

# THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

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## **Resolution 365 (2014) / Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member States of the Council of Europe and other States**

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe,

1. Considering:

*a.* its Resolution 296 (2010) REV and its Recommendation 280 (2010) REV on the Role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of human rights;

*b.* the reply adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 July 2011 at the 1118th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies on the role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of human rights (CM/Cong(2011)Rec280 final) whereby the Committee of Ministers welcomes the Congress initiatives in the field of human rights at local level;

*c.* the explanatory memorandum relating to this resolution;

2. Taking note of the previous reports adopted by the Congress on "The role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of human rights" (2010), "Developing indicators to raise awareness of human rights at local and regional level" (2011), and of the report relating to this resolution on "Best practices of implementation of human rights at local and regional level in member States of the Council of Europe and other States" (2014);

3. Conscious of the pre-eminent and leading role that governments play in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

4. Encourages local and regional authorities in member States and non-member States with whom the Council of Europe is carrying out co-operation activities, to exchange good practices in the area of human rights at local and regional level;

5. Invites its Monitoring Committee to make use of the opportunity provided by monitoring visits to meet local and regional elected representatives and continue its activities of awareness raising on the role that local authorities can play in promoting human rights at local and regional level, in co-operation with other bodies of the Council of Europe and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;

6. Undertakes to organise a human rights forum with the participation of elected local and regional representatives, experts and other stakeholders at regular intervals to exchange information and good practices.

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1. Debated and adopted by the Congress on 25 March 2014, 1st sitting (see Document [CG\(26\)5FINAL](#) explanatory memorandum), rapporteur: Lars O. Molin, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE).