



AUTUMN SESSION CONFERENCE OF INGOs CONF/PLE(2019)OJ4

MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOs Draft Agenda Thursday 31 October 2019 9.30-13.00 Palais– Room 1

1. Opening of the meeting by Anna RURKA, President of the Conference of INGOs ('5)
2. Nomination of the Rapporteur of the meeting
3. Draft agenda – for adoption
4. 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe: European hymn performed by the European String Teachers Association ('10)
5. Address by Anders KNAPE, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Anders Knape ('20)
6. Exchange of views with Snezana SAMARDŽIC-MARKOVIC, Director General of Democracy ('20)
7. NGO participation in political decision-making processes in the United Kingdom - Report on the visit to the United Kingdom presented by Anna RURKA: Comments by the Government presented by Mr Christopher YVON, Ambassador, Representative of the United Kingdom to the Council of Europe, NGO perspective presented by Dr Ruth ALLEN (CEO British Association of Social Workers, IFSW) ('35)
8. NGO participation in political decision-making processes in Romania - Report on the follow-up visit to Romania presented by Anna RURKA: Comments by the Government presented by Răzvan RUSU, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Romania to the Council of Europe, NGO perspective presented by Andrei POP (Fundatia pentru Dezvoltarea Societatii Civile) and Alexandrina DINGA (Asociatia Civica) ('35)
9. NGO participation in political decision-making processes in Italy - Report on the visit to Italy presented by Anna RURKA: Comments by the Government presented by Arturo ARCANO, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the Council of Europe, NGO perspective presented by Andrea MENAPACE (Executive Director, Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights) ('35)

10. Study on the impact of changing criminal law approaches or provisions in Council of Europe Member States on NGO activities, particularly humanitarian efforts targeting refugees and other migrants: presentation of the initial results of the research carried out by Carla FERSTMANN, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Essex, member of the Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs ('20)
11. Upcoming events / activities of the Conference of INGOs: World Forum for Democracy (6-8 November 2019), fact-finding visit to Armenia (26-28 November 2019), International NGO Day (February 2020)
12. Date of the next meeting: 24 April 2020