

# THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

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## Resolution 370 (2014)<sup>1</sup> Verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures<sup>2</sup>

The Congress,

1. With regard to the official appointment procedures for national delegations to the Congress:

*a.* approves the new appointment procedures for Cyprus and Latvia;

*b.* approves the new appointment procedure for Turkey and notes that the metropolitan councils as well as the provinces have been added to the list of authorities that compose the regional delegation to the Congress;

*c.* regrets that, despite the reminders sent to member States, some countries have still not revised their official procedure;

*d.* invites countries which have not yet done so to use the form prepared by the Congress secretariat for this purpose to present their appointment procedures.

2. Regarding the gender balance in the Congress delegations:

*a.* reiterates the fact that a delegation which complies with Article 2.2.d of the Congress Charter must include a minimum of 30% of members of the under-represented sex among the representatives and 30% among the substitutes;

*b.* reminds delegations that, when the quota of 30% of members of the under-represented sex is no longer attained due to a death, resignation, or a loss of mandate, any new designations must re-establish the quota of the under-represented sex.

3. With regard to the electoral mandate of Congress members and the provisions of Article 2.6 of the Congress Charter:

*a.* reminds delegations that a Congress member is appointed for a four-year term of office and may only be replaced in the case of death, loss of mandate or resignation;

*b.* reminds delegations that members of the Congress who have lost their mandate should be replaced as soon as possible and that such members may not retain membership for more than six months after their mandate has expired;

*c.* regrets that, following local or regional elections, the names of the members of a delegation who have lost their mandate is not always immediately communicated to the Congress and that, as such, some non-reelected members have remained in their delegations well beyond the six-month deadline;

*d.* reminds delegations that the resignation of members cannot be used to avoid implementing the provisions of Article 2.6 of the Congress Charter.

*e.* Proposes that the credentials of the members of the national delegations, as contained in the appendix to this resolution, be approved.

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1. Debated and adopted by the Congress on 14 October 2014, 1st Sitting (see Document CG(27)2), rapporteurs: Anders Knape, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE) and Ludmila Sfirloaga, Romania (R, SOC)

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