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# **COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM (CDCT)**

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## **MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CDCT**

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## **I. THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

### **RESOLUTION (CM/RES(2011)24) ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEES AND SUBORDINATE BODIES, THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORKING METHODS**

Appendix 1 (Rules of Procedure for Council of Europe committees) to Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 provides:

#### **Article 12 – Chair**

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.

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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 Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be one year. It may be renewed once.

#### **Article 13 – Bureau**

a. Every steering and ad hoc committee may appoint a bureau consisting of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and a limited number of other members of the committee. The number of other members shall be specified in the committee's terms of reference. Any other committee may, if need be, appoint a bureau composed, normally, of not more than three members in addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair. The functions of the Bureau are:

- to assist the Chair in conducting the committee's business;
- to supervise the preparation of meetings at the committee's request;
- to ensure continuity between meetings as necessary;
- to execute other additional specific tasks delegated by its Committee.

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d. The term of office of such members shall correspond to the duration of the mandate of the committee and may be renewed once. However, a member may, on expiry of her/his second term, be appointed Chair or Vice-Chair. In order to ensure partial replacement of the Bureau each year, the first term of at least one such member shall be limited to one year.

e. A member elected to replace another whose term of office has not expired shall complete her/his predecessor's term. The same shall apply to the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair.

## II. THE CDCT BUREAU, CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

1. Thus, in accordance with Resolution (2011)24, the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the CDCT are elected for a maximum of two years (one year renewable once) and the members of the Bureau for a maximum of four years (two years renewable once). A Bureau member may be elected to the post of Chair or Vice-Chair, in which case the provisions regarding the term of office and possible renewal of these offices would apply, as from the time of the appointment as Chair or Vice-Chair.

2. The procedure for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the CDCT is the same as for the members of the Bureau. Such elections require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot.

3. The current situation is as follows:

Ms Ileana VISOIU (Romania)	elected Chair	2020 (to be renewed for 2021)
Mr Antonis PAPAMATTHAIOU (Greece)	elected Vice-Chair	2020 (to be renewed for 2021)
Ms Päivi KAIRAMO (Finland)	elected	2020-2021 (+2)
Mario JANEČEK (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	elected	2020-2021 (+2)
Georgy MIKHNO (Russian Federation)	elected	2020-2021 (+2)
Mr Derhan DOĞAN (Turkey)	to be elected	Resigned
Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy)	Elected as Chair of the Consultation of the Parties	2020-2021 (+2)

4. The terms of office of the Chair (Ms Visoiu) and of the Vice-Chair (Mr Papamatthaiou) can be renewed for one year.

5. Mr Dogan has resigned from the CDCT Bureau.

6. Mr Piacente is member of the Bureau ex officio as whose term of office is of two year, renewable once. Consequently, his mandate as a member of the Bureau will expire at the end of 2021, and it will be renewable once.

7. The CDCT should therefore proceed to the renewal of the terms of office of its Chair and its Vice-Chair for one additional year. The election of the new member of the Bureau (replacing Mr Dogan) is to be postponed until the CDCT can meet in person due to the limitations imposed by the system for conducting remote meetings, which currently do not allow elections to be held by secret ballot.