

Appendix 3 – Future participation of representatives of the Belarusian democratic forces in Congress sessions and meeting

The Bureau decided:

- i. to appoint a Congress rapporteur for a democratic Belarus who shall be entrusted with following the situation in this regard and keeping the Bureau informed of key developments, including in relation to the Belarusian democratic forces and civil society;
- ii. to invite the Co-ordination Council to appoint from among its members elected on 25-27 May 2024 three representatives of the Belarusian democratic forces to attend the sessions of the Congress and its Chambers to be held in 2025 and the committee meetings held during these sessions; three substitutes may also be appointed, each of whom may replace a representative should the need arise;
- iii. in making these appointments, the Co-ordination Council shall ensure fair representation of the political parties, groups or factions within the Co-ordination Council and shall include amongst the representatives and amongst the substitutes at least one member of the gender that is less well represented in the Co-ordination Council;
- iv. the Co-ordination Council shall transmit the list of persons appointed to the President of the Congress by the closing date for registration for the first session of the Congress following this Bureau decision;
- v. the representatives, or the substitutes duly replacing them, shall have the right to speak in the above-mentioned sessions, subject to the consent of the President of the Congress or of the relevant Chamber, and in the above-mentioned committee meetings, subject to the consent of the chairperson of the committee; they shall not have the right to vote;
- vi. the Co-ordination Council may appoint one secretary/advisor to assist the representatives and substitutes, who may accompany them to sessions and committee meetings, without the right to speak or vote;
- vii. the representatives of Belarusian democratic forces may participate in meetings of the political groups of the Congress at the discretion of the groups themselves and according to the conditions established by the groups;
- viii. travel and subsistence expenses arising from the participation of the representatives and, if applicable, their secretary/advisor, shall not be charged to the ordinary budget of the Congress;
- ix. the Bureau shall take stock of the implementation of this decision in December 2025, or earlier should this be considered necessary, with a view, as appropriate, to its renewal or modification or to the termination of the above arrangements.