



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

**SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD**  
**2 December 2022 – Belgrade (Serbia)**

Preceded by a conference on “*For a better future in the world of work and capital*” organized by the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Serbia and opened by the Minister of Labour of the Republic of Serbia and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Nikola Selaković, the Board meeting was held in Belgrade (Serbia) on December 2, 2022 and has brought together - under the chairmanship of Ms Lydia MIKHEEVA - 14 members, represented physically, online or by mandate, as well as 2 observers (Hungary and Peru) and the ILO. The list of participants is attached.

Thanks to the ESC of the Republic of Serbia excellent organization, the meeting was held in outstanding conditions.

**1/ Agenda:** The agenda is adopted without modification.

**2/ Main working topic**

*Living in the Age of the Internet: Looming Challenges and the Urgency to Find Solutions*

The preliminary report has been sent to all the members for their comments. The President thanked the members who actively attended the works, more particularly Algeria, Benin, Curacao, Greece, Mauritania, Serbia. The President said that the councils want their position to be included in the final report are welcome to send their comments to the Rapporteur.

In 2022, several physical and online round tables have been organized and several topics have been studied such as digital inequalities, ethical problems in the ways to use technologies, development and education, working right protection, democratic functioning of the institutions.

The final Forum to be organized at the end of the Russian Presidency will present the final report including the recommendations of the civil society on the working topic of the Presidency.

**3/ AICESIS Articles**

The President expressed her gratitude to the members who contributed to the working group works. The comparative table including the comments received from the members has been shared with the Board.

Following an extensive discussion, it was decided to support the proposal of the Economic and Social Council of the Republic of Srpska to join the Association as a full member in accordance with Article 4 of the current Articles and to propose this issue for the next GA (October 2023).

Regarding Article 18.6, it was agreed that the President and the Board of the Association can decide on the attendance at the General Assembly of the organizations that are non-members of AICESIS but share the goals and objectives of the Association.

The finalized document will be presented for adoption at the next GA in accordance with Article 6.3 of the current Articles.

#### **4/ Partnership with the ILO**

The Board members were informed by the ILO representative, Mrs. Yuka Okumura, that the ILO Board has sent a letter (in attachment) to the AICESIS SG stating that the ILO cannot organize the forthcoming joint international Conference to be held in Algiers due to current political reasons. The members of the Board expressed their regret for this evolution and have noticed the importance of preserving the AICESIS - ILO relationship which has been valuable for both institutions through time. Mrs. Okumura stated that ILO awaits AICESIS reply regarding AICESIS decisions on the matter of the conference. The Board took note and asked the President to discuss the matter with the Algerian CNESE to find an appropriate answer and options regarding the above mentioned Conference.

#### **5/ Financial state of play (1/1/2022 - 30/9/2022)**

The SG informed the Board members (on the basis of the written statement that has been distributed to all members) about the financial situation of the AICESIS. A detailed power point has been presented to the Board members, explaining both products and charges. The President asked for approval and the Board approved unanimously.

#### **6/ New AICESIS Bodies for 2023 - 2025**

The ESC of Curacao informed the Board that after continental consultations, it has been agreed that the candidacy of the ESC of Curacao is accordingly proposed to chair AICESIS for the 2023-2025 term. The SG of Curacao Mr. Raul Henriquez read the official letter (in attachment) and afterwards handed it to the AICESIS SG.

The Board agreed that the SG will launch the process among the members to renew the Board members and the VSG for the next term.

#### **7/ Briefing on activities, communication and events**

The SG showed a video of the activities accomplished and events AICESIS attended in 2022.

According to the AICESIS objectives set by the Articles, AICESIS should implement a media strategy to promote itself internationally, as well as to promote social dialogue, to increase its visibility and share its activities and works. In this frame, it might be considered of hiring a staff member or external services for this purpose, under the authority of the SG. The strategy and the content are matters of the Board.

The Board agreed to proceed with drafting a strategy underling that the content should be neutral and to concern only AICESIS activities. The Vice Secretary General Mr. Daniel Becker states that social media accounts are not required as AICESIS does not have enough content to post regularly and that the website is well designed and operational and sufficient for the AICESIS needs. The draft of the strategy is attached.

#### **8/ Miscellaneous**

- *2023 GA*: After the President's proposal the next GA Meeting will take place in Moscow, on October 26-27, 2023.

- *2023 Board*: The President proposed the next Board Meeting to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023. After debating it as decided that the date and place are yet to be confirmed after discussions with South Korea, as first option, Benin as a second and Guatemala as a third.

- *New memberships*: The SG explained that contacts have been made with Togo as its ESC showed interest to become a member and informed the Board that the ESC of Peru formally applies for membership. The representative of the ESC of Peru -present online- took the floor and presented its application (formally transmitted by letter attached).

- *ECOSOC*: Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui informed the Board on the prospects for work/partnership with the UN ECOSOC. The SG will share information on ECOSOC activities so that the members attend the ECOSOC youth forum in 2023.

- *2023 ILO and ECOSOC working groups*: After debate the Civil Chamber of Russia Federation will report on drafting the AICESIS intervention to the ILO Conference.

Regarding the ECOSOC high level segment, the ESC of Hungary has been invited to introduce a notice that has been drafted by its President, Professor Gusztav Bager. After discussion of the Board it has been decided that the ESC of Hungary will be the rapporteur to draft the AICESIS intervention to the next ECOSOC conference.

**President**



Lydia MIKHEEVA

**Secretary-General**



Apostolos XYRAFIS

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

*NB: France, Spain, Romania (national day) did not attend the meeting.*

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Benin	Tabé Gbïan	President
	Aziz Armel Paraïso	Secretary-General
	Raïssa M. Nadia D. Detien H. Vodounnou	Interpreter / President PA
China <i>Online</i>	Guo Jun	Vice President
	Xu Ge	Deputy Secretary-General and Member
	Liu Huawen	Member
Cote d'Ivoire <i>Online</i>	Alain-Pascal Menann-Kouame	Director of Studies and Cooperation
Curacao	Raúl Henriquez	Director
	Miloushka Sboui-Racamy	Senior Advisor
Greece	Ioannis Paidas	President
Guatemala <i>Online</i>	Romelia SILVA	International Relations Advisor
Mali	Yacouba Katile	President
	Dramane Traore	Technical Advisor
	Baba Bourahima Cisse	Technical Advisor
Monaco <i>Online</i>	Rodolphe Berlin	Vice President, Commerce and Tourism Section
Russia	Lydia Mikheeva	President
	Natalia Pochinok	Chair, Commission on Social Policy, Labor Relations and Support of Veterans
	Olga Golyschenkova	Deputy Chair, Commission on Development of Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility
	Alexander Ternovtsov	Member, Commission on Examination of Socially Significant Draft Laws and Other Legislative Initiatives
	Gayaneh Seiranyan	Head, International Relations Department, Executive Office
Saint Martin	<i>Mandate to Curacao</i>	
Senegal	<i>Mandate to Mali</i>	
Serbia	Nikola Selaković	Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veterans and Social Policy
	Miloš Nenezić	President of the Serbian Association of Employers
	Ljubisav Orbović	President of the Confederation of Autonomous Trade Unions of Serbia
	Zoran Ilić	Deputy President of the Trade Union Confederation "Nezavisnost"
	Dušan Petrović	Secretary
South Korea <i>Online</i>	Oakyi Son	Director of international relations
UCESA	<i>Mandate to Benin</i>	
AICESIS	Apostolos Xyrafis	Secretary-General
	Daniel Becker	Vice Secretary-General - Europe
	Hanifa Mezoui	Permanent Representative at the UN
	Samira Azarba	Administrator
ILO	Yuka Okumura	Governance and Strategic Programming Specialist
Hungary	Dr. Gusztáv Báger	President
Peru	<i>Online</i>	



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1 December 2022

**Subject: ILO-AICESIS cooperation on joint international conference**

Dear Secretary-General,

In the framework of the ILO and AICESIS cooperation agreement (2018-2024), our organizations have cooperated in the holding, on a periodic basis, of international conferences addressing decent work-related themes of mutual concern.

In January 2022, discussions were initiated regarding the organization of a joint conference on the role of social dialogue institutions in tackling inequalities in the world of work, which is scheduled to take place in Algiers in May 2023.

The ILO remains fully committed to its partnership with AICESIS and to the organization of this joint conference. However, events that have occurred since early 2022 present a number of serious impediments for the ILO that I wish to bring to your urgent attention.

Concretely, at its 344<sup>th</sup> Session (March 2022), the ILO Governing Body adopted a resolution concerning the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine which inter alia provides for the suspension of invitations to the Russian Federation to attend all discretionary meetings, such as technical meetings and meetings of experts, conferences and seminars whose composition is set by the Governing Body.

As you are aware, the holding and composition of the ILO-AICESIS joint conference requires the prior approval of the Governing Body, which according to the terms of the above-mentioned resolution, would not be forthcoming as long as the presidency of AICESIS is held by the Russian Civic Chamber and the conference would involve the participation of tripartite representatives from the Russian Federation.

Therefore, unless AICESIS is able to make alternative arrangements regarding the presidency and also ensure the non-attendance of the Algiers conference by any representatives from the Russian

Federation, the Office will not be in a position to submit the proposal for next year's joint conference to the ILO Governing Body for its approval.

I would appreciate if you could draw the attention of the AICESIS Board members to this unforeseen set of circumstances and I hope it might be still possible to proceed with the organization of the Algiers conference under conditions that would be fully in line with the decisions of the ILO governance organs.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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Governance and Tripartism Department



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Raad Curaçao

To  
The Board of the International Association of Economic  
and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)

Belgrade, December 2, 2022

Honorable Members of the Board,

Pursuant to article 8, subparagraph 1, of the bylaws of AICESIS in conjunction with article 7, subparagraph 3, the presidency of the association rotates every two years between the regions. For the period 2023 - 2025, it will be the turn of the Latin American and Caribbean region to assume the presidency.

After careful internal deliberations and extensive consultations with the active members of AICESIS from the Latin American and Caribbean Region, according to article 8, subparagraph 2, of the bylaws, consensus has been reached with regards to the candidacy of the Social and Economic Council of Curaçao (SER) for nomination as the next president of the association. The member countries that participated to the virtual consultation meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 were, Aruba, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and of course Curaçao. Sint Maarten and Panama were consulted bilaterally. Therefore, it is with great honor and privilege that the SER of Curaçao presents itself at this AICESIS Board Meeting, held in Belgrade, Serbia, on December 2, 2022, as the next active member of our prestigious association to assume the presidency for the period 2023-2025.

In accordance with article 6 of the bylaws of AICESIS the postulation of the SER of Curaçao as the next president of AICESIS will be decided on by the General Assembly which will be held in the second half of 2023.

Accept the assurance of our highly consideration.

Acting President,

J.H. Jacobs, LLM

Secretary General,

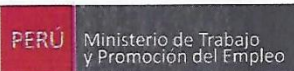
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**APOSTOLOS XYRAPHIS**

**General Secretary**

International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions-

AICESIS

Present. -

Subject: Incorporation of the CNTPE as a member of AICESIS

Reference: Call for subscription / 2022

It is my pleasure to greet you and, regarding the subject and reference mentioned and our previous coordination through email, express the interest of the Technical Secretary of the National Council of Labor and Employment Promotion (ST-CNTPE) to be incorporated as a member of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS).

The CNTPE is regulated by the Supreme Decree N° 001-2005-TR and is the most important mechanism of social dialogue and labor agreement in Perú. It is a tripartite entity and includes the most representative workers' and employers' organizations of the labor sphere in our country; it is presided over by the Minister of Labor and Employment Promotion. The CNTPE's main objective is to discuss and agree on policies regarding work, employment promotion, job training, and social protection. Additionally, the CNTPE participates in the dialogue process for adjusting the national minimum wage.

The CNTPE and its Technical Secretary actively participates in the spaces for social dialogue at the international level and maintain close relations with the International Labor Organization (ILO), the European Union (EU), the Organization of American States (OAS), and the Network of Economic and Social Councils of Latin America and the Caribbean (CESALC).

For this reason, we would appreciate your consideration for the admission of the CNTPE as a member of AICESIS and for you to send us a document that allows us to justify the membership fee payment that the Ministry of Labor and Employment Promotion (MTPE) will make.

Lastly, I thank you for your consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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Technical Secretary  
National Council of Labor and Employment Promotion

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