

CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF EUROPE

Resolution 110 (2001)¹ on financial relations between state, regional and local authorities in federal states Conclusions of the Moscow International Conference (5-7 October 2000)

The Congress,

1. Bearing in mind:

– conclusions of monitoring visits to the Russian Federation in 1999 (CG/Bur (5) 145);

– Recommendation 64 (1999) on the state of local finances in the Federal Republic of Germany;

– Final Declaration of the Ancona Conference on responsibilities and finances of local and regional authorities;

– Recommendation 79 (2000) and the fourth general report on application of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the member states of the Council of Europe: “The financial resources of local authorities in relations to their responsibilities: a litmus test for subsidiarity”;

– Recommendation Rec(2000)14 of the Committee of Ministers to the member states on local taxation, financial equalisation and grants to local authorities;

2. Taking into account the report CG (8) 7 on financial relations between state, regions and municipalities presented by Dr Gerhard Engel (Germany, L) at the 8th Plenary Session of the Congress (29-31 May 2001) and the Recommendation 98 (2001);

3. Welcomes the initiative to hold, for the first time ever, a conference on financial relations between state, regions and municipalities;

4. Reiterates its commitment to promoting the subsidiarity principle laid down in Article 4, paragraph 3 of the Charter, in particular with regard to financial autonomy of local and regional authorities;

5. Deems it necessary to monitor how the conclusions of the Moscow Conference will be taken into account by the member states of the Council of Europe;

6. Believes that, in the years to come, the Congress should consider organising a second conference on financial relations between state, regions and municipalities with a view of examining to what extent the governments of the member states have taken into account the recommendations laid down in the Final Declaration of the Moscow Conference.

1. Debated by the Congress and adopted on 30 May 2001, 2nd Sitting (see Doc. CG (8) 7, draft resolution presented by Dr G. Engel, rapporteur).