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EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT

MEETING OF THE BUREAU

OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT CORRESPONDENTS

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING REPORT

8 March 2022 (1,5 hour long)

PARTICIPANTS:

Bureau members:

Mikaella Mala (MM): Chair
Alessandro Balducci (AB): Vice-Chair
Anton Micallef (AM) : Vice-Chair
Nataša Holcinger (NH): Ex-Chair

Council of Europe (CoE) Secretariat:

Matjaz Gruden (MG) Director, Democratic Participation Directorate
Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons (MDP): Head of Landscape, Environment and Major Hazards Division
Krzysztof Zyman (KZ): EUR-OPA Executive Secretary
Catherine Emezie (CE): EUR-OPA Secretariat

1. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AP/CAT(2022)OJ03

The Executive Secretary welcomed the participants. He informed the Bureau about the aims of the meeting. The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESOLUTION CM/RES(2022)1 ON LEGAL AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FROM ITS RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR THE EUR-OPA MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT

Bureau members discussed the consequences of the Resolution [CM/RES\(2022\)1](#).

The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted at their 1246th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, held on 25 February 2022, a Decision CM/Del/Dec(2022)1426ter/2.3 to suspend the Russian Federation from its rights of representation in the Council of Europe in accordance with Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe. This suspension took immediate effect in respect of the rights of representation of the Russian Federation in the Committee of Ministers and in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

On 2 March, the CM, at the 1427th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies adopted a Resolution CM/Res(2022)1 on legal and financial consequences of the suspension of the Russian Federation from its rights of representation in the Council of Europe. Point 8 of this Resolution states that "[t]he suspension of the Russian Federation will not affect its right of participation in partial agreements of which it is a member, unless otherwise decided by the governing body of the partial agreement concerned".

M. Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, clarified that the Committee of Ministers continues to discuss further measures to implement Decision CM/Del/Dec(2022)1426ter/2.3 of the Committee of Ministers, in particular with regard to the right of representation of the Russian Federation in partial agreements of which it is a member.

With regard to Resolution CM/Res(2022)1 K. Zyman, specified that under the Agreement's [Rules of Procedure](#) only the Committee of Permanent Correspondents is entitled to take a decision, which in no case could be that of suspension of the right of representation of the Russian Federation in the Agreement. However, the CPC may decide to make a request to the CM to suspend the right of representation of the Russian Federation in the Agreement. A two-thirds majority is required for any such decision.

K. Zyman pointed out further that, in accordance with Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure, dates of a CPC meeting are, as a rule, set at the previous meeting. The date for the next meeting was set at the 77th CPC meeting for 17 and 18 November 2022. Any additional meeting could only be held upon a request of a Permanent Correspondent addressed to the Executive Secretary, if accepted by two-thirds of the Permanent Correspondents. No request for such meeting has been made to date.

Decisions: The Bureau has instructed the Executive Secretary to draft a letter to Permanent Correspondents, informing them about the decisions taken with regard to the right of representation of the Russian Federation in the Council of Europe's bodies, taking into account the forthcoming CM decision with regard to the right of representation of the Russian Federation in partial agreements of which it is a member.

Should there be a request from a Permanent Correspondent addressed to the Executive Secretary to hold an additional meeting of the CPC, accepted by two-thirds of the Permanent Correspondents, the Executive Secretary shall convene a Bureau meeting to decide on the date.

3. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT CPC MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the CPC is to be decided.