI
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	CINSEDO
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	Department of the Interior of Italy
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	Permanent Representation of Italy to the Council of Europe
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.	
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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). 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)	
COMMENTS	Italian Association of Municipalities, provinces, regions and other local Communities – Italian Section of CEMR - Outline reply on the Italian mode of constitution of the Congress Delegation In Italy, the delegation to the Council of Europe's Congress of local and regional authorities has always been constituted on the basis not of any centralised decisions by the governing institutions but of

	<p>effective co-operation among the associations representing the different levels of local and regional authorities, which meet at the instigation of the aiccre (aiccre – anci – cinsedo – uncem – upi) in order to agree on their numerical distribution within the delegation and to put forward names, responsibilities and political affiliations for the requisite nominations.</p> <p>The aiccre then immediately forwards the resultant nominations to the Minister of the Interior, who conducts the requisite checks on their legitimacy (rather than on the substance or appropriateness of their selection) and transmits them to the Italian Representative in Strasbourg with the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, who in turn communicates it to the Secretary general of the Congress.</p> <p>This procedure might seem complicated, but it does fulfill two basic requirements, with respect for the national government's right to intervene in the process, given that the Council of Europe is an institution based on representation of the various national governments, and respect for local and regional authorities, through the intermediary of their representative associations, since it is a case of helping constitute the Council of Europe's Congress, a body responsible for representing and protecting the rights of such authorities.</p> <p>The Italian Associations involved in nominating members of the delegation are as follows : aiccre (Italian Association for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions), whose status and statutory role place it firmly within the domain of local and regional authorities at the European and international levels ; anci (National Association of Italian Municipalities) ; uncem (National Union of Mountain Municipalities, Communities and Authorities) ; upi (Union of Italian Provinces and Cinsedo the representative body for Italian Autonomous regions and provinces.</p> <p>To date this system has functioned properly and to the complete satisfaction of the Strasbourg Congress.</p>
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TO THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**
In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
LATVIA - 12.08.2014

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. PROPOSED CANDIDATURES	
1. AUTHORITY EMPOWERED TO COLLECT THE CANDIDATURES	LATVIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS
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	LATVIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	LATVIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS
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	ASSOCIATION OF BIG CITIES, UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	ASSOCIATION OF BIG CITIES, UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES
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	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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	PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF LATVIA TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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.	
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS SHALL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THESE REGIONS INTO THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS. 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). 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)	Representatives of Latvian delegation to the Chamber of Regions: 1) are directly elected Local Government deputies to represent local interests of citizens (Law on Local Government) 2) are indirectly elected Regional Government deputies to represent regional interests of citizens (Law on Regional Development)
COMMENTS	The appointment procedure of Latvian representatives and substitutes to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (hereafter the Congress) has been adopted by the Council of Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments (hereafter the Council of the LALRG) in 21 August, 2009.

The delegation of Latvian self-governments to the Congress is formed of 3 representatives and 3 Substitutes.

The appointment procedure is determined considering that the member of the Congress may be only elected local or regional representative.

Taking into account that there is a tradition in the member states of the European Union to balance the types of the local governments, as well as to balance the territorial and gender representation in national delegations to the Congress, the Council of the LALRG decided:

1. To form the Latvian delegation to the Congress from elected self-government councillors with the following structure:

- 1 representative of municipalities,
- 1 representative of cities,
- the chairman of the LALRG, ensuring the balanced representation of Latvian regions as well as respecting the gender equality.

2. Appointing the substitutes of the members the structure specified in Paragraph 1 must be respected, deputing the right to choose the substitute of the chairman of the LALRG to the Council.

3. To assign deputy chairmen of the LALRG to organize the nomination of candidates from the relevant types of self-government (municipality and city), informing the Board of the LALRG. From each type of self-government should be nominated candidates taking into account territorial and gender equality principle.

4. To assign the Board of the LALRG to form the delegation of representatives and substitutes to the Congress from nominated candidates and submit to the Council of the LALRG for approval.

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TO THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**
In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
LIECHTENSTEIN – 01/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	The Government of Liechtenstein
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 Conference of Liechtenstein Mayors selects resp. elects its representatives which are then confirmed by the government and nominated to the coe
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	
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	there are no associations or bodies to be consulted other than the association/conference of Mayors
▪ 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 Government of Liechtenstein
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 Permanent Representation of Liechtenstein to the Council of Europe
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.	No exception All our delegates hold a mandate stemming from direct elections
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>	<p>Liechtenstein does not have any regional authorities placed between the (central) government and local authorities</p> <p>since Liechtenstein has no regions we do not appoint any Representatives to the Chamber of Regions</p>

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TO THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**
In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
LITHUANIA - 28/09/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
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	Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania, regional development councils
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	municipalities, regional development councils, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	municipalities, regional development councils, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
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	Prime Minister, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
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.	-
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>Member 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>	regional development councils – regional decision making institutions, composed in each region from the elected members of the municipal councils.

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TO THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**
In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
LUXEMBOURG – 26/04/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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	SYVICOL, Association of Luxembourg Towns and Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	SYVICOL, Association of Luxembourg Towns and Municipalities
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	SYVICOL, Association of Luxembourg Towns and Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	SYVICOL, Association of Luxembourg Towns and Municipalities

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	Government of Luxembourg – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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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.

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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS

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Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions.

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).

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)

As The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg does not have regional authorities, the members of the Chamber of Regions will seat in an advisory capacity.

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
MALTA – 1/07/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Local Councils' Association
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	Local Council's Association
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Local Council's Association
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	Local Council's Association
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Local Council's Association
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	Office of the Prime Minister
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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.	/
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>	<p>Malta has 5 administrative regions as from 1st November 2009.</p> <p>The Malta Delegation will be composed from local and regional authorities</p>

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
MOLDOVA – 30/09/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	State Chancellery
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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)	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	<p>National League of Association of Mayors of the Republic of Moldova (Vasile Mahu 160 str., MD-3500, Orhei, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Association of Mayors and Local Councilors (Independentei 1 str., MD-3100, Balti, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Association of Mayors of Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia (Lenin 75 str., Vulcanesti, MD-5300, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Congress of Local Authorities of the Republic of Moldova (Iacob Hincu 10/1 str, MD-2500, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova)</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Regions 	<p>Association of Presidents of the Regions and Regional Councilors « Pro Europe » (Piata Independentei 2 str., MD-3900, Cahul, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Association of Presidents and Regional Councillors (Pacii str. Cosnita Village, Dubasari Region, MD-4572, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Congress of Local Authorities of the Republic of Moldova (Iacob Hincu 10/1 str, MD-2500, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova)</p>
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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)	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	<p>National League of Association of Mayors of the Republic of Moldova (Vasile Mahu 160 str., MD-3500, Orhei, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Association of Mayors and Local Councilors (Independentei 1 str., MD-3100, Balti, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Association of Mayors of Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia (Lenin 75 str., Vulcanesti, MD-5300, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Congress of Local Authorities of the Republic of Moldova (Iacob Hincu 10/1 str, MD-2500, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova)</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Regions 	<p>Association of Presidents of the Regions and Regional Councilors « Pro Europe » (Piata Independentei 2 str., MD-3900, Cahul, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Association of Presidents and Regional Councillors (Pacii str. Cosnita Village, Dubasari Region, MD-4572, Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Congress of Local Authorities of the Republic of Moldova (Iacob Hincu 10/1 str, MD-2500, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova)</p>
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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	Government of the Republic of Moldova
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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	Government of the Republic of Moldova / Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova
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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	
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<p>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.</p>	
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>	<p>We consider Chişinău, the capital of the Republic of Moldova, as having a de facto regional status within the Congress of Local and regional Authorities”.</p>

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
MONACO – 14/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Communal Council of the City Hall of Monaco
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	Communal Council of the City Hall of Monaco
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Communal Council of the City Hall of Monaco
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	
▪ 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	Communal Council of the City Hall of Monaco
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	Permanent Representation of Monaco to the Council of Europe
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.	/
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>	

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
MONTENEGRO – 25/05/2007

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Union of Municipalities of Montenegro
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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)	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	Union of Municipalities of Montenegro mitra bakica 142 81000 podgorica, montenegro tél : +381 20 620 097 fax : +381 20 620 123 e-mail: uom@t-com.me
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Regions 	Union of Municipalities of Montenegro mitra bakica 142 81000 podgorica, montenegro tél : +381 20 620 097 fax : +381 20 620 123 e-mail: uom@t-com.me
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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)	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	The Ministry of Interior Affairs and Pubic Administration tel : +381 20 241-252 ; +381 20 242-483 e-mail : kabinet@mup.gov.me
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Regions 	The Ministry of Interior Affairs and Pubic Administration tel : +381 20 241-252 ; +381 20 242-483 e-mail : kabinet@mup.gov.me
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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 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro stanka dragojevica 2 81000 podgorica, montenegro tél : +381 20 224 413 - fax : +384 20 245 752
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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 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the Council of Europe 18, allée Spach 67000 Strasbourg, France Tel: +33 (0)3 88 36 85 65 Fax: + 33 (0)3 88 35 07 24 E-mail: rp_montenegro@yahoo.fr; coe@mfa.gov.me
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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.	
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS

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<p>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>	
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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
NETHERLANDS – 31/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations
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	
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	
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	Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of Netherlands Provinces (IPO)
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	Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations
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	Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations
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.	See Comments on Mayors and Queen's Commissioners whose electoral mandate do not result from direct elections
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>	Provinces in the Netherlands are regions within the meaning of the Statutory Resolution CM/Res(2011)2 and the Charter of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
Comments in respect of item III	<p>The Queen's Commissioner</p> <p>In the Netherlands, the Queen's Commissioner is appointed by royal decree on the recommendation of the directly elected assembly. The Minister is to follow the recommendation of the provincial council, when presenting his proposal for appointment to the Queen, unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so.</p> <p>The procedure means that the Charter's primary criterion (i.e. the requirement for an electoral mandate resulting from a direct election) is not</p>

met. Therefore the question needs to be answered whether the Queen's Commissioner is accountable to the assembly, as required by article 2(1) of the Charter.

Section 179 of the Provinces Act states that the Commissioner is accountable to the Provincial Council for his or her administration. Since the Provincial Council, a directly elected assembly, is by definition a political body, the Commissioner's accountability to it must be considered in compliance with the Charter.

The individual dismissal of a Queen's Commissioner is provided for by Section 61b of the Provinces Act, which states that a dismissal may take place at any time. In the event of a serious strain in relations between a Commissioner and "his" or "her" council, the provincial council will, after a vote to that effect, send a recommendation for the Queen's Commissioner's dismissal to the Minister of the Interior.

The Minister is to follow the recommendation of the provincial council, when presenting his proposal for dismissal to the Queen, unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so. A dismissal is thus possible after the Council has taken its decision. Since 2001, the Minister does not consider the appropriateness – or in other words, the "political" aspect – of the provincial council's recommendation. Similarly to the appointment procedure, a royal decree is required for a dismissal to take effect, but is basically a legal formality. Consequently, the Queen's Commissioner's mandate is in conformity with Article 2(1) of the Charter for the members of the Congress who are not directly elected.

The Mayor

In the Netherlands, the Mayor is appointed by royal decree on the recommendation of the directly elected assembly. The Minister is to follow the recommendation of the municipal council, when presenting his proposal for appointment to the Queen, unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so.

The procedure means that the Charter's primary criterion (i.e. the requirement for an electoral mandate resulting from a direct election) is not met. Therefore the question needs to be answered whether the Mayor is accountable to the local assembly, as required by article 2(1) of the Charter.

Section 180 of the Municipalities Act states that the Mayor is accountable to the Municipal Council for his or her administration. Since the Municipal Council, a directly elected assembly, is by definition a political body, the mayor's accountability to it must be considered in compliance with the charter.

The individual dismissal of a Mayor is provided for by Section 61b of the Municipalities Act, which states that a dismissal may take place at any time. In the event of a serious strain in relations between a Mayor and "his" or "her" council, the municipal council will, after a vote to that effect, send a recommendation for the mayor's dismissal to the Minister of the Interior.

The Minister is to follow the recommendation of the municipal council, when presenting his

	<p>proposal for dismissal to the Queen, unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so. A dismissal is thus possible after the council has taken its decision. Since 2001, the Minister does not consider the appropriateness – or in other words, the “political” aspect – of the municipal council's recommendation. Similarly to the appointment procedure, a royal decree is required for a dismissal to take effect, but is basically a legal formality. Consequently, the Mayor's mandate is in conformity with article 2(1) of the charter for the members of the Congress who are not directly elected.</p>
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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
NORWAY – 01/05/2000

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional 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	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
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	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
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.	
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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). 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)	

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
POLAND – 31/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	association of polish cities
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)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	association of polish cities ; association of polish counties, union of polish small towns, union of rural communes of the republic of poland ; union of polish metropolises (contact details below)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Chamber of Regions 	union of the voivodeships of the republic of poland (contact details below)

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)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	<p><i>Association of polish cities</i> contact : robocza 46, 61-517 poznań tel. +48 61 6335050, fax +48 61 6335060 e-mail : biuro@zmp.poznan.pl</p> <p><i>Association of polish counties</i> contact : skr. poczt. 119, 33-300 nowy sącz tel. +48 18 4778600, fax +48 4778611 e-mail : biuro@powiatypolskie.pl</p> <p><i>Union of polish small towns</i> contact : urząd miasta, ul. jagiellońska 4, 74-500 chojna tel. 91/414 10 35 fax 91/414 11 17 e-mail : info@chojna.pl</p> <p>Union of rural communes of the republic of poland ul. kanataka 4, 61-812 poznań tel/fax +48 61 8517418 e-mail : biuro@zgwrp.org.pl</p> <p><i>Union of polish metropolises</i> contact: pl. defilad 1, skrytka pocztowa 43 PKiN, pokój 1801, 00-901 warszawa tel. +48 226567616, fax +48 22 656 60 18 e-mail : kw@selfgov.gov.pl</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Chamber of Regions 	<p><i>Union of the voivodeships of the republic of poland</i> contact : ul. Świętojerska 5/7, 00-236 Warszawa tel. +48 22 8311441, fax +48 22 8311442 e-mail : biuro@zwrp.pl</p>

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	board of the association of polish cities, board of the association of polish counties, board of the union of polish small towns, board of the union of rural communes of the republic of poland, council of the union of polish metropolises, general assembly of the union of the voivodeships of the republic of poland
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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	ministry of foreign affairs of the republic of poland through the permanent representation of
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national delegation	poland to the council of europe
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.	
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>	

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PORTUGAL –13/10/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
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	National Association of Portuguese Municipalities and National Association of Freguesias
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Governments of the Autonomous regions of Açores and Madeira
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	National Association of Portuguese Municipalities and National Association of Freguesias
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Governments of the Autonomous regions of Açores and Madeira
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	Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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.	Non Applicable
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>	The "Comunidades intermunicipais" and the Metropolitan Assemblies are considered as regions within the Congress.

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ROMANIA – 23/03/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration
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	Association of Romanian Cities Association of Romanian Towns Association of Romanian Communes
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	National Union of Romanian Counties
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	Association of Romanian Cities Association of Romanian Towns Association of Romanian Communes
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	National Union of Romanian Counties
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	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration
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	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration through Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representation of Romania to the Council of Europe
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.	
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>	Authorities at the County Level

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION – 4/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
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)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities ▪ For the Chamber of Regions 	<p>Russian National Congress of Municipalities</p> <p>Committee for International Affairs and Committee for Federation's Affairs and Regional Policy of the Federation Council (the upper Chamber) of the Federal Assembly (Parliament) of the Russian Federation.</p>
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)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Local Authorities 	<p>Union of Russian Cities</p> <p>Association of small and medium cities of Russia</p> <p>Association of Siberian and Far Eastern cities</p> <p>Union of Central and North-Western cities of Russia</p> <p>Association of Municipal entities « Cities of Ural »</p> <p>Association of the Volga region cities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Chamber of Regions 	Legislative and executive regional authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation, Union of Legislators of the Russian Federation
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	President of the Russian Federation
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
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.	Some members of the delegation to the Chamber of Regions are not elected directly by the population. But such persons are elected through secret ballot by directly elected regional legislative bodies as their representatives to the upper chamber of the Federal Parliament and can be dismissed the same way.
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</p>	N/A

organs)	
COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	
	<p>The delegation of the Russian Federation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CONGRESS) is composed in conformity with the criteria and principles of the Statutory Resolution and the Charter of the CONGRESS, and of the Regulations of the delegation of the Russian Federation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, which were approved by the Order of the President of the Russian Federation of 11 January 2009 N 14-pn.</p> <p>The delegation of the Russian Federation to CONGRESS (hereafter - delegation) is composed of representatives appointed from among persons elected to state authorities of constituent entities; of the Russian Federation and local self-government bodies (hereafter -- representatives) and of representatives' substitutes in equal number.</p> <p>For the duration of the transitory provision N.1 to the CONGRESS's Charter, representatives of legislative (representative) and executive state authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation to the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation can lie appointed members of the Russian delegation to CONGRESS.</p> <p>Composition of the delegation is approved by the President of the Russian Federation upon submission by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.</p> <p>The candidatures of representatives and their substitutes are proposed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to the Chamber of Local Authorities - by the Congress of municipalities of the Russian Federation in agreement with other leading associations and unions representing various types of local self-government. - to the Chamber of Regions - by the Committee for International Affairs of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly (Parliament) of the Russian Federation and the Committee for Federation's Affairs and Regional Policy of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly (Parliament) of Russia in agreement with legislative and executive regional authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation. <p>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation is entrusted with a task to maintain regular relations with CONGRESS. It informs the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of the official appointment procedure of members of the Russian delegation to the CONGRESS, composition of the delegation as well as of any changes in its composition.</p> <p>The composition of the Russian delegation is formed taking into account the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a balanced geographical distribution of representatives on territory; b) equitable representation of various types of local and regional authorities; c) equitable representation of the various political forces in the statutory bodies of local and regional authorities; d) equitable representation of women and men on the statutory bodies of local and regional authorities.

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SAN MARINO – 01/05/2000

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Relations with 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	Township councils
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Township Councils
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	Conference of the Heads of township councils
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Conference of the Heads of township councils
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 same as above through formal vote
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	Ministry of Relations with local authorities
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.	none
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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). 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)	

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SERBIA – 24/05/2007

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures

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 Presidency of the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities

- For the Chamber of Regions

Assembly of the Province of Vojvodina (responsible Committee of the Assembly) and
The Presidency of the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities (for the representatives of the City of Belgrade, City of Novi Sad, City of Kragujevac and City of Nis)

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

- For the Chamber of Regions

- Ministry for Public Administration and Local Self-Government of the Republic of Serbia
- The authorities of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina
- Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities

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

Ministry for Public Administration and Local Self-Government of the Republic of Serbia

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 Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Serbia

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.

IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS

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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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). 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)

Chamber of Regions: three Representatives and four Substitutes (amongst the Representatives are the representatives of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and the City of Belgrade, as well as the representatives of other cities that, *due to the fact that they are composed of city municipalities, can be considered regions*, in respect to the suggestion of the Congress Secretariat – Nis, Kragujevac and Novi Sad, as Representatives or Substitutes).

In the part of the procedure dealing with the representatives of AP Vojvodina, the issue concerning the request of Vojvodina to have a bigger number of candidates than previously proposed still remains open. Namely, autonomous province of Vojvodina, according to the rules of the Congress is the only real region in Serbia and on that grounds it requests to be entitled two representatives and two substitutes (instead of one plus one). The current proposal of the composition of the delegation is therefore not complete – it still remains necessary that one additional representative and one substitute in the Chamber of Regions are to be appointed which will be done after the final decision is made. [information from 2007].

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SLOVAK REPUBLIC – 31/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic
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	Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia Other Associations
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association SK8 representing 8 Self-Governmental regions of Slovakia
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	Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association SK8
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	Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic
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.	
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. 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). 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)	

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SLOVENIA – 06/05/2015

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	ministry of public administration
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	Associations of local authorities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Associations of local authorities
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	Associations of local authorities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Associations of local authorities
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	minister responsible for local self government
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	ministry of public administration
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.	none
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>	slovenia do not have regional authorities

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TO THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**
In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
SPAIN – 30/08/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Ministry of Territorial Policy
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	Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	the 17 Spanish Self-Governing regions at an <u>ad hoc</u> meeting of their representatives and two cities with autonomous law
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	Spanish Federation of Municipalities and provinces
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	The Commission of Coordinators for European Union issues

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	Ministry of Territorial Policy
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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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and territorial Cooperation and the Permanent Representation of Spain to the Council of Europe
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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.	In the Chamber of Local Authorities, all members are elected members. The members of the Council of Government are appointed and removed from office directly by the president of the self-government region, who is elected by the parliamentary assembly and is politically responsible to it. The Government Council is jointly responsible politically to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Self-Government region.
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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>	In the Chamber of Regions the members are elected members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Self-Government Region (or Autonomous Community) or members of the government Council of the Respective Autonomous Community. In this case, they are responsible politically to the parliamentary Assembly and they are removed from office directly by the president of the self-governing region (or autonomous Community).
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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
SWEDEN – 27/08/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
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	Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
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	Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Swedish Association of Local Authorities and 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 Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs sends Nominations to the Swedish Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe
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 Swedish Ambassador in Strasbourg hands it over to the Council of Europe, the Congress verify that the new Representatives apply with the Charter rules and the formal procedure of the country, which has been separately discussed and approved. The Secretary General notifies officially the appointments.
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.	In application with the Article 2.1 of the Charter, one of the local chamber members holds a mandate of being politically responsible to a directly elected assembly, the terms and conditions including possible individual dismissal (the City Council of Gothenburg may dismiss on an individual basis the members and the alternatives of the Committee on Sustainable Development)
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>	The six persons proposed to the Regional Chamber are all members of a county Council/regional Council. Three are also a Commissioner/Chair of the County/Regional Executive Board and one is the Chair of the County Council.

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SWITZERLAND – 28/06/2010

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS

A. Proposed Candidatures

1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Swiss Association for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions Union of Swiss Towns Association of Swiss Municipalities Each association proposes one Representative and one Substitute to the Chamber of Local Authorities The Congress of Cantonal Governments proposes three Representatives and three Substitutes to the Chamber of Regions These authorities are in charge to transmit the final candidatures to the Section of the Council of Europe of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAE), Switzerland
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	Swiss Association for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions Union of Swiss Towns Association of Swiss Municipalities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	The Congress of Cantonal Governments
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	Section of the Council of Europe of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAE)
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Section of the Council of Europe of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAE)

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 authority responsible for the appointment of Representatives and Alternates of the Delegation is the Federal Council, through the Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAE)
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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 Section of the Council of Europe of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs informs the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of the list of Representatives and Substitutes and the modifications to this list
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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.	All Representatives and Substitutes hold an electoral mandate within a legislative or executive body in their territorial authority.
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IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS

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). Member States with regions with legislative powers shall include members of these regions into the Chamber of Regions. If a country has authorities which cover a large area and	All Representatives and Substitutes hold an electoral mandate within a legislative or executive body in their territorial authority.
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<p>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>	
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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA" - 3/09/2012

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	Association of the Units of the Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia
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	Local authorities
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Regional authorities
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	Association of the Units of the Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	Association of the Units of the Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia
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	Association of the Units of the Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia
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	Association of the Units of the Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia
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.	
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>	

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TURKEY – 02/10/2014

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. Proposed Candidatures	
1. Authority empowered to collect the candidatures	TURKISH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
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	
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	
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	UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF TURKEY
▪ For the Chamber of Regions	UNION OF PROVINCIAL SERVICES
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	TURKISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR
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	Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe
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.	
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>	<p>The change of the Turkish Law on Regional administrations in Turkey formed 30 Metropolitan municipalities and 51 Provincial Special Administrations. In order to ensure a true and fair representation, the percentage of votes received by political parties should be determined by means of collating the votes of 30 Metropolitan Municipalities and 51 Provincial Councils. The representation of political parties in the Chamber of Regions shall be determined in the light of the above.</p>

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UKRAINE – 29/08/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. PROPOSED CANDIDATURES	
1. AUTHORITY EMPOWERED TO COLLECT THE CANDIDATURES	Executive Committee of the Regional Development Council
2. BODIES EMPOWERED TO PROPOSE CANDIDATURES (List the concerned authorities or organizations (associations of local and regional authorities, local and/or regional authorities themselves, other representative organizations or bodies with the complete contact details)	
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES	<i>Association of Ukrainian Cities, Ukrainian Association of Towns' and Villages' Councils</i>
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	<i>Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils</i>
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 organizations (associations of local and regional authorities, local and/or regional authorities themselves, other representative organizations or bodies with the complete contact details)	
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES	<i>Association of Ukrainian Cities (11 floor, 73, Sichovyykh Stril'tsiv str., 04053, Kyiv city, Ukraine, tel./fax: +38-044-486 28 78, 486 28 12, inter@auc.org.ua) Ukrainian Association of Towns' and Villages' Councils (13 floor, 73, Sichovyykh Stril'tsiv str., 04053, Kyiv city, Ukraine, tel./fax: +38-044-585-90-12, vassr@vassr.org)</i>
▪ FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	<i>Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils (10 floor, 73, Sichovyykh Stril'tsiv str., 04053, Kyiv city, Ukraine, tel./fax: +38-044-484-05-64, 484-05-66, uaror@ukr.net)</i>
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	President of Ukraine
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	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Council of Europe
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.	
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
MEMBERS FROM THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS MUST BE FROM AUTHORITIES PLACED BETWEEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ENJOYING PREROGATIVES EITHER OF SELF-ORGANIZATION 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). MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS SHALL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THESE REGIONS INTO THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS. 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). 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)	THE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN UKRAINE ARE FOLLOWING: DISTRICTS(RAYON) COUNCILS REGION(OBLAST) COUNCILS VERKHOVNA RADA (THE PARLIAMENT) OF AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC OF CRIMEA

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In accordance with article 3§1 of the Congress Charter
UNITED KINGDOM – 19/12/2016

I. CIRCUIT OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUBSTITUTES TO THE CONGRESS	
A. PROPOSED CANDIDATURES	
1. AUTHORITY EMPOWERED TO COLLECT THE CANDIDATURES	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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))	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOR THE CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES 	<p>CONTACT FOR ALL QUERIES: RICHARD KITT CO-ORDINATOR, UK DELEGATION SENIOR ADVISER (EUROPE) & HEAD OF BRUSSELS OFFICE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EMAIL : RICHARD.KITT@LOCAL.GOV.UK</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA - ENGLAND ONLY) CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COSLA – SCOTLAND ONLY) WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WLGA – WALES ONLY) NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NILGA – NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS 	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA - ENGLAND ONLY) SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT (SCOTLAND ONLY) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WALES (WALES ONLY) NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY (NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY)</p>
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))	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOR THE CHAMBER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES 	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA - ENGLAND ONLY) CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COSLA – SCOTLAND ONLY) WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WLGA – WALES ONLY) NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NILGA – NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOR THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS 	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA - ENGLAND ONLY) GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY (GLA – ENGLAND ONLY) SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT (SCOTLAND ONLY) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WALES (WALES ONLY) NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY (NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY)</p>
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 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PASS ALL 18 FULL AND 18 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF THE UK'S DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS TO THE SECRETARIAT, PRIOR TO THE FORMAL APPOINTMENT.
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	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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.	N/A
IV. MANDATE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF REGIONS	
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). MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE POWERS SHALL INCLUDE	N/A

<p>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>	
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