

**25<sup>th</sup> Session**

Strasbourg, 29-31 October 2013

## **Verification of new members' credentials**

Resolution 356 (2013)<sup>1</sup>

The Congress:

1. Draws national delegations' attention to the provisions relating to the term of office of delegates as set out in Article 3.3 of the Congress' Statutory Resolution, namely that such delegates are appointed until the next renewal session and that withdrawal from the delegation by the responsible authority before the end of that term of office may be made only if delegates have lost their local or regional mandate, have resigned or have died, regardless of whether local or regional elections have taken place;
2. Indicates that, in the context of the resignation of all members of a delegation before the next Congress renewal session, the new delegation proposed by the responsible authorities of the member state in question must respect the equitable representation of the various political forces on the basis of the results of the last local and regional elections, as well as the other criteria;
3. Reminds all delegates of their obligation to sign a written declaration affirming and stating that they subscribe to the aims and basic principles of the Council of Europe;
4. Approves the credentials of the members of national delegations, as contained in the appendix to this resolution.

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<sup>1</sup>. Debated and adopted by the Congress on 29 October 2013, 1st Sitting (see Document [CG\(25\)2](#)), Rapporteurs: Anders KNAPE, Sweden (L, EPP/CCE) and Ludmila SFIRLOAGA, Romania (R, SOC)