

# International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)

## **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

## **OF THE BOARDS AND**

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Bucharest, 9-10 October 2019** 

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#### **BOARD 1**

- 1. The agenda was adopted without modification.
- 2. The Board establishes the GA agenda and authorizes the transmission to the GA of the activity and the financial reports, as well as the rest of the documents sent regarding the various items of the agenda. In this regard, the French ESEC stresses the importance of correcting the issues encountered during the dissemination of some documents, by ensuring that SG receives them correctly.
- 3. The Board notes that there are more applications than seats to be filled at the next Board in the regions of Europe, Africa and Asia / Eurasia / Middle East. Then it is necessary to reach an agreement on those continents.
- 4. In his last intervention, President Baciu underlined the particular efforts that his presidency made to strengthen the visual identity of AICESIS and improve the reception of information on this Association.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. The agenda was adopted without modification.
- 2. <u>2017-2019 President and 2018 Activity Reports</u>. President Baciu presents a document summarizing the main activities of his presidency, in chronological order and highlighting the high degree of compliance with his roadmap. The SG then presents the 2018 activity report, placing it in the context of the Presidency roadmap and highlighting the diversity of activities carried out. These reports are approved.
- 3. <u>2018 Financial Report and 2019/2020 budget forecasts</u>. Many delegations expressed their interest in improving contributions, given the strong dependence of the Association's efficiency on these revenues. In this line, the GA reaffirms the importance of this question of the sufficiency of the economic means and proposes to return in the next Board, in search of formulas to improve the Association incomes, by acting in the Articles frame including to review the fees amount.

Likewise, the SG brought clarifications on the nature of the forecasts, in case of continuity of the current circumstances, of the figures relating to 2020, as the budget for this year will be prepared on the basis of the priorities of the new presidency.

The GA adopts the 2018 report, as well as the forecast account for 2019 and grants the SG its discharge for its management.

#### 4. Cooperation with the UN ECOSOC and the ILO.

Mrs. Mezoui, AICESIS Permanent Representative to ECOSOC, describes the collaboration established with the UN ECOSOC, in particular during the working meetings held last July with some ECOSOC high representatives focusing on the coincidence of many lines of work of the AICESIS with the SDGs and the importance of the possible contributions of the AICESIS because of its statute of multilateral institution and of consultative nature, representing the civil society.

Ms. Okumura, speaking on behalf of the ILO Social Dialogue Department, said that the ILO was very satisfied with the results of its cooperation with AICESIS, symbolized by the

renewal of the Cooperation Agreement and by the immediate celebration of the joint conference.

- 5. <u>Presidency 2019-2021</u>. The President of the Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural Council of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. Charles Koffi Diby, was unanimously elected President of AICESIS for 2019/2021. The main working theme for the two years proposed by the Ivorian Presidency is "*An innovative AICESIS to help reducing continental inequalities and vulnerabilities*". President Diby sets out the main lines of work for the development of this subject and presents a document which details them, through a strategic plan, an action plan, reflections on different thematic areas and a guideline. The GA welcomes his presentation.
- 6. <u>Main theme</u>: President Baciu presents an activity report including the work carried out under his presidency in the framework of workshops and seminars on the theme of the digital economy. This work served as the basis for the document prepared by the rapporteur, which was sent with the corresponding documentation to the GA. The GA approves these documents and recommends maximum dissemination via internet and between the members.
- 7. Debate on the future of AICESIS. The working group document analyses the AICESIS activity, with a view to achieving its objectives and assessing the context in which the Association operates. Some guiding questions for the debate are then formulated, focused in the evaluation of the results and in the possible lines of action in the future. There was an intense debate focused on questions such as: the importance of intensifying the exchange of experiences; the need to intensify relations with international organizations; supporting role for the creation of new ESC-SIs and the activity of existing councils; the relationship of AICESIS activity with the DO; the need to strengthen the communication on AICESIS activity, both outside and vis-à-vis the Councils themselves; promoting the regional dimension of the Association or, more generally, assessing the role of AICESIS as fundamentally influenced by its Member.

#### 8. New Board and DSG.

• Africa: Benin, Ivory Coast, Mali, Senegal, DRC, UCESA.

VSG: UCESA.

• Europe: Serbia, Monaco, Romania, Spain, Greece, France.

VSG: Luxembourg.

• Eurasia / Middle East: China, Russia, Jordan.

VSG: Korea.

• Latin America and the Caribbean: Curacao, Dominican Republic, St Marteen.

VSG: Curacao.

- 9. <u>Asian Social Dialogue Forum</u>. The Representative of the Korean Council announces the Forum to be held in Seoul in November. The GA welcomes this initiative.
- 10. <u>Communication Plan</u>. The SG presented the most relevant subjects contained in the note sent. The GA welcomes this presentation and stresses the importance of the fact that the website expresses the activities of AICESIS in a practical way, and the importance of using digital platforms.
- 11. Website. The SG informs on the state of play of the website. It had been promised to present it to the GA, this was not possible due to the company's lack of response to certain change requests made by the SG and because the migration of old pages did not yet been made. The GA asks the SG to move faster to finish this work.
- 12. <u>Virtual office</u>. The SG informs about the progress of the virtual office, in the terms already expressed in the note sent to the GA. The GA decides that the SG urgently opens a consultation process (15 days) with the members, to send the information on the companies

of their country which can take care of this question. Once this information has been received, the SG will contact the companies directly to negotiate, according to the specifications.

13. New members. The Guatemalan Council presented its candidacy, which was unanimously approved by the GA. Concerning the candidacy of the Tunisian Council, the President and Minister of Social Affairs cannot come to Bucharest, the GA accepts this candidacy, which will be effective at the time of the participation of this Council during the next AICESIS meeting. Concerning the International Francophone Social Dialogue, the SG informs of his contacts with the President, who has expressed his intention to join AICESIS, when the formal procedures of her institution will end. The GA welcomes this information.

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