Council of Europe International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addictions (Pompidou Group)

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BUREAU MEETING OF PERMANENT CORRESPONDENTS

List of Decisions

Strasbourg/online, 29 September 2026

1. The Bureau members **adopted the meeting agenda**.

2. The Bureau adopted the **report of the 98th Committee of Permanent Correspondents** (1-2 June 2026, Vienna).

3. The Bureau took note of the updates provided by the Presidency, the Executive Secretary and Bureau members.

4. The Bureau took note of the updates on the 2026 budget, the 2027 budget forecast, voluntary contributions and the Tunisia project.

The Bureau mandated the Presidency to raise the staffing issue with Director General Gianluca Esposito and to advocate for maintaining the seven existing posts in 2027. The Bureau underlined that it was not seeking additional budgetary resources, but that the budget reduction due to the withdrawal of France should be absorbed through a reduction in the operational budget only.

The Bureau also asked the Secretariat to prepare a letter from the Presidency inviting Permanent Correspondents to engage with their respective Permanent Representatives before 8 October.

5. The Bureau took note of the report on implementation of the Work Programme 2026–2029 and gave instructions to improve the structure of document P-PG(2026)21.

6. The Bureau agreed on the follow-up to the discussion on membership and engagement dynamics through the setting-up of a working group. The Presidency will contact Permanent Correspondents regarding the proposed working group and keep the Bureau informed.

7. The Bureau took note of the update on preparations for the Drafting Committee on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions (BIO-ALN).

8. The Secretariat will prepare the draft agenda for the 99th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents, considering the items discussed by the Bureau.

9. The Bureau agreed that its first meeting in 2027 would be held in Paris on 1–2 February. The 100th PC meeting will take place in Strasbourg, with the date to be confirmed.

10. The Bureau took note of the information provided and concluded its discussion under this item.

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APPENDIX II: List of Participants

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