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**Plenary Sitting**

14.00 - 19.30, Hemicycle

	Leendert VERBEEK, <i>President of the Congress</i> , took the Chair at 14.00.
1.	<p><b>Adoption of the minutes of the sitting of the Congress on 25 October 2022</b></p> <p>The dminutes of the sitting of the Congress on 25 October 2022, contained in Documents CG(2022)43-PV-01am and CG(2022)43-PV-01pm, were adopted.</p>
2.	<p><b>Formal adoption of texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions</b></p> <p>The texts approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities, contained in Document CG(2022)43-10, were adopted.</p>
3.	<p><b>Human rights and the environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A fundamental right to the environment: a matter for local and regional authorities <i>Towards a green reading of the European Charter of Local Self-government</i></b></li> </ul> <p>The co-rapporteurs Levan ZHORZHOLIANI, Georgia (R, EPP/CCE) and Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD), presented Document CG(2022)43-15, on behalf of the Monitoring Committee and the Current Affairs Committee.</p> <p>The President welcomed Zoé ELKÆR NICOT, Denmark (Youth delegate), and invited her to make a statement.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Joris BENGEOVOORD, Netherlands (L, SOC/G/PD); Heiner KLEMP, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD); Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD); Tahir BUYUKAKIN, Turkey (R, EPP/CCE); Bara Ork MELSTED, Iceland (Youth delegate); Cemal BAS, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE); Humbat HUSEYNOV, Azerbaijan (L, EPP/CCE); Peter JOHN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Philippine LEVY, France (Youth delegate); Jean-Paul BASTIN, Belgium (L, EPP/CCE); Shabir PANDOR, United Kingdom (R, SOC/G/PD); Clemens LAMMERSKITTEN, Germany (L, EPP/CCE); Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD); Xavier CADORET, France (L, SOC/G/PD); Gunes PEHLIVAN, Turkey (R, SOC/G/PD); Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden (R, ILDG); and Mariya BADEVA, Bulgaria (Youth delegate).</p> <p>Belinda GOTTARDI, Levan ZHORZHOLIANI and Zoé ELKÆR NICOT, replied to the debate.</p>

	<p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft resolution, contained in Document CG(2022)43-15 and amendment 1 tabled to it, contained in Document CG(2022)43-15AMDT.</p> <p>Amendment 1 was presented by rapporteur Levan ZHORZHOLIANI.</p> <p>The amendment was agreed to.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft resolution, as amended.</p> <p>The draft resolution as amended, was adopted.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation, in Document CG(2022)43-15 and the 2 amendments tabled to it, contained in Document CG(2022)43-15AMDT.</p> <p>Amendment 1 was presented by rapporteur Levan ZHORZHOLIANI.</p> <p>The amendment was agreed to.</p> <p>Amendment 2 was presented by rapporteur Belinda GOTTARDI.</p> <p>The amendment was agreed to.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation, as amended.</p> <p>The draft recommendation as amended, was adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Human rights handbook for local and regional authorities: Volume III: environment and sustainable development</b></li> </ul> <p>The rapporteur Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG), presented Document CG(2022)43-20, on behalf of the Monitoring Committee.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Eirini DOUROU, Greece (R, SOC/G/PD); Sofia BARBEIRO, Portugal (Youth delegate); Alexander BOOMGAARS, Netherlands (L, SOC/G/PD); Jorge SEQUEIRA, Portugal (L, SOC/G/PD); Nina KOISTINEN, Ireland (Youth delegate); Martine DIESCHBURG-NICKELS, Luxembourg (L, ILDG); Annika VAIKLA, Estonia (L, ILDG); Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR); and Rachel BAILEY, United Kingdom (R, ECR).</p> <p>Harald BERGMANN replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft resolution, contained in Document CG(2022)43-20 and the 2 amendments tabled to it, contained in Document CG(2022)43-20-AMDT.</p> <p>Amendment 1 was presented by rapporteur Harald BERGMANN.</p> <p>Amendment 1 was agreed to.</p> <p>Amendment 2 was presented by rapporteur Harald BERGMANN.</p> <p>Amendment 2 was agreed to.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft resolution, as amended.</p> <p>The draft resolution as amended, was adopted.</p>
	<p><i>Bernd VÖHRINGER 1<sup>st</sup> President of the Congress, took the Chair at 15.37.</i></p>
4.	<p><b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Sweden</b></p> <p>The co-rapporteurs Harald BERGMANN, Netherlands (L, ILDG) and Matija KOVAC, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE), presented Document CG(2022)43-12, on behalf of the Monitoring Committee.</p>

	<p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE); Rafet VERGILI, Turkey (L, ECR); Cemal BAS, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE); and Amelie TARSCHYS INGRE, Sweden (L, ILDG).</p> <p>Harald BERGMANN and Matija KOVAC replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation, contained in Document CG(2022)43-12.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p>
	<p><i>Harald SONDEREGGER 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Congress, took the Chair at 16.06.</i></p>
5.	<p><b>Presentation of grass-roots projects by the youth delegates (Document CG(2022)43-23)</b></p> <p>The Vice-President welcomed Nina KOISTINEN, Ireland, Ioana LIVADARIU, Romania, Andzela RUDZITE, Latvia, Prodromos TZOUNOPOULOS, Greece, and Elena MANSO PALAO, Spain (Youth delegates), and invited them to make a statement.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Soeren SCHUMACHER, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD); Andrew LEADBETTER, United Kingdom (L, ECR); Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, Belgium (R, SOC/G/PD); Jose BENLLOCH FERNANDEZ, Spain (L, SOC/G/PD); Jose Luis BLANCO MORENO, Spain (L, SOC/G/PD); Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR); Heiner KLEMP, Germany (R, SOC/G/PD); Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden (R, ILDG); Philippine LEVY, France (Youth delegate); Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG); and Aysegul OBALI, Turkey (R, ILDG).</p> <p>Prodromos TZOUNOPOULOS, Ioana LIVADARIU, Elena MANSO PALAO, and Andzela RUDZITE, (Youth delegates), replied to the debate.</p> <p><i>The Vice-President called Cemal BAS, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE) on a Point of Order on the Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Sweden debate (agenda item 4). The Vice-President noted the Point of Order.</i></p> <p>The debate was closed.</p>
6.	<p><b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the Czech Republic</b></p> <p>The co-rapporteurs Viorel FURDUI, Republic of Moldova (L, ILDG) and Jani KOKKO, Finland (L, SOC/G/PD), presented Document CG(2022)43-17, on behalf of the Monitoring Committee.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Zdenek BROZ, Czech Republic (L, ECR); Alexandr KURIL, Czech Republic (Youth delegate); and Gyorgy ILLES, Hungary (L, ILDG).</p> <p>Jani KOKKO and Viorel FURDUI, replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p> <p>The Congress proceeded to vote on the draft recommendation, contained in Document CG(2022)43-17.</p> <p>The draft recommendation was adopted.</p> <p>The Vice-President welcomed David SLÁMA, Acting Deputy Minister of the Interior Public Administration and eGovernment, of the Czech Republic and invited him to make a statement.</p> <p>The Acting Deputy Minister made a statement and replied to the following Speakers:</p>

	<p>Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR); and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD).</p> <p>The Vice-President thanked the Acting Deputy Minister.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>End of the sitting</b></p> <p><i>The sitting was closed at 17.37.</i></p>