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**44th Congress Session
Session of the Chamber of Local Authorities
Strasbourg, France, 22 March 2023**

Abridged report – List of items discussed and decisions taken

1. The President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, Mr Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (EPP/CCE), opened the meeting. The list of participants appears in Appendix 1.
2. The Chamber adopted the agenda as set out in Appendix 2.
3. The Chamber heard the Communication by the President as set out in document [CPL(2023)44-01].
4. The Chamber adopted a recommendation on the *Report on the observation of local elections in Slovenia (20 November 2022)*, as set out in document [CPL(2023)44-02], presented by Rapporteur, David ERAY, Switzerland, (R, EPP/CCE). The Chamber held an exchange of views.
5. The Chamber held a thematic debate on "Strong democracies through youth engagement at local level". It heard statements by Mr Hugo BIOLLEY, Mayor of Vinzieux, France, Ms Kerry HOPPE, founder of VOTE 16 Initiative, Germany and Despoina PANTELI, Youth Delegate, Greece.
6. The Chamber held a thematic debate on "Direct election of mayors". It heard statements by Ms Marianne SCHUURMANS-WIJDEVEN, Mayor of Haarlemmermeer, The Netherlands, Ms Joanne ANDERSON, Mayor of Liverpool, United Kingdom and Konstantinos KOUKAS, Mayor of Mykonos, Greece.
7. The Chamber adopted the present abridged report- List of items discussed and decisions taken.
8. The President closed the session of the Chamber of Local Authorities.

Appendix 1**22/03/2023 AM****National delegations / Délégations nationales**

AGOVIC Samir replacing/remplaçant SMOLOVIC Petar	MONTENEGRO / MONTENEGRO
AHMEDOVA Nehriban replacing/remplaçant MIMENOV Arben	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
AKGUN Hasan	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
AMOR MARTIN Xavier replacing/remplaçant GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ Ana	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
AMUNDSEN Gry-Anette Rekanes	NORWAY / NORVÈGE
ANTONIOU Eleftherios replacing/remplaçant ORPHANIDOU Efterpi	CYPRUS / CHYPRE
AUER Stojan	SLOVENIA / SLOVÉNIE
BAIER-MULLER Indra	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
BALTADZHIEVA Elena	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
BAS Cemal	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
BASTIN Jean-Paul replacing/remplaçant POULIN Christine	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
BELISHKI Nikola replacing/remplaçant DIMITROV Zdravko	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
BELTRAMINELLI Paolo	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
BENGEVOORD Joris	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
BENLLOCH FERNANDEZ Jose	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
BERGMANN Harald	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
BERTHOLLE Veronique	FRANCE / FRANCE
BIERRY Frederic	FRANCE / FRANCE
BILLE Kirstine	DENMARK / DANEMARK
BINDI Alessandro	SAN MARINO / SAINT MARIN
BJORNSDOTTIR Hildur	ICELAND / ISLANDE
BLANCO MORENO Jose Luis replacing/remplaçant CABALLERO ALVAREZ Abel	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
BOMAN Jan	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
BOOMGAARS Alexander replacing/remplaçant DELISSEN VAN TONGERLO Wilma	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
BOYES Angela	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BRANNAN MCVEY Heather	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BROZ Zdenek	CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE
BUCHANAN Anthony replacing/remplaçant STEWART Rob	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
BUFI Majlinda	ALBANIA / ALBANIE
CADORET Xavier	FRANCE / FRANCE
CAMPANARI-TALABER Marta	HUNGARY / HONGRIE
CASIAN Valentina replacing/remplaçant GORODINSCHII Vitalii	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA
CHEVALLEY Christine replacing/remplaçant WINIKER Paul	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
CINI Marlene	MALTA / MALTE
COLGAN Anne	IRELAND / IRLANDE
COOLS Marc	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
CROWE John	IRELAND / IRLANDE
DARRAS Zohra	FRANCE / FRANCE
DE ALMEIDA LIMA E SEQUEIRA RODRIGUES Julia replacing/remplaçant SALGADO Domingos Braganca	PORTUGAL / PORTUGAL
DENIS Jonathan replacing/remplaçant WARMISHAM John	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI

DERKACH Oksana	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
DUS Marco replacing/remplaçant BIANCO Vincenzo	ITALY / ITALIE
DVORAKOVA Lenka	CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE
ENE Gabriela Corina	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
FAGIOLI Alessandro	ITALY / ITALIE
FASSBINDER Stefan	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
FEJSTAMER Robert	SERBIA / SERBIE
FIDAN Adalet	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
FISCHEROVA Jana	CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE
FLYVHOLM Erik	DENMARK / DANEMARK
FURDUI Viorel	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA
GALIT Maria	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA
GARCIA URBANO Jose Maria	SPAIN / ESPAGNE
GEMESI Gyorgy	HUNGARY / HONGRIE
GILLHAM Linda	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
GLYNGOE Kasper	DENMARK / DANEMARK
GOLASZEWSKI Marcin	POLAND / POLOGNE
GONCALVES Jose	PORTUGAL / PORTUGAL
GOTTARDI Belinda	ITALY / ITALIE
GUIGNARD Thibaut	FRANCE / FRANCE
GULER Hilmi	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
GYSIN Matthias replacing/remplaçant HIRS Beat	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
HANZEK Ivan	CROATIA / CROATIE
HILMISDOTTIR Heida Bjorg replacing/remplaçant	ICELAND / ISLANDE
HAKONARSON Jon Bjorn	
HOIAN Tetiana	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
HONNIGFORT Markus replacing/remplaçant SPIEGLER Ralph	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
HUSEYNOV Humbat	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
HUSEYNOVA Samira	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
JOONA Tanja replacing/remplaçant KALEVA Atte	FINLAND / FINLANDE
KAFATSAKI Stamatia	GREECE / GRÈCE
KAISER-EBERLE Maria	LIECHTENSTEIN / LIECHTENSTEIN
KAMINSKIS Gints	LATVIA / LETTONIE
KASURI Ott replacing/remplaçant JUHKAMI Mihkel	ESTONIA / ESTONIE
KHAZHAKYAN Davit	ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE
KLIMEK Beata	POLAND / POLOGNE
KNAPE Anders	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
KORINNYI Oleksandr	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
KOUKAS Konstantinos	GREECE / GRÈCE
KOVALENKO Volodymyr	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
KRISTJANSSON Walter Fannar	ICELAND / ISLANDE
LABAN Joanne Louise	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
LAMMERSKITTEN Clemens	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
LELI Dritan replacing/remplaçant VELIAJ Erion	ALBANIA / ALBANIE
LEPOULTIER Melanie	FRANCE / FRANCE
LEVEQUE Dominique replacing/remplaçant vacant seat / siège vacant	FRANCE / FRANCE

LEWANDOWSKA-SIWEK Bogumila replacing/remplaçant	POLAND / POLOGNE
ZMARZLAK Dorota	
MAGNI Giuseppe	ITALY / ITALIE
MAZUR Sergii	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
MAZZOLENI Alberto	ITALY / ITALIE
MILKOV Pencho	BULGARIA / BULGARIE
MITROFANOVAS Vitalijus	LITHUANIA / LITUANIE
MOLONEY James	IRELAND / IRLANDE
MOSLER-TOERNSTROEM Gudrun	AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE
MURANOVIC MUJAGIC Azra replacing/remplaçant ROCKLIND Johan	SWEDEN / SUÈDE
NEFF Gabriele replacing/remplaçant BERKA Nicole	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
NI MHUIMNEACAIN Gobnait	IRELAND / IRLANDE
NIKOLASHVILI Tatia	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
NUNES TAVARES Carla	PORTUGAL / PORTUGAL
OPREA Emilian	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
PACAUT Veronique replacing/remplaçant PENCHARD Marie-Luce	FRANCE / FRANCE
PASHYNNA Liliia	UKRAINE / UKRAINE
PEDRAZZINI Sylvia replacing/remplaçant HASLER Johannes	LIECHTENSTEIN / LIECHTENSTEIN
PERIKLI Lefteris	CYPRUS / CHYPRE
PFEIFFER Pascale replacing/remplaçant BENASSAYA Philippe	FRANCE / FRANCE
PILET Benoit	FRANCE / FRANCE
PREBILIC Vladimir	SLOVENIA / SLOVÉNIE
PUCHEANU Ionut Florin	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
RAVINS Andris	LATVIA / LETTONIE
RENZI Pietro replacing/remplaçant MUCCIOLI Maddalena	SAN MARINO / SAINT MARIN
ROBINSON Linda replacing/remplaçant LEADBETTER Andrew	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
RODRIGUES DA VEIGA FREIRE Olga Cristina	PORTUGAL / PORTUGAL
ROSU Nuti	ROMANIA / ROUMANIE
RUDKIN Bryony	UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI
SAGAN Maros replacing/remplaçant HLINKA Jaroslav	SLOVAK REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUE
SCHMIDT Jenő replacing/remplaçant ILLES György	HUNGARY / HONGRIE
SCHNEIDER Anita	GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
SEQUEIRA Jorge	PORTUGAL / PORTUGAL
SILICKA Inara	LATVIA / LETTONIE
STADELMANN-MEYER Franziska	SWITZERLAND / SUISSE
TAGHIYEV Tamraz	AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAÏDJAN
TRAVAGLINI Fabio	ITALY / ITALIE
TRIFUNOVIC Jelena	SERBIA / SERBIE
TUSINSKI Artur	POLAND / POLOGNE
UGREKHELIDZE Sevdia	GEORGIA / GÉORGIE
VAIKLA Annika	ESTONIA / ESTONIE
VAN DEN BERG Brigitte	NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
VAN DEN BRANDE Annemarie replacing/remplaçant	BELGIUM / BELGIQUE
VANGEYTE Kristin	
VERCELLOTTI Paola	ITALY / ITALIE
VERES Richard replacing/remplaçant HOLIS Radim	CZECH REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE
VERGILI Rafet	TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE

VOEHRINGER Bernd
VYRAS Andreas
YANAKIEV Tihomir replacing/remplaçant MLAZEV Dilyan
YERITSYAN Emin
YILMAZ Yucel
YILMAZ Atsiz Afsin replacing/remplaçant AYIK Hilal
YILMAZ Ferhat replacing/remplaçant DEMIRTAS Necattin
YOTINA Tsvetanka replacing/remplaçant STOYANOVA Galina

GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE
CYPRUS / CHYPRE
BULGARIA / BULGARIE
ARMENIA / ARMÉNIE
TÜRKIYE / TÜRKIYE
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HOPPE Kerry, VOTE 16 Initiative
SCHUURMANS-WIJDEVEN Marianne, Mayor of Haarlemmermeer, The Netherlands
ANDERSON Joanne, Mayor of Liverpool, United Kingdom

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Angel MORENO MOLINA, President of the Group of independent experts on the European Charter of local self-government (Spain)
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Appendix 2 – Agenda

1. Opening of the session by the President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, Bernd VÖHRINGER, Germany (EPP/CCE)
2. Adoption of the draft agenda of the Chamber [CPL(2023)44-OJ]
3. Communication by the President [CPL(2023)44-01]
4. Report on the observation of local elections in Slovenia (20 November 2022) [CPL(2023)44-02]
5. Thematic debate on " Strong democracies through youth engagement at local level" [CPL(2023)44-03]
6. Thematic debate on "Direct election of mayors" [CPL(2023)44-04]
7. Adoption of the abridged report of the session [CPL(2023)44-DECprov]
8. Close of the session of the Chamber by the President