

THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Resolution 377 (2015)¹ Verification of new members' credentials and new appointment procedures

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

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

a. approves the new appointment procedure for Iceland; and

b. invites member States which have not yet done so to present their appointment procedures using the form prepared by the Congress secretariat for this purpose;

2. With regard to the vacant seats in Congress delegations:

a. notes, with concern, a significant increase in vacant seats in the delegations;

b. further notes a significant increase in the number of resignations, and that said resignations are sometimes used to avoid implementing the provisions of Article 2.6 of the Charter of the Congress;

c. wishes to remind delegations that the resignations must be notified to the President of the Congress and to his/her national delegation by the delegate himself/herself;

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

a. delegates are appointed for a four-year term of office and may only be replaced in the case of death, resignation or loss of mandate;

b. a delegate having lost his/her mandate should be replaced as soon as possible and that he/she may not retain membership for more than six months after the loss of mandate;

c. changes in the delegations must be notified to the Congress by the body empowered to do so, as indicated in the official procedure for appointing national delegations;

4. Asks national delegations to remind their authorities that the next renewal session of all national delegations will take place in October 2016 and that the lists of proposed delegates must in all cases be submitted together with the results of the latest local and regional elections;

5. Proposes that the credentials of the members of the national delegations, as contained in the appendix² to this resolution, be approved.

1. Debated and adopted by the Congress on 23 March 2015, 1st Sitting (see Document CG/2015(28)2, rapporteurs: Gaye Doganoglu, Turkey (L, EPP/CCE) and Leen Verbeek, Netherlands (R, SOC).

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