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STATE OF PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2016-2017

DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION

Item 7 of the draft Agenda

The Committee is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.

Introduction

The Secretary General started preparing the Organisation's draft budget and programme for the 2016-2017 biennium at the beginning of 2015.

Under the authority of the Deputy Secretary General, the Directorates General were invited – between February and March – to make proposals for "programmes" with high internal coherence, attached to the pillars and sectors around which the activities of the Organisation are structured, respecting the zero-growth principle. As a result, in April 2015 the following presentation has emerged:

PILLAR - DEMOCRACY

Sector – Promoting Participation and Diversity

Programme: Valuing Culture, Nature and Heritage

This programme will comprise four "expected results" as follows:

1. Addressing the challenges of digitisation in culture
2. Biodiversity challenges (Bern Convention)
3. Promoting participation and inclusion through cultural and landscape policies
4. Implementation of "Strategy 21" and conventions in the field of cultural heritage.

The "expected results" will describe the activities, the implementation methods, the objectives to be attained and the 'achievements', namely the measurable elements such as the number of conventions ratified, reports produced, visits made, legal texts finalised, events organised etc.

This move is in line with the wish of the Committee of Ministers that programmes (and activities) be less numerous but better funded to give them the critical mass required to achieve impact and lasting results.

As regards the resources, the 2016-2017 budget is being prepared on a "zero growth" basis, meaning that the overall appropriations will remain the same as in 2014-2015 while at the same time allowing for a reallocation of resources in line with the new priorities as highlighted by the Secretary General: "upholding democratic governance and fostering democratic citizenship in society through education, culture, youth and civil society" (CM(2015)81).

Accordingly, while the overall total will not change (€783,000) it is proposed at this stage – no decision has yet been taken by the Committee of Ministers – to allocate operational resources (excluding staff and Steering Committee) as follows:

Expected result 1: €100,000
 Expected result 3: €195,000
 Expected result 4: €488,000.

The Committee should be also aware that extra-budgetary resources (voluntary contributions) are regularly received with regard to specific projects in such fields of "culture" (such as digitisation and the Indicators framework) and "landscape" (such as the work of the conference on the Landscape Convention and educational materials) and that Joint EU/Council of Europe programmes fund other activities in the field of "heritage".

The Committee of Ministers will discuss the Secretary General's proposals before the summer break and give the Secretariat the appropriate guidance for the finalisation of the budget and programme by next September. The adoption of both documents is expected in November 2015.

Action

The Committee is invited to take note of the information contained in this document. The Secretariat is ready to provide additional information, if available at the time of the discussion.