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1 INTRODUCTION

The mission of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe, also known as the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, is laid out in Resolution (89)14 of 16 November 1989 and the Resolution (93)51 of 21 October 1993 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. According to the statutes of the Centre, the aim is to provide a framework for European co-operation for the purpose of increasing public awareness of global interdependence issues and to promote policies of solidarity in conformity with the aims and principles of the Council of Europe. The North-South Centre is often described as the Council of Europe's window to the world, because its purpose is to assert the validity of the values upheld by the Council beyond the European continent.

During 2007 several important events took place and projects were developed in the field of human rights, intercultural dialogue, education and youth participation that were in line with the main aims and objectives of the Centre as laid out in its statutes. In spite of decreased resources in 2007, some very successful events were organised and steps have been taken towards a more consolidated and coherent work of the Centre for the future three year programme (2008-2010).

In the youth field, the Centre successfully facilitated a very extensive and intricate year-long process towards an Africa-Europe Youth Summit and eventually also successfully organised the Youth Summit itself in December with a high level presence and extensive national and international media coverage. The Youth Summit was convened in the presence of distinguished speakers such as the President of the Republic of Portugal, Mr Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese Prime Minister and the then President of the EU Council, Mr José Socrates, the Commissioner of the African Union, Prof. Nagia Essayed, and the President of the European Commission, Mr Durão Barroso and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mrs Maud de Boer Buquicchio. The Youth Summit was a crucial moment to strengthen the ties between young people in Africa and Europe and to increase their knowledge about the European Union and the African Union and their policies related to the living conditions of young people on the two continents. The process of the Youth Summit received strong political support from European and African authorities, including financial support from several European and African governments. Of vital importance was the support given by the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union and European Commission, which involved the Directorate-Generals: Development, AIDCO and Education and Culture (EAC).

In the field of global education, the Centre facilitated a year-long process, in collaboration with the Global Education Week Network, of developing a Global Education Guideline to support educators in formal and non-formal settings to implement global education in their respective contexts and to strengthening global education policies and practices. A working group was constituted within the network to initiate this project and a final version of the guideline was produced in December and is foreseen to be launched in spring 2008. The guideline will serve as a basis for a global education on-line training course with modules covering different dimensions of global education – education for democratic citizenship, human rights education, education for sustainability, education for peace and conflict prevention and intercultural education – designed for educators, policy-makers or media professionals.

The Lisbon Forum on human rights was established in 1994 to provide a space for dialogue among different actors involved in human rights issues in Europe and elsewhere in the world, primarily Africa. The Forum aims to contribute towards the creation of the political will to action, and to help further co-ordination among the various efforts involved in protecting human rights. The Forum 2007, entitled 'National Human Rights Commissions: the Cornerstone for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights' was devoted to the role of national commissions for the protection and promotion of human rights in drawing up rules and implementing human rights protection mechanisms at local, national, regional and global level. Over the past years the Forum, has become an indispensable platform of dialogue for

“At the narrowest point of the Strait of Gibraltar, Europe and Africa are only 13 kilometres apart. Many of the people in this room commute daily for much longer distances than that, yet this minuscule stretch of ocean sometimes seems a hundred times bigger, a distance inflated by unawareness, lack of empathy and despair. This must change. The fact is that we are neighbours, very close neighbours, and people who live next door to each other have every interest to have a genuinely good and close relationship.”

Extract from the speech of Ms Maud de Boer Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, at the Africa-Europe Youth Summit

African and European figures who play a key role in the defence of human rights. The Forum builds upon a fruitful partnership with the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, and more recently with the Bureau of the Commissioner for Human Rights.

2 INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 COUNCIL OF EUROPE BODIES AND DIRECTORATES

During 2007 the North-South Centre has been implementing its strategy of reinforcing the links with its quadrilogue partners¹ by involving them to a larger extent in the activities of the Centre and in the preparation of the three-year programme 2008-2010. Several meetings took place with the key figures of the Council of Europe: (1) the President of the Chamber of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Mr Ian Micallef, addressed the Bureau of Executive Council of the Centre in January; (2) the Chairman of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Mr René van der Linden, visited the Centre in June, which provided the opportunity to discuss and strengthen collaboration between the PACE and the Centre. The Centre also had the privilege to welcome the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Terry Davis, for the Award Ceremony for the North South Prize as well as the Deputy Secretary General, Mrs Maud de Boer Buquicchio, who attended the opening session of the euro-African Youth Summit and an event on human rights in the frame of the Portuguese EU Presidency in December. The Deputy Secretary General took this opportunity to meet with the staff of the Centre to discuss the current work and priorities of the Organisation as a whole.

During the year, the Centre improved upon its collaboration with the various Directorates at Headquarters in Strasbourg and, in particular, the Centre consolidated its integration process into the DGIV- Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport. The Centre was regularly called on from the DGIV or from the Council of Europe as a whole to participate and contribute to the overall work of the organisation. In particular, the Centre played an important role during the consultation process of the Council of Europe's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, providing the Organisation with its network, partnerships and expertise for the consultations meetings.

2.2 MEMBER STATES

The Portuguese Deputy Secretary of State of European Affairs, Mr Manuel Lobo Antunes, visited the Centre in January, where he held an exchange of views on the work of the Centre with the staff. During the meeting Mr Antunes reaffirmed the support of his government to the work of the Centre.

In September, France announced its decision to withdraw from the Partial Agreement of the North-South Centre as of 1 January 2008. This decision, mainly motivated by budgetary reasons, was announced in the context of important changes in the Centre's organisation (appointment of a new director, review of its running). It led to substantial staff reductions (suppression of two permanent posts).

The new Executive Director of the Centre took up his functions in December. One of his first priorities was to consult with the Permanent Representations of the Council of Europe's member States and all the other main stakeholders of the Partial Agreement. Bi- and multilateral meetings took place in December with almost all of the member State representatives in Strasbourg and some non-member States. These consultations will be pursued at the beginning of 2008 and will be reflected in the strategic document which will be presented to the statutory bodies in spring 2008.

“We are here to honour two very exceptional individuals, a woman from a small village in Pakistan and a priest from Holland. They come from two very different backgrounds, and, at first sight, their life stories have very little in common. But what they share is remarkable courage, energy and resolve to act against injustice and protect the dignity of their fellow human beings.”

Extract from the speech of Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, at the award ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe

¹ Document NSC/Bureau (2007) 3 “Role and contribution of the quadrilogue partners”, 5 March 2007

2.3 NON-MEMBER STATES

During its Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers from May-November², Serbia announced as one of its priorities that it would "... endeavour to establish co-operation and to join the North-South Centre". The informal regional meeting of the conference of Ministers responsible for cultural affairs on 'The promotion of intercultural dialogue and the White Paper of the Council of Europe' devoted part of its programme and discussions to the possibilities of the countries in south-east Europe to strengthening their co-operation with the North-South Centre. In particular, Serbia, Montenegro and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" expressed their interest and wish to work more closely with the Centre.

During the annual OSCE's Mediterranean Seminar in December, at which the Centre was present, Israel expressed its interest in exploring the possibilities of linking its institutions closer to the work of the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre. In order to further explore the possibilities for collaboration, it was suggested to organise a working seminar on Council of Europe/North-South Centre Affairs in 2008 that could lead to increased participation and support of Israel in the work of the North-South Centre.

The African Institute of South Africa (ISA) has been one of the Centre's most active partners from Africa and has contributed substantially with its support to the implementation of several important events of the NSC. During the Lisbon Forum, representatives of the Institute had the possibility of expressing their interest to foster the cooperation between both institutions and to further develop the partnership through a formal agreement. An exchange of letters between the Director of the ISA and the new Executive Director of the North-South Centre materialised this perspective in December.

2.4 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The European Commission supported the Centre's work in 2007 through a substantial financial contribution to the Africa-Europe Youth Summit and indicated its willingness to examine the possibility of financing activities related to global education in the new member states of the EU for the Centre's 2008-2010 programme. An application was submitted in September. The Centre also played an important role in the context of activities organised during the EU Portuguese Presidency in 2007.

The Centre was represented at the annual OSCE's 13th Mediterranean Seminar in December and the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting in December organised respectively by the OSCE secretariat for External Cooperation and OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). As a result of the Centre's presence, collaboration prospects were explored between the ODIHR and the NSC, and, more concretely, to co-organise the next OSCE civil society Mediterranean meeting in 2008.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its Millennium Campaign signed an agreement on provisions of premises with the NSC in July to host the Portuguese National Secretariat of the Millennium Campaign 'Voices Against Poverty' on the premises of the NSC's secretariat in Lisbon. This arrangement has allowed for an exchange of information and identification of complementarities between the two organisations.

The Arab Women Organisation of the Arab League (AWO) invited the Centre to contribute to one of their conferences on "Arab and Euro Mediterranean Women: Partnership and Development in a Changing World". During this event the AWO expressed its wish to formalise its collaboration with the NSC and the Council of

"Serbia intends to encourage other South East Europe countries to follow this example by organising a regional conference in Serbia in order to discuss future activities of the North-South Centre in South East Europe"

Serbian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

² CM/Inf (2007) 25, 11 May 2007

Europe through a Memorandum of Understanding, similar to the one signed between the Council of Europe and ALECSO.

3 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES 2007

The overall mandate of the North-South Centre is to provide a framework for North-South co-operation to increase public awareness of global interdependence issues and to promote policies of solidarity in conformity with the aims and principles of the Council of Europe – respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion. The Centre’s work is based on the three principles of dialogue, partnership and solidarity.

3.1 LINE OF ACTION 1

The objective of this line of action is to raise European awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity through education and youth.

3.1.1 GLOBAL EDUCATION

The annual international seminar on ‘Strategies and reinforcement of capacity for global education’ was organised on 1-4 March in Lisbon. This seminar brought together the national co-ordinators of the Global Education Week network to evaluate the 2006 Global Education Week (GEW) and prepare the 2007 edition, which took place on 19-25 November. The coordinators also had the opportunity to give feedback on the preliminary version of the global education guideline which was initiated by the Network in 2006.

The 9th edition of the Global Education Week took place during the 3rd week of November and was implemented by the 36 national coordinators of the GEW network and four international educational and youth platforms. The motto for the 2007 GEW was “6 billion-ONE humanity”. This event was supported by a global education webpage and an electronic newsletter. Its impact has been assessed by the GEW network coordinators and the results are available on the GEW webpage.

A working group, composed of five coordinators of the GEW network met on 2-7 July in Lisbon to finalise the Global Education Guideline. The guideline offers an understanding of a systematic approach to global education and is a pedagogical tool for educators and practitioners in formal and non-formal education settings. The manual will be available on-line on the North-South Centre’s website. The launching of the guideline is foreseen in spring 2008 in Strasbourg.

The official ceremony of the World Aware Education Award took place during the All Different All Equal symposium on ‘Migration, Diversity, Cultures and Religions’ on 6-9 June, in Monopoli, Italy. Three educational projects (1) Institutionalising Development Education, United Kingdom; (2) Youth Action for Change, an international network and (3) The Other’s Role, Italy, were selected and awarded by an international jury.

The ‘Global Education and Youth’ seminar was organised in collaboration with the European Youth Forum, during the University on Youth and Development, from 30 September-6 October, in Mollina, Spain. The aim of the seminar was to jointly explore, reflect and deepen the different dimensions of Global Education in a youth work context and to contribute to sustainable strategies and towards more effective and efficient global education processes. The seminar resulted in a global education statement and a seminar report.

Country profiles on global education have been started by the Centre, in collaboration with its main networks, national and international counterparts. The country profiles contain in brief the main policies, priorities, programmes, structures and organisations in the field of global education in the member States of the Council of Europe and aim to provide a brief national overview. To date, country

“The European Ministers of Education invited “the Committee of Ministers to instruct the Steering Committee for Education to (...) further developed and strengthening co-operation in the education field with other sectors of the Council of Europe, in particular (...) the North-South Centre”
Extract from the final Declaration of the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education (Istanbul, Turkey, 4-5 May 2007)

profiles have been prepared on Cyprus, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Ireland, Poland and Switzerland.

The foreseen national report (peer review) on the state of global education in Germany, was postponed at the beginning of the year, on the request of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), due to the fact that the German civil society platform for development policy had asked for a revision of the proceedings of the peer review. A meeting with representatives of the Global Education Network Europe (GENE) members, Council of Europe and North-South Centre experts took place on 6 July in Strasbourg and concrete areas of co-operation in the field of education were identified.

The Centre participated in several meetings of a multi-stakeholder group, initiated by CONCORD/DEEEP, for development education in Europe. The objective of this group was to develop a European (EU) strategy framework for Development Education. The final document 'The European Consensus on Development: the contribution of Development Education & Awareness Raising' was launched in the presence of Commissioner Louis Michel during the European Development Days, on 9 November in Lisbon, Portugal.

In addition, the Centre is now more closely associated with the DGIV's educational programmes and projects, such as the biannual meetings of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education and the tri-annual project 'Images of the other in history teaching'. The objective is to identify synergies, complementarities and common priorities between the Education Directorate and the NSC's educational activities.

3.1.2 YOUTH

The Africa-Europe Youth Summit took place on 4-7 December, prior to the 2nd EU-Africa Heads of States Summit on 9 December in Lisbon, Portugal. The objective of having a Youth Summit was to develop institutionalised youth co-operation and to reinforce youth participation in Euro-African relations. The Summit gathered around 250 youth leaders and delegates from youth organisations from Africa and Europe and two youth representatives presented the Youth Summit's Final Declaration and its main outcomes to the Heads of State. With the support of an established steering group that included, *inter alia*, the European Youth Forum, the Pan African Youth Union and youth-related agencies from Africa and Europe, the Centre facilitated a comprehensive process towards the Africa-Europe Youth Summit. This process included two national consultations in Portugal (including African youth Diaspora in Portugal), a European consultation in France (including African youth Diaspora in Europe), and four regional consultative meetings in Africa (South Africa, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia) during 2007, with a participation of approximately 600 youth multipliers. The Final Declaration of the Youth Summit is available on the NSC website.

The 8th University on Youth and Development with the theme 'Alliance of Civilizations - dialogue of cultures' took place from 30 September-7 October, in Mollina, Spain. The University is facilitated by the NSC and co-organised with INJUVE and also the Spanish government, the European Youth Forum, the Latin American Youth Forum and the Spanish National Youth Council. This year's University included a total of 11 activities, of which the Centre organised four meetings: (1) the global youth work training course in partnership with Youth for Exchange and Understanding; (2) the consultation seminar on global education and youth in partnership with the European Youth Forum; (3) the training seminar on inter-religious dialogue and antidiscrimination in the context of the Euro-Med youth partnership and (4) the steering group meeting of the Africa-Europe Youth Summit. The University gathered close to 300 participants from youth organisations and institutions dealing with youth work from over 90 countries in all the regions of the world. The final report of the University is being produced.

"I must admit that the way in which we helped each other to shape our own understanding of global education led me to believe that as youths we do share in the power to change things and it gave me a lot of hope for our world today and the future."

Yvonne Zimba, youth leader from Zambia and participant at the Global Education and Youth seminar in Mollina, Spain

"Our vision is a society open for all, a society without barriers. A society which, instead of keeping mobility only as a theoretical opportunity for young people, gives them the possibility to travel and work in other countries and cultures without being discriminated against. Our vision is a society without xenophobia and racism"

Extract from the "Statement on visa issues and youth mobility" by participants of the University on Youth and Development 2007

The survey on ‘Youth as Actors in Political Reform in the Southern Mediterranean Countries - Case Study of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria’ was carried out by the Centre in collaboration with the Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies (LCPS) and is included in a series of the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission (EuroMeSCo) studies and research reports. The report is available in English and French on the Centre’s and EuroMeSCo’s websites.

The Centre was also invited on several occasions during the year to contribute to and participate in the activities of the Council of Europe’s All Different All-Equal Campaign. The Centre also contributed to two events for students and young people focusing on the future of Europe and the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Rome Treaty; one organised by the Civil Government of the Region of Coimbra, the University of Coimbra and the Fundação Bissaya Barreto on 26 February, in Coimbra, Portugal, the other one by the Portuguese Deputy Secretary of State for European Affairs and the European Information Centre ‘Jacques Delors’ on 22 March in Lisbon, Portugal.

3.2 LINE OF ACTION 2

The objective of this line of action is to promote North-South solidarity policies in conformity with the goals and principles of the Council of Europe through dialogue between Europe and the South, notably, the southern Mediterranean countries and Africa.

3.2.1 INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

In the framework of the preparation of the Council of Europe’s White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, the Centre focused, in the first half of 2007 on organising, in collaboration with DGIV, several consultation meetings on intercultural dialogue. The collaboration provided the possibility to include experts and partners from the Euro-Med, Euro-Arab and Euro-African regions in the meetings, allowing these stakeholders to contribute to the whole consultation process and its outcome.

A consultation meeting on ‘Women and Intercultural Dialogue’ was organised in partnership with the Graduate Institute of Development Studies of Geneva, on 14-15 April, in Geneva, Switzerland, which brought together 40 experts from the north and south. The discussions focused on the interaction between the promotion of the rights of women and intercultural dialogue, as well as the participation of women in this dialogue.

A consultative seminar on ‘Migrants, actors and vectors of the intercultural dialogue’ was organised by the Centre, the DGIV and the Directorate General for Social Cohesion (DGIII) on 21-22 May, in Lisbon, Portugal, in collaboration with the High Commissioner for Migration and Ethnic Minorities of Portugal, the FORIM. The seminar brought together 60 experts from north and south and debate focused on three main themes: the role of migrants in intercultural dialogue, the perspective of the European Committee on Migration and current policies of integration.

A colloquium entitled ‘Promoting intercultural dialogue: challenges and perspectives of the Council of Europe’ was organised by the Centre and the DGIV, on 22-24 June in Lisbon, Portugal, with the participation of high representatives from the Council of Europe, the Alliance of Civilizations and other international organisations such as the UNESCO, ISESCO and ALECSO working on the issue of intercultural dialogue.

Another colloquium was organised by the Centre on ‘Media and Intercultural Dialogue—Actions to Build Diversity’ in collaboration with the Panos Institute, on 26-27 June, in Paris, France. The colloquium was attended by 60 media professionals that explored different paths for action aimed at increasing media

“A recent study on youth perception in politics shows that, contrary to the findings of many predominantly quantitative studies of political participation, young people are in fact interested in political matters and do support democratic processes. However, very often they have a sense of anti-climax after voting for the first time, and are critical of those who have been elected to positions of power. In fact, this was reflected in the Lebanese, Jordanian and Syrian cases.”

Extract from the survey on ‘Youth as Actors in Political Reform in the Southern Mediterranean Countries - Case Study of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria’

“New strategies to manage and promote intercultural and inter-faith dialogue, based on universal human rights, should be developed and that is why I do think that your participation in the consultation process leading to the White Paper is most useful”

Extract from the intervention of H.E Jorge Sampaio, High Representative of the UN Secretary General for the Alliance of Civilization at the Lisbon colloquium

involvement in encouraging dialogue between cultures on national, European, and also extra-European levels. A conference report was produced.

Collaboration was also established with Radio France International (RFI) for radio coverage of the events on intercultural dialogue. A weekly broadcast was co-produced during the process of consultation on intercultural dialogue.

The Centre also participated at a UNESCO meeting of experts on 'Towards mainstreaming principles of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in policies for sustainable development' which coincided with the World Day of Cultural Diversity for dialogue and development, on 21-23 May 2007, in Paris, France. The meeting allowed for continued collaboration and identification of complementarities with UNESCO's Division for Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue in the field of intercultural dialogue.

3.2.2 HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

In the framework of the 2nd EU-Africa Heads of State Summit, the Centre co-organised two events. An inter-parliamentary Forum on 'Europe-Africa dialogue and democratic governance: the role of parliamentarians' was organised on 9 October in Lisbon, Portugal, in collaboration with AWEPA and the Portuguese parliament. The objective of the meeting was, *inter alia*, to promote north-south dialogue on development strategies and raising awareness of NEPAD in Europe and the programme included the EU-Africa strategy, parliamentary oversight of the ODA and the EU response to situation of fragility in Africa.

In addition, a Euro-African Civil Society Forum, entitled 'New dynamics of north-south solidarity: promoting an active involvement of civil society in the Euro-African dialogue' was organised by the Portuguese Platform of NGDO's, on 15-17 November in Lisbon, Portugal, in collaboration with the Centre and the CONCORD platform. The objective of the meeting was to discuss and build a shared perspective on Africa's development with a focus on issues of governance and mutual accountability, cooperation, migration and development. A conference report was produced.

The theme of the 2007 Lisbon Forum was: 'National structures of human rights: the cornerstone for the protection and the promotion of human rights' and took place on 16-17 November in Lisbon, Portugal, in collaboration with the Venice Commission and the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe. The meeting brought together 85 representatives of national, regional and international structures of human rights protection, constitutional courts, ombudsmen and experts from north and south which discussed the typology, function and action of national structures of human rights and their interaction with constitutional courts and the role of North-South co-operation in reinforcing the efficiency of the national structures of human rights. A conference report is being produced.

Discussions with other directorates and bodies of the Council of Europe have been held to further explore how a north-south dimension could be introduced in some events of the organisation, such as the 'All Different, All Equal' campaign, 'Stop Domestic Violence Against Women' campaign and 'Human being, not for sale' campaign. Contacts were also made with the Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to follow-up a previous seminar in 2005 and co-organise a conference on women's rights in the Euro-Mediterranean countries in the near future.

In addition, the Centre participated and contributed to the following meetings related to human rights, democratic governance and development: (1) Symposium on 'Arab and Euro-Mediterranean Women: partnership and development in a changing world' organised on 20-21 February in Malta, by the Tunisian Ministry for the Affairs of Women, Family, Childhood and the Elderly; (2) Euro-Mediterranean encounter

"The Council of Europe remains open to co-operation with Europe's neighbouring regions and the rest of the world. The Organisation, which is strongly committed to ensure co-ordination and complementarity in international action, in particular on the European scene, is an important contributor to intercultural dialogue. (...) The Council of Europe recognises the role of the 'North-South Centre', uniquely placed as the privileged place for the dialogue between cultures and as a bridge between Europe and its neighbouring regions, bringing together not only governments but also parliamentarians, local and regional authorities and civil society."

Extract from the Council of Europe's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue – Living Together as Equals in Dignity.

‘Fighting against intolerance and discrimination’, organised on 8-9 March in Tanger, Morocco, by the association Emergences Plus; (3) Round table on Euro-Africa relations ‘Borders of Europe–Europe in the World’ organised on 18 June, Braga, Portugal, by the Portuguese NGO ACEP and University of Braga; Colloquium on ‘Africa-Europe: a new dialogue in the sight of the challenges of the future’ organised on the Day of Africa, 25 May, in Lisbon, Portugal, by the Group of African Ambassadors in Portugal (4) International Conference on Mediterranean Women, organised on 28-30 June in Fés, Morocco, by ISIS and the Fes Saiss Association; (5) steering committee meeting of COPEAM organised on 18 July in Rome, Italy; (6) Roundtable on UN action in support for peace in Africa, organised on 14 December in New York, USA, by OSSA, the UN special adviser on Africa.

3.2.3 MIGRATION AND CO-DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the already mentioned consultative meeting seminar on ‘Migrants, actors and vectors of the intercultural dialogue’ contributing to the preparation of the Council of Europe’s White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, the Centre was invited to take part in the expert group preparing the symposium on ‘Migration, Diversity, Cultures and Religions’ on 6-7 June, in Monopoli, Italy. The symposium was held in the framework of the Council of Europe’s ‘All Different, All Equal’ campaign and the Centre contributed to several items on the programme.

The Centre also participated and contributed to the (1) first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), organised 9-11 July, in Brussels and (2) African Union’s Conference on Diaspora, 11-12 September, in Paris, France.

4 COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION & PUBLICATIONS

4.1 NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE

The 12th Award Ceremony of the Council of Europe’s North-South Prize for 2006 took place on 19 March, at the Portuguese Parliament in Lisbon, in the presence of the President of the Portuguese Republic, the Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament, the Vice-President of the PACE, and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The 2006 North-South Prize was awarded to Mrs Mukhtaran Bibi (Pakistan), known for her determination on fighting for the promotion of human rights and to Father Francisco Van Der Hoff (the Netherlands), founder of the Max Havelaar Association responsible for the creation of the fair trade label. The event was attended by more than 200 participants and received extensive media coverage.

The call for nominations for the 2007 North-South Prize was launched in March. The Jury, composed of the Bureau members of the Executive Council, met on 22 June, in Lisbon and decided to award the 2007 North-South Prize to Mrs Simone Veil (France) and Mr. Kofi Annan (Ghana), for their contribution to the defence and the ‘illustration’ of human rights through the world. The 2007 Award Ceremony will take place in Lisbon on 1 April 2008.

4.2 WEBSITE

A newly structured website was presented at the Executive Council meeting in March and officially launched in July 2007. The new website was developed in close collaboration with the Directorate of Communication of the Council of Europe and allowed for a more coherent presentation of the NSC’s work, following the model of the Council of Europe’s websites more closely. The Centre has been integrated into the Council of Europe’s web cube which allows external partners to carry out research and to have easier access to the North-South Centre’s documents. In addition, the Centre launched a special web page on the Global Education Week, the Africa-Europe Youth Summit and a discussion platform for the Euro-African Civil Society Forum.

“The North-South Centre has developed a particularly valuable activity towards a greater awareness of the problems surrounding global interdependence and in favour of policies that promote a closer and friendlier relationship between the North and the South”

Extract from the intervention of H.E Cavaco Silva, President of Portugal at the Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe

4.3 NEWSLETTERS

An electronic newsletter ‘North-South Centre in Brief’ was published on a quarterly basis 2007 in 2007 and provided the Centre’s target groups with information on NSC activities and current developments.

The Global Education Newsletter is a monthly electronic newsletter where national global education coordinators and practitioners can share global education news and events, useful thematic links and educational materials. In 2007, in total nine newsletters were published. Currently, 1,800 people and networks subscribe to the newsletter.

4.4 PUBLICATIONS

During the year, the following publications were produced/printed:

1. North-South Centre presentation leaflet (new version), English and French versions (2000 copies);
2. “The Role of Women in the Euro-Med Region: Women, Agents of Change” English version (250 copies);
3. “Lisbon Forum 2006 Report”, English version (1000 copies);
4. North-South Prize Ceremony Award 2006, bilingual English/French version (500 copies);
5. “Youth as Actors in Political Reform in the Southern Mediterranean Countries - Case Study of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria”, electronic version in English and French;
6. Global Education and Youth Seminar Report & Final Statement, electronic version in English;
7. Regional reports from Africa-Europe youth consultation process towards the Youth Summit, electronic versions in English, French and Portuguese;
8. Africa-Europe Youth Summit Report & Final Declaration, electronic versions in English, French and Portuguese;
9. University on Youth and Development 2006, electronic version in English.

4.5 DATABASE

The updating of the Centre’s database was completed on 31 January and has currently approximately 3,000 contacts. The database is a sub-database of the general database of Council of Europe (SCRIB). The contacts are organised according to the indicated interests and working fields of the Centre, such as human rights, global education, migration, democracy, co-development, youth policy and youth work, Euro-Mediterranean relations, international relations, European integration, social development etc.

4.6 MEDIA

At the level of the media, efforts were concentrated on the media coverage of events taking place in Portugal, such as the consultation meeting of the Council of Europe’s White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, the North-South Prize Award, the Lisbon Forum and the Africa-Europe Youth Summit. Substantial support was given from the Communication Department of Council of Europe to cover some of these events.

5 FINANCIAL REPORT

Despite the difficulties, 2007 was an intensive year for the North-South Centre in terms of financial execution and mobilisation of funds in relation with the implementation of its programme of activities. The budgetary appropriations uncommitted at the close of the 2007 financial year, concerning the BL Budget, amounted to less than 12 000€ (around 1% of the total budget), an unprecedented situation in the recent years.

Furthermore, the Centre showed its ability to benefit from the support of several partners, a support that was translated in a volume of resources (financial and/or kind) that considerably exceeds the total amount of obligatory contributions allocated to programme expenditure (330 100€). As a result, in 2007, the North-South Centre was able to implement a programme of activities that mobilised more than one million euros.

This has allowed a remarkable stability in the obligatory contributions paid by the member states. Indeed, despite the heavy financial constraints that the Centre has had to face since 2003, the level of contributions has basically remained the same (in nominal terms) over the last few years. However, the departure of France made it necessary to make a slight readjustment of the member states contributions for 2008.

For further information please refer to Appendix II.

6 ABBREVIATIONS

ALECSO	The Arab Leagues Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation www.alecso.org
ACEP	Associação para a Cooperação Entre os Povos, Portugal http://www.acep.pt
AKDN	Aga Khan Development Network www.akdn.net
AWEPA	The Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa www.awepa.org
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development www.bmz.de
DGIII	Directorate for Social Cohesion www.coe.int
DGIV	Directorate General IV - Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport www.coe.int
CONCORD	European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development www.concordeurope.org
COPEAM	Conférence permanente de l'Audiovisuel et des Médias euro-méditerranéens www.copeam.org
DEEEP	Development Education Exchange in Europe Project www.deeep.org
EUROMESCO	Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission www.euromesco.net
FORIM	Le Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations www.forim.net
GENE	Global Education Network Europe
GFMD	Global Forum on Migration and Development www.gfmd-fmmd.org
GEW	Global Education Week Network www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GEW/GEW2007
INJUVE	Instituto de la Juventud, Spain www.injuve.mtas.es
ISESCO	Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) www.isesco.org.ms
ISIS	Centre for Women and Development – ICWAD
LCPS	Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies www.lcps-lebanon.org

NEPAD	The New Partnership for Africa's Development www.nepad.org
OSCE	The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe - External relations http://www.osce.org/ec
OSCE-ODHIR	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights www.osce.org/odhr
PACE	The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe www.assembly.coe.int
RFI	Radio France International www.rfi.fr
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization www.unesco.org
YFJ	European Youth Forum www.youthforum.org

APPENDIX I: CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2007

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE
16 January	Bureau meeting	Strasbourg, France
1-4 March	Evaluation seminar Global Education Week 2006 'Strategies and reinforcement of capacity for global education'	Lisbon, Portugal
4-5 March	Meeting of the working group on the global education guideline	Lisbon, Portugal
18 March	37 th meeting of the Executive Council	Lisbon, Portugal
19 March	12 th Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe	Lisbon, Portugal
14-15 April	Consultation on the White Paper on intercultural dialogue 'Women and Intercultural Dialogue'	Geneva, Switzerland
20 April	Meeting of the Africa-Europe Youth Summit Steering Group	Brussels, Belgium
25 April	47 th meeting of the Member States representatives	Strasbourg, France
4-6 May	Portuguese national consultation for the Africa-Europe Youth Summit	Sintra, Portugal
21-22 May	Consultation on the White Paper on intercultural dialogue 'Migrants actors and vectors of intercultural dialogue'	Lisbon, Portugal
25-27 May	Portuguese national consultation of the African Diaspora in the framework of the Africa-Europe Summit	Almada, Portugal
6-9 June	Symposium "Migrations, diversity, cultures and religion" and World Aware Education Award Ceremony	Monopoli, Italy
22 June	Bureau meeting & meeting of the jury for the North-South Prize 2007	Lisbon, Portugal
22-24 June	Colloquium on 'Promoting intercultural dialogue: challenges and perspectives of the Council of Europe'	Lisbon, Portugal
26-27 June	Colloquium on 'Media and intercultural dialogue'	Paris, France
2-7 July	Meeting of the working group on the global education guideline	Lisbon, Portugal
6 July	Meeting of GENE and Council of Europe's experts on education for democratic citizenship and human rights education	Strasbourg, France
22-25 July	European regional consultation meeting on European and African Youth Diaspora living in Europe – towards the Euro-African Youth Summit	Marly le Roi, France
22-24 August	Regional consultation meeting of southern Africa – towards the Euro-African Youth Summit	Johannesburg, South Africa
30 September-7 October	8 th University on Youth and Development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training course on 'Global Youth Work' 2. Seminar on 'Global Education and Youth' 3. Meeting of the Africa-Europe Youth Summit Steering Group 4. Euro-Med training course 'Religious diversity and anti-discrimination' (Euro-Med youth partnership) 	Mollina, Spain
1-3 October	Regional consultation meeting of western Africa – towards the Euro-African Youth Summit	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
19 October	48 th meeting of the Member States representatives	Strasbourg, France
24-26 October	Regional consultation meeting of central Africa – towards the Euro-African Youth Summit	Yaoundé, Cameroon

7-8 November	Euro-African Inter-parliamentary Forum 'Europe-Africa Dialogue and Democratic Governance: the role of parliamentarians'	Lisbon, Portugal
7-8 November	Regional consultation meeting of eastern Africa – towards the Euro-African Youth Summit	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
8-9 November	Informal regional conference of ministers responsible for cultural affairs on 'The promotion of intercultural dialogue and the white paper of the Council of Europe'	Belgrade, Serbia
15 November	Bureau meeting & 38 th meeting of the Executive Council	Lisbon, Portugal
15 November	Euro-African Civil Society Forum 'New dynamics of north-south solidarity: promoting an active involvement of civil society in the Euro-African dialogue'	Lisbon, Portugal
16-17 November	Lisbon Forum 2007 'National structures of human rights: the cornerstone for the protection and the promotion of human rights'	Lisbon, Portugal
19-25 November	Global Education Week 2007 '6 billion-ONE humanity'	In 36 member states of the Council of Europe
4-7 December	Africa-Europe Youth Summit	Lisbon, Portugal
18-19 December	13 th Mediterranean seminar of the OSCE and Euro-Mediterranean civil society meeting	Tel Aviv, Israel

APPENDIX II: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Statement of financial activities for the year 2007 (all figures in EUR)

1 INCOMING RESOURCES

Obligatory contribution from member states	941 700
Additional voluntary contributions from member states	p.m.
Received voluntary contributions (financial)	70 840
Voluntary contribution from Portugal for NSC's rent	156 900
Bank interest	20 000

1.1 DETAIL OF RECEIVED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

1.1.1 Financial

Date	Organisation / Entity	Amount in €	Budg line	Activity/Project / Programme
20/06/2007	Min. de Asuntos Ext- Spain	30 000,00	5025/6567/299	<i>Consultation on the Council of Europe White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue</i>
25/07/2007	Ministère des Affaires étrangères - Luxembourg	30 000,00	5025/6566/299	<i>Training and Capacity of young people and youth organisations (balance FR submitted October 2005)</i>
	Fees from the TC Let's get Global, UYD 2007	1 235,00	5025/6566/299	<i>Training and Capacity of young people and youth organisations</i>
	Fees from the Euro-Med TC, UYD 2007	455,00	5025/6566/299	<i>Training and Capacity of young people and youth organisations</i>
	SUB-TOTAL	61 690,00		

1.1.2 Other forms of external support (in kind, co-organised activities)

Type of Support	Organisation / Entity	Amount	Service(s) / Good(s) provided	Activity/Project / Programme
in kind	Portuguese Parliament	2 700,00	meeting room, cocktail, lunch, publication	North-South Prize 2006
in kind	Portuguese MFA	2 000,00	rented car, VIP room, bodyguards	North-South Prize 2006
co-org	EC (DGAIDCO)	300 000,00	facilities, interpretation, interpretation equipment and travel 150 pax, board and lodging to 200 pax	Africa-Europe Youth Summit
co-org	EC (DGEAC) - CNJ	100 000,00	image costs, travel for 70 pax, board and lodging for 100 pax	Africa - Europe Youth Summit
co-org	African Institute of South Africa	50 000,00	Travelling of participants and Hosting Costs: Board and lodging, facilities	SADC regional consultation, Africa-Europe Youth Summit
co-org	Direction de la Jeunesse des Cameroon; Secetaire Permanent de la Porte parole	30 000,00	Travelling of participants and hosting costs, board and lodging, facilities	Central African regional consultation, Africa-Europe Youth Summit
co-org	Direction Générale de la Jeunesse -Burkina Faso	30 000,00	Travelling of participants and hosting costs, board and lodging, facilities	West African regional consultation Africa-Europe Youth Summit
co-org	INJEP - France	21 000,00	Hosting costs, board and lodging, facilities	European and Diaspora regional consultation, Africa-Europe Youth Summit
co-org	INJUVE*, Partners of the UYD	300 000,00	Travel cost, board and lodging for x pax, meeting facilities, local transport, communications etc	8 th University on Youth and Development
co-org	DGIV	3 000,00	1 staff mission and board and lodging of three laureates for 4 days	World Aware Education Awards Ceremony
co-org	European Youth Forum	7 000,00	Travel expenses of EYF, trainers, participants for the preparatory meeting and for the seminar	Consultation seminar with youth NGO on global education
in kind	Agha Khan Foundation	8 600,00	Meeting facilities, meals, interpretation for 30 pax	3 rd consultation on the CoE white paper on ID (Lx)
in kind	AWEPA, Portuguese Parliament	30 000,00	meeting facilities, meals, interpretation, travels for 30 pax	Seminar Strengthening Euro-Africa Partnerships: the role of parliaments
in kind	Agha Khan Foundation	8 000,00	meeting facilities, meals, interpretation for 30 pax	Lisbon Forum 2007
in kind	Agha Khan Foundation	9 000,00	Meeting facilities, meals, interpretation for 50 pax	Workshop on Migrants as actors and vectors of intercultural dialogue
SUB-TOTAL		841 300,00		
TOTAL (1.1.1 + 1.1.2)		912 140,00		

2 EXPENDITURE

2.1 BL BUDGET

Budget Head : 6507 BL- Education à la citoyenneté mondiale et à la jeunesse

00400	<u>000001</u>	Remun. du personnel permanent	83 146,00	83 145,36	,64	,64
		Provision ajustement				
	<u>0000012</u>	remuneration du personnel	700,00	,00	700,00	700,00
	<u>0000056</u>	Telecommunications	2 969,00	2 968,76	,24	,24
	<u>0000057</u>	Equipement materiel de bureau	4 830,00	4 780,79	49,21	49,21
	<u>0000059</u>	Loyer - bureaux	51 565,16	51 565,16	,00	,00
		Production et affranchissement				
	<u>0000124</u>	de documents	2 932,00	2 930,26	1,74	1,74
	<u>0000263</u>	Activites financees cont. vol.	39 150,00	39 150,00	,00	,00
	<u>0000264</u>	Depenses de programme	148 845,63	148 845,12	,51	,51
		Contributions au Budget				
	<u>0000378</u>	ordinaire	11 300,00	11 300,00	,00	,00
	<u>0000379</u>	Contributions aux Pensions	10 263,72	10 263,72	,00	,00
Total Budget Head : 6507			355 701,51	354 949,17	752,34	752,34

Budget Head : 6508 BL- Dialogue avec l'Afrique et les pays transmediterranéens

	<u>0000001</u>	Remun. du personnel permanent	92 310,00	92 299,84	10,16	10,16
		Provision ajustement				
	<u>0000012</u>	remuneration du personnel	600,00	,00	600,00	600,00
	<u>0000056</u>	Telecommunications	3 807,00	3 806,63	,37	,37
	<u>0000057</u>	Equipement materiel de bureau	2 851,00	2 794,09	56,91	56,91
	<u>0000059</u>	Loyer - bureaux	39 064,50	39 064,50	,00	,00
		Production et affranchissement				
	<u>0000124</u>	de documents	2 103,00	2 092,21	10,79	10,79
	<u>0000263</u>	Activites financees cont. vol.	30 000,00	30 000,00	,00	,00
	<u>0000264</u>	Depenses de programme	150 193,50	150 193,50	,00	,00
		Contributions au Budget				
	<u>0000378</u>	ordinaire	7 600,00	7 600,00	,00	,00
	<u>0000379</u>	Contributions aux Pensions	7 836,28	7 648,84	187,44	187,44
Total Budget Head : 6508			336 365,28	335 499,61	865,67	865,67

Budget Head : 6509 BL- Politique de communication

	<u>0000001</u>	Remun. du personnel permanent	54 214,00	54 213,96	,04	,04
		Provision ajustement				
	<u>0000012</u>	remuneration du personnel	500,00	,00	500,00	500,00
	<u>0000056</u>	Telecommunications	1 695,00	1 694,58	,42	,42
	<u>0000057</u>	Equipement materiel de bureau	2 000,00	1 982,26	17,74	17,74
	<u>0000059</u>	Loyer - bureaux	26 617,80	26 617,80	,00	,00
		Production et affranchissement				
	<u>0000124</u>	de documents	792,42	790,97	1,45	1,45
		Publications et Impressions				
	<u>0000125</u>	sous-traitees	1 949,16	1 949,09	,07	,07
	<u>0000264</u>	Depenses de programme	34 721,35	34 673,33	48,02	48,02
		Contributions au Budget				
	<u>0000378</u>	ordinaire	12 400,00	12 400,00	,00	,00
	<u>0000379</u>	Contributions aux Pensions	11 333,08	11 333,08	,00	,00
Total Budget Head : 6509			146 222,81	145 655,07	567,74	567,74

Budget Head : 6510 BL- Encadrement / Direction

000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	170 472,32	170 472,32	,00	,00
000002	Indemnites du personnel permanent	29 427,84	24 286,92	3 712,92	5 140,92
000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	7 600,00	6 060,38	1 539,62	1 539,62
000012	Provision ajustement remuneration du personnel	1 800,00	,00	1 800,00	1 800,00
000056	Telecommunications	3 615,00	3 613,93	1,07	1,07
000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	6 591,94	6 368,22	223,72	223,72
000059	Loyer - bureaux	39 010,50	39 010,50	,00	,00
000080	Frais de Mission	21 708,55	21 708,55	,00	,00
000083	Frais de voy/sej delegations reunions stat.	12 069,45	11 869,19	200,26	200,26
000084	Frais de voy/sej et de representation du President ou de son representant	9 786,16	9 571,49	214,67	214,67
0000115	Interpretation	4 465,22	4 337,77	127,45	127,45
0000116	Traduction	2 921,45	2 921,16	,29	,29
0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	2 814,05	2 799,22	14,83	14,83
0000167	Frais de representation	1 039,12	961,20	77,92	77,92
0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	24 500,00	24 500,00	,00	,00
0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	27 666,92	27 194,03	472,89	472,89
Total Budget Head : 6510		365 488,52	355 674,88	8 385,64	9 813,64
Total CCM : 00400		1 203 778,12	1 191 778,73	10 571,39	11 999,39

2.2 LC ACCOUNT (ARTICLE 299 OF SUBHEADS 6565, 6566, 6567, 6568, 6569)

Budget : 5025 LC Compte Special Lisbonne

CCM: 00400 DGAP Centre Intédep. et Solidarité

Budget Head: T Total

CCM	Article	Description	Budget €	Dépenses Réelles €	Disponible €	Solde €
Budget Head : 6565 LC Strategies and CB Global Education						
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	50 340,71	39 294,99	995,72	11 045,72
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	54 324,94	38 792,93	12 832,01	15 532,01
Total Budget Head : 6565			104 665,65	78 087,92	13 827,73	26 577,73
Budget Head : 6566 LC Training & CB Youth						
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	50 016,95	39 154,74	962,21	10 862,21
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	33 846,37	17 396,28	15 900,09	16 450,09
Total Budget Head : 6566			83 863,32	56 551,02	16 862,30	27 312,30
Budget Head : 6567 LC Intercultural dialogue						
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	72 050,00	44 719,42	84,07	27 330,58
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	26 200,00	23 463,26	1 493,97	2 736,74
Total Budget Head : 6567			98 250,00	68 182,68	1 578,04	30 067,32
Budget Head : 6568 LC Dialogue, Human Rights, Democracy & Development						
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	38 250,00	38 124,39	81,61	125,61
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	21 029,80	18 565,68	2 464,12	2 464,12

Total Budget Head : 6568		59 279,80	56 690,07	2 545,73	2 589,73
Budget Head : 6569 LC Migration & Development					
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	38 250,00	36 954,00	1 296,00
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	6 000,00	5 994,74	5,26
Total Budget Head : 6569			44 250,00	42 948,74	1 301,26
Total CCM : 00400			390 308,77	302 460,43	34 972,98
Total Budget : 5025			390 308,77	302 460,43	87 848,34

APPENDIX III: COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2006-2008

Member States' Representatives		Finland France (<i>until 1/1/2008</i>) Germany Italy (<i>until 1/1/2007</i>) The Netherlands Malta Portugal* Switzerland*
Parliamentarians	Parliamentary Assembly	Mr Kimmo Sasi Mr Peter Schieder*
	European Parliament	Mr José Ribeiro e Castro Mrs Karen Scheele
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities		Mr Ken Bodfish* (<i>until March 2007</i>) Mr Jean-Claude Frécon Mr Carlos Alberto Pinto Ms Ludmila Sfirloaga
NGO Representatives	Human Rights NGOs	-
	Development Education NGOs	Mr Helmuth Hartmeyer
	Environment and sustainable development NGOs	Mr Henny Helmich
	North-South NGO Group	Mr Michel Julien
	Conference of INGOs enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe	Ms Annelise Oeschger*
	European Youth Forum	Mr Joao Salviano
Representatives from the South		Ms Nancy Bakir Mr Ben Turok* -
Representative of the European Commission		-
Secretary General of the Council of Europe or his/her representative		Mr Terry Davis

*Bureau members

APPENDIX IV: NSC ORGANIGRAMME

