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(CAHDI)**

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**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE CAHDI
FOR ONE YEAR**

Secretariat Memorandum
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1. The terms of office of Mrs Phani Dascalopoulou-Livada (Greece) and Sir Michael Wood (United Kingdom), respectively Chair and Vice-chair of the CAHDI, expire end of 2006.
2. According to Article 12 of Appendix 1 to Resolution (2005) 47 of the Committee of Ministers, the CAHDI is called upon to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for a period of one year expiring 31 December 2007. The relevant provisions of Article 12 follow:
 - a. *Every committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. However, the Chair of a subordinate body may be appointed by the steering or ad hoc committee to which it is answerable.*
 - b. *The Chair shall conduct proceedings and sum up the conclusions whenever she/he thinks necessary. She/he may call to order a speaker who departs from the subject under discussion or from the committee's terms of reference. The Chair shall retain the right to speak and to vote in her/his capacity as a member of the committee, except in cases where an additional national expert has been appointed to sit on that committee.*
 - c. *The Vice-Chair shall replace the Chair if the latter is absent or otherwise unable to preside over the meeting. If the Vice-Chair is absent, the Chair shall be replaced by another member of the bureau, appointed by the latter, or where there is no bureau by a member of the committee appointed by the committee.*
 - d. *Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. In steering committees, the election shall be held by secret ballot, in other committees by a show of hands, unless a member of the committee requests a secret ballot.*
 - e. *The term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be one year. It may be renewed once.*
3. The table overleaf indicates the chairs and vice-chairs of the CAHDI since it was created.

Chairs and Vice-chairs of the CAHDI

Year	Meeting	Chair	Vice-chair
1991	1	Mr. Türk (A)	Mr. Corell (S)
1992	2	Mr. Türk (A)	Mr. Corell (S)
	3	Mr. Corell (S)	Mr. Puissochet (F)
	4	Mr. Corell (S)	Mr. Puissochet (F)
1993	5	Mr. Corell*(S)	Mr. Puissochet ² (F)
	6	Mr. Corell*(S)	Mr. Puissochet ² (F)
1994	7	Mr. Puissochet (F)	Mr. Bos (NI)
	8	Mr. Puissochet (F)	Mr. Bos (NI)
1995	9	Mr. Bos (NI)	Mr. Szenasi (H)
	10	Mr. Bos (NI)	Mr. Szenasi (H)
1996	11	Mr. Bos* (NI)	Mr. Szenasi ² (H)
	12	Mr. Bos* (NI)	Mr. Szenasi ² (H)
1997	13	Mr. Szenasi (H)	Mr. Caflish (CH)
	14	Mr. Szenasi (H)	Mr. Caflish (CH)
1998	15	Mr. Szenasi* (H)	Mr. Caflish ² (CH)
	16	Mr. Szenasi* (H)	Mr. Caflish ² (CH)
1999	17	Mr. Hilger (D)	Mr. Tomka (SK)
	18	Mr. Hilger (D)	Mr. Tomka (SK)
2000	19	Mr. Hilger* (D)	Mr. Tomka ² (SK)
	20	Mr. Hilger* (D)	Mr. Tomka ² (SK)
2001	21	Mr. Tomka (SK)	Mr. Michel (CH)
	22	Mr. Tomka (SK)	Mr. Michel (CH)
2002	23	Mr. Tomka* (SK)	Mr. Michel ² (CH)
	24	Mr. Tomka* (SK)	Mr. Michel ² (CH)
2003	25	Mr. Michel (CH)	-
	26	Mr. Michel (CH)	-
2004	27	Mr. Michel* (CH)	Mrs Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)
	28	Mr. Michel* (CH)	Mrs Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)
2005	29	Mrs Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)	Sir Michael Wood (UK)
	30	Mrs Dascalopoulou-Livada (GR)	Sir Michael Wood (UK)
2006	31	Mrs Dascalopoulou-Livada* (GR)	Sir Michael Wood (UK)
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(*) Second one-year term, not renewable (cf. Art. 12, e, Appendix 1, Resolution (2005) 47).