

## **OING-Service**

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La Présidente

REPORT: Meeting of the Board of INGO-Service  
held on 25 January 2017 from 5:00 pm to 6:00pm  
Room 16 at the Palais of the Council of Europe

Present: Maritchu RALL, Anna RURKA, Marie José SCHMITT, Laurent GRÉGOIRE, Michel JULIEN

Apologised : Sabine ROHMANN, Anne-Marie-CHAVANON, Michel AGUILAR, Israel MENSAH, Patrice COLLIGNON, Antonina DASHKINA, Laura FRATI-GUCCI, Jean-Claude GONON, Arleen PIMENTEL (substitute of Viktoria BEDO)

The President opened the meeting at 5 pm in room 16 at the Palais and thanked Anna RURKA for her presence. Anna RURKA deplored the absence of a large number of members.

Adoption of the report of the meeting held on 23 June 2016:  
The report of the previous meeting of 23 June 2016 was adopted

Election of a vice president to the Board of INGO-Service:  
Only one candidacy was received before 10 January 2017.  
However, as this INGO was not an actual elected Board member by our Ordinary General Assembly, the application to the vice-presidency was not in order.

Preparation of the meeting of the General Assembly, 26 January 2017, Agora room G02: financial balance and moral report.

Marie-José SCHMITT, the treasurer, along with Mr. Philippe BURCKLE, chartered accountant, exposed their respective work and presented the financial report. Ms. SCHMITT, remarked that depending on the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, the number of representations was high. The activity programme of the Cypriot chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016-19<sup>th</sup> May 2017) was very rich and it included many events at Nicosia. Regarding the next chairmanship of the Czech Republic, they had no information.

In 2015, the Secretariat had financed 12 persons to participate in governmental committees and 10 persons in high-level conferences.

In 2016, with the "new situation", in other words the 12 000€ transfer in order to finance 35 representations with an average of 2 days' duration. The details are written below:

- Ministerial conferences: Education (3) and Social Cohesion (2)
- Steering committees: North-South (3), Children rights (5), Migration (9), Social Charter (1), Human Rights- Bio (2), Human Rights – Enterprises (1), Turkish NGO co-financing (1).

This is a non-exhaustive list of meetings in which the INGO conference has participated, it only accounts for the expenditures made by INGO Service.

In conclusion, Ms. SCHIMMIT stated the following:

- The costs of inviting an outside speaker to the Conference's plenary session are provided on the budget line "Bureau or Standing Committee". For 2017, there is a forecast of 3000€ ;
- The partial reimbursement of the INGO Service expenses by the Council of Europe, will no longer be based on the parity principle. Instead, it will be replaced by a grant of 12000 €

Anna RURKA stated that after next June's elections, a seminar was planned by the Standing Committee and Bureau, for the benefit of the new chairs and vice-chairs of the thematic committees. The seminar would take place on 7-8 October, and a financial contribution was requested from INGO Service for 2 nights of accommodation.

Laurent GREGOIRE stressed the importance of ensuring that expenditures were clearly presented so that INGOs could take full account of and adhere to the issues and plan of action of the Conference.

Validation of the contribution for 2017

The contribution amount would remain the same. This would be submitted to the General Assembly on 26 January 2017 for final adoption.

In 2016, 123 INGOs contributed with a total amount of 17 780€ (against 127 INGOs in 2015 with a total amount of 16 970€)

The Council of Europe would like to have statistics concerning the activity reports.

Provisional budget presentation (2017)

The President, Maritchu RALL, evoked the Ordinary General Assembly process of 26 January 2017: presentation of the 2016 moral report, presentation of activities and provisional budget for 2017, voting on the contribution amount 2017, and modification of Article 7 of Internal Rules. In addition, she highlighted Anna RURKA's intervention about the working dynamics engaged at the core of the INGO Conference, as well as the necessary support of INGO Service.

The provisional budget for 2017 would be 34 500€.

The President stressed the importance of increasing the number of INGOs who contributed taking into account the action plan implemented by the Conference of INGOs.

Anna RURKA said that 70 INGOs were pending to lose the participatory status. The letter calling for subscriptions would be addressed to all of the INGOs once the decision had been taken.

Various

No other business.

The president closed the meeting of the Board of Directors at 18h00.

Michel JULIEN  
Secretary