

Standing Committee
CONF/SC(2021)SYN2

Standing Committee meeting
Report
4 March 2021
9.30 – 12.00
14.00-16.30
Online meeting (Kudo)

Members present: Anna Rurka, Karl Donert, Gerhard Ermischer, Anne Kraus, Thierry Mathieu, Simon Matthijssen, Anne Bergheim-Nègre, Richard Pirolt, Katarzyna Sokolowska (present only at the morning meeting), Claude Vivier LeGot, Christoph Spreng (joined later), Iamvi Totsi (joined later), Miguel Cabral, Rares Craiut

Absent: Robert Bergougnan, Luminita Petrescu

Proxies: Rares Craiut - Christoph Spreng, Karl Donert - Claude Vivier LeGot(in case of absence or connection issues), Simon Matthijssen - Gerhard Ermischer, Katarzyna Sokolowska – Anna Rurka (for the afternoon session), Anne Bergheim-Nègre - Claude Vivier LeGot (in case of absence or connection issue)

Also present in a non-voting consultative capacity: Annelise Oeschger

Secretariat: Mary-Ann Hennessey, Jane Crozier

- 1. Opening of the meeting by Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs**
- 2. Appointment of the rapporteur of the meeting**

Katarzyna Sokolowska and Rares Craiut were appointed for being Rapporteurs of the meetings.

- 3. Draft agenda - for adoption**

The agenda was adopted

- 4. Reports of the meeting of 14 December 2020 and of 11 January 2021**

The report from the meeting on 14 December 2020 was adopted with 1 vote against, 4 abstentions and 7 votes in favour.

The report from the meeting on 11 January 2021 was adopted with 2 votes against, 2 abstentions and 8 votes in favour.

The Standing Committee agreed on the recommendation to the future Standing Committee that the reports should have the same structure.

- 5. [Youth delegate programme 2021](#) (for information)**

The Youth delegate programme was presented. A call for the next youth delegates had been sent out with the deadline of 21 March. There is a possibility of changing the duration

of the programme, some delegates suggested to make it longer, for 2 years.

6. Verification and Dispute Committee and Appellate Committee – proposals for members by the Standing Committee (art. 40 [RoP](#)) (for decision '180)

According to the article 77 of the Rules of Procedure “the General Assembly shall appoint Delegates as Members of the Verification and Dispute Committee on a proposal from the Standing Committee after having consulted the current Chair of the Verification and Dispute Committee”. According to the article 89: “The General Assembly shall appoint Delegates as Members of the Appellate Committee on a proposal from the Standing Committee”. Two transitional provisions of the Rules of Procedure stipulate that the Verification and Dispute Committee, established under the former Rules of Procedure shall be the Verification and Dispute Committee until a new one is established at the next session of the Conference of INGOs and the Appellate Committee under these Rules of Procedure shall be constituted at the next session of the Conference of INGOs.

On the basis of the above, each member of the Standing Committee was invited to propose one candidate for the Verification and Dispute Committee and one for the Appellate Committee. The candidates were asked for the agreement and their short bio /CV was shared within the Standing Committee. Not all members of the Standing Committee have proposed candidates. In total the Standing Committee take note of 6 candidates for the Verification and Disputes Committee and 7 candidates for the Appellate Committee. Some members of the Standing Committee submitted the proposal to appoint more candidates than seats for each committee. This proposal was voted and not adopted. The Standing Committee decide (11 pro and 3 against) to present 5 candidates for 5 seats for each of the committee.

The vote on all candidatures took place via mail. Each member of the Standing Committee sent an email to the Secretariat with their choice of the 5 candidates for each committee. Proxies were taken into account. The results of vote were are follows:

Proposals from the Standing Committee for the Verification & Dispute Committee / Propositions de la Commission permanente pour les membres du Comité de vérification et de litige

Results of the vote / résultats du vote

Cyril RITCHIE (Civicus)	14
Michalis MITTAS (EYBA)	14
Marie Claire GALIBERT (FIAPA)	12
Jean-Bernard MARIE (Justicia Pax)	11
Anne KRAUS (CISV)	10
Sebastien FANTI (IARHH)	5

Proposals from the Standing Committee for the Appellate Committee / Propositions de la Commission permanente pour les membres du Comité d'appel

Results of the vote / résultats du vote

Kekli KPOGNON ((QCEA)	14
Jean Jacques KUSTER ((EUR)	13

Aycke SMOOK (RtDE)	12
Marie José SCHMITT (AEH)	11
Daniel GUERY (MIAMSI)	11
Gilbert FLAM (LICRA)	5
Thierry MATHIEU (IARHH)	5

7. Adoption of the calendar and programme of the Spring Session (for decision)

The calendar for the Spring Session was adopted. Agendas for specific meetings will be sent soon to the Standing Committee.

Discussion regarding the future thematic committees took place. The Standing Committee agreed that it would be good to give recommendations on behalf of the Standing Committee during the General Assembly. Proposals sent by INGOs will be translated in both French and English languages.

8. Preparation of the elections.

- Arrangements specified by the Verification and Disputes Committee regarding information campaign by the candidates during electoral campaigning were shared with the Standing Committee members (art. 113 RoP)
- The Standing Committee agreed to propose online opportunities for the INGOs and the candidates to meet online before the election, taking into account the health crisis and the lack of informal discussion during the Spring session. The Standing Committee will submit a proposal to the Verification and Dispute Committee and ask the latter to give advice on the programme and the rules to be respected.
- Regarding the fact that session will be online and in order to avoid any technical problems, the Standing Committee proposed to the Verification and Dispute Committee to recommend to the candidates to prepare a short video presentation that could be used during the General Assembly in case of connection difficulties.
- The Secretariat gave information about the electronic system that will be used for voting

9. List of [INGOs granted with participatory status in 2020](#)

The Secretariat shared the information about the INGOs whose acquisition of participatory status has been confirmed.

10. Date of the next meeting – 26 April 2021 (10.00-12.30)

11. Any other business