

Minutes of European Council I

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1 Opening words by the Forum President

PID Robert Rettby welcomes First International Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, the authorized delegates and all attending Lions to this first meeting of the European Council.

After some inscription work and first clarifications about the rules applying to the European Council meetings 2017 Forum President Robert Rettby declares at 13.30 the European Council 2017 as opened and calls the meeting to order.

2 Attendance and Rules Presentation

Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi states that 20 authorized delegates are present (before the vote about agenda item 4; four other delegates presented their credentials). Regarding the Rules of Procedures, article V, 5.2, PID Robert Rettby declares the quorum being reached.

PID Robert Rettby points out the most important rules applying to the European Council meetings 2017 which have been sent to each delegation beforehand. He declares putting in use the time keeping watch and reminds the speakers about time limitations.

The rules applying to the European Council meetings 2017 are adopted unanimously by the delegations representatives.

3 Election and Voting Committee

PID Robert Rettby explains the voting and election material distributed by Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi.

As the elections will take place on the third Forum day and because there are only some formal voting on the agenda PID Robert Rettby proposes the delegates that he and the Forum General Secretary count the votes. For the second meeting the election of a supporting election and voting committee will be organized.

4 Approval of the minutes of the European Council 2016 meeting in Sofia

The minutes of the European Council 2016 meeting in Sofia, which have been sent in advance to the delegations, are approved unanimously by the 24 authorized delegates.

5 Approval of the report of the Europa Forum 2016

Forum Accountant PCC Peter Brandenburg explained the special financial challenges the organizer of the Europa Forum 2016 in Sofia had to deal with. Although this Forum was generously subsidized by MD 111 Germany, it resulted a deficit D 130 Bulgaria has to cover.

Representatives of the Sofia Europa Forum 2016 convey their gratefulness to MD 111 Germany and hand out PID Jouko Ruissalo, PCC Peter Brandenburg, PID Robert Rettby and to representatives of MD 111 Germany special awards.

The 24 authorized representatives approve unanimously the report of the Europa Forum 2016.

6 Presentation of Resolution 1: EU Privacy Protection Working Group (moved by MD 105 and MD 111)

MD 105 British Isles and MD 111 Germany submitted resolutions with very similar content. Therefore the two resolutions had been merged together.

PCC Andy Pemberton presents on behalf of MD 105 the resolution which was sent ahead of the Europa Forum to the delegations.

7 Presentation of Resolution 2: Refugee Relief Committee (moved by MD 112 and MD 118)

PID Robert Rettby explains that MD 112 Belgium and MD 118 Turkey submitted resolutions with very similar content. Therefore the two resolutions had been merged together.

PID Philippe Gerondal, MD 112 Belgium, presents the resolution which was sent ahead of the forum to the delegations.

8 Presentation of Resolution 3: Amendment to the Rules of Procedure – Optimisation of Timing (moved by MD 111)

CC Christiane Lafeld, MD 111 Germany, presents the resolution, which was sent ahead of the Europa Forum to the delegations.

9 Presentation of Emergency Resolution 4: Europa Forum 2020 in Greece, Thessaloniki (moved by MD 117)

PID Robert Rettby explains that in accordance with the Rules of Procedures, article V, fourth paragraph, the President, the Vice-President and the Archivist and Advisor may accept this resolution

as an Emergency Resolution. He welcomes the initiative of MD 117 Greece and he put it on the agenda in order to provide the organization committee one year more time for preparation.

The Forum President emphasizes that an approval by the European Council will be subjected to the conditions that MD 117 Greece submits to a committee all the formal documents, in particular a financially viable budget, as required by the Rules of Procedures of the Europa Forum.

The members of this committee are: The 2017 Forum President, Archivist & Advisor and Forum Accountant as well as the 2018 the 2018 Forum President, Archivist & Advisor and Forum Accountant

PID George Th. Papas, MD 117 Greece, thanks that the resolution has been accepted, promises that all requirements will be fulfilled and welcomes everyone to Europa Forum 2020 in Thessaloniki.

PCC Andy Pemberton, MD 105 British Isles, would like that the application is align with the resolution handed in by MD 111 Germany (see agenda item 8).

The authorized representatives unanimously approve the Emergency Resolution to be set on the European Council agenda.

10 Presentation of Resolution 5: Voluntary Contribution to Europa Forum 2018 (moved by D 132)

PDG Zvonimir Cvetanovski, D 132 Macedonia, FYROM presents the resolution which was sent ahead of the Europa Forum to the delegations.

11 Presentation of a new member of the European Council: District 133 – Ireland

District 133 Ireland is registered in Oakbrook and is already member of the Lions community. PCC Andy Pemberton, MD 105 British Isles, supports the entry of D 133 Ireland as new member of the European Council.

Forum Archivist and Advisor, PID Jouko Ruissalo, proposes to welcome District 133 Ireland as new member today in order to give the representative voting power already for this European Council 2017.

The authorized representatives unanimously accept to vote today about this agenda item and equally unanimously welcome the new member.

12 Presentation of the Candidates for the position of Archivist and Advisor

PID Benedict Ancar, D 124 Romania, sent a letter two weeks ago and withdrew his candidature, which was approved by the Forum President.

PID Phil Nathan, MD 105 British Islands and PCC Lutz Baastrup, MD 111 Germany present their candidatures.

13 Presentation of the Candidates for the position of Forum Accountant

PCC Philip Goodier, MD 105 British Isles, is under doctor's order not to travel. PCC Andy Pember-ton declares that this candidature remains.

PID Roberto Fresia, MD 108 Italy, PCC Peter Brandenburg, MD 110 Netherlands and PID Hayri Ülgen, MD 118 Turkey, present their candidatures.

Forum President Robert Rettby adjourns the European Council meeting at 14.42.

ZC Christoph Witschi

General Secretary of Europa Forum 2017 in Montreux