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**Plenary Sitting**

09.30 - 13.00, European Parliament Hemicycle

	<i>Bernd VÖHRINGER, 1st Vice-President of the Congress, took the Chair at 9.32.</i>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Adoption of the minutes of the sessions of the chambers and of the sitting of the Congress on 22 March 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the sessions of the chambers and the sitting of the Congress on 22 March 2023, contained in Documents CPL(2023)44-PV, CPR(2023)44-PV and CG(2023)44-PV-02, were adopted.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Statement by Dagur B. EGGERTSSON, Mayor of Reykjavik, Iceland</b></p> <p>The President welcomed Dagur B. EGGERTSSON, Mayor of Reykjavik and invited him to make a statement.</p> <p>Dagur B. EGGERTSSON made a statement.</p> <p>The President thanked Dagur B. EGGERTSSON, and gave the floor to the following speakers:</p> <p>Belinda GOTTARDI, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD); Selina COMO, Albania (Youth Delegate); and Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom (R, ECR).</p> <p>Dagur B. EGGERTSSON replied.</p>
	<i>Leendert VERBEEK, President of the Congress, took the Chair at 10.08.</i>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-government in Romania</b></p> <p>The co-rapporteurs David ERAY, Switzerland (R, EPP/CCE) and Marc COOLS, Belgium (L, ILDG) presented the draft recommendation contained in Document CG(2023)44-11, on behalf of the Monitoring Committee.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Catalin TOMA, Romania (R, EPP/CCE); Leon STAUFER, Germany (Youth Delegate); Anna MAGYAR, Hungary (R, EPP/CCE); and Cezara Demetra CORDUNEANU, Andorra (Youth Delegate).</p> <p>Marc COOLS, corapporteur, and Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Chair of the Monitoring Committee, 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(2023)44-11.</p> <p>The recommendation was adopted.</p> <p><b>Statement by Attila-Zoltán CSEKE, Minister for Development, Public Works and Administration of Romania</b></p> <p>The President welcomed Attila-Zoltán CSEKE and invited him to make a statement.</p> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Stewart DICKSON, United Kingdom (R, ILDG); Jan MARKINK, Netherlands (R, ILDG); Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (R, EPP/CCE); Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Austria (L, SOC/G/PD); and Maria Francesca CRISTEA, Romania (Youth Delegate).</p> <p>Attila-Zoltán CSEKE replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p>
4.	<p><b>Resilience of cities and regions in the face of multiple crises</b></p> <p>Andrew BOFF, United Kingdom, (R, ECR) made a statement.</p> <p>The President welcomed the following speakers and invited them to make a statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uğur İbrahim ALTAY, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye, Executive President of United Cities and Local Governments;</li> <li>• Marvin REES, Mayor of Bristol, United Kingdom (via video link);</li> <li>• Dema ELYA, Youth Delegate, Netherlands</li> </ul> <p>The debate was opened.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Cemal BAS, Türkiye (L, EPP/CCE); Oleksandr KORINNYI, Ukraine (L, ILDG); Tamraz TAGHIYEV, Azerbaijan (L, EPP/CCE); Heather BRANNAN MCVEY, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Darleen PFISTER, Switzerland (Youth Delegate); Giulio BERNASCONI, Italy (Youth Delegate); Thomas ANDERSSON, Sweden (R, ILDG); Bryony RUDKIN, United Kingdom (L, SOC/G/PD); Vuk MIRCETIC, Serbia (R, EPP/CCE); Hasan AKGUN, Türkiye (L, SOC/G/PD); Hilmi GULER, Türkiye (L, EPP/CCE); Ferhat YILMAZ, Türkiye (L, ILDG); Davit KHAZHAKYAN, Armenia (L, ILDG); Zeynep GUNER, Türkiye (Youth Delegate); Lale BEKTAS, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD); and Adalet FIDAN, Türkiye (R, SOC/G/PD).</p> <p>Uğur İbrahim ALTAY, Marvin REES, Dema ELYA and Andrew BOFF replied to the debate.</p> <p>The debate was closed.</p>
5.	<p><b>Adoption of the abridged report of the 44th Session</b></p> <p>The abridged report of the 44th Session, contained in Document CG(2023)44-DEC was adopted.</p>
6.	<p><b>Close of the 44th Session by the President of the Congress</b></p> <p>The President addressed the Congress and thanked members for their participation in the work of the Congress and the two chambers. The President also thanked the interpreters and all the staff who had contributed to the work of the Session.</p> <p>The President noted that the 45th Session would take place from 24 to 26 October 2023.</p> <p>The President declared the 44th Session of the Congress and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe closed at 13.06.</p> <p><i>The European Anthem was played.</i></p>