

THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Resolution 464 (2021)¹ Verification of new members' credentials

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe,

1. taking into account the renewal of the national delegations for a five-year mandate from March 2021 to March 2026;
2. in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Congress Charter and Rule 6 of the Congress Rules and Procedures;
3. welcoming the fact that many member States have taken the opportunity offered by the revised Charter adopted in January 2020, and the revised Rules and Procedures adopted in October 2019, to allocate their members to chambers according to their territorial structures;
4. recalling that 498 of the 622 members proposed by the authorities of the member States have already signed the Code of Conduct for Congress members and the Declaration of Interests in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress;
5. regretting that the Portuguese authorities were unable to submit a delegation that met the criteria of the Charter and the Rules and Procedures of the Congress;

1. Debated and adopted by the Congress on 23 March 2021, 1st sitting (see Document CG(2021)40-02), co-rapporteurs: Harald SONDEREGGER, Austria (R, EPP/CCE) and Barbara TOCE, Italy (L, SOC/G/PD).

6. recalling that 12 seats remained vacant in the proposed delegations and that 124 proposed members have not yet signed the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests of Congress members in accordance with Rule 6 of the Congress Rules and Procedures;

7. taking into account the opinion of the rapporteurs responsible for the verification of the credentials of new members, concluding that the 46 proposed national delegations as set out in Document CG40(2021)13 comply with the criteria of the Charter of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;

8. taking into account the decision of the Bureau of the Congress of 12 February 2021 approving the proposed delegations for the 2021-2026 term of mandate, and agreeing to submit them for ratification to the Congress on 23 March 2021 at the opening of its 40th Session subject to the signature of the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests of Congress members,

9. approves the credentials of members of national delegations as set out in Document CG40(2021)13² subject to the signature of the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests of Congress members;

10. invites those members who have not yet done so to proceed without delay to sign the Code of Conduct and the Declaration of Interests of Congress members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6 of the Rules and Procedures of the Congress;

11. invites the authorities of the member States concerned to fill the vacant seats in accordance with the applicable provisions, as soon as possible.

2. Due to its size, the appendix to this resolution is not reproduced here. It is available online.