

# CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF EUROPE

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## **Resolution 110 (2001)<sup>1</sup> 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.

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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).