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DRAFT AGENDA

of the meeting to be held on 31 January 2017

2:00 p.m – 4:30 p.m

Venue:

**Council of Europe Office
55 Avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris
Metro : Boissière**

(Simultaneous interpretation in English and French)

DRAFT AGENDA

1 Opening and adoption of the draft agenda

- Statements of the Presidents of the Congress and of the CoR
- Adoption of the agenda

*[Draft agenda]
[Minutes of the last meeting, 9 February 2016]*

2 Political situation in specific Member States / neighbourhood countries

Exchange of information on respective work and findings:

- Turkey *[Programmes of the Congress fact-finding missions]
[SG/Inf(2016)42-rev1]*
- Ukraine
- Poland

3 Eastern Partnership - CORLEAP / Information from both institutions

- CoR presentation
- Congress monitoring, post monitoring and cooperation programmes *[CG/BUR06(2016)INF55]*

4 ARLEM and South-Med Partnership

4.1. Presentation of the activities

The European Committee of the Regions:

- ARLEM's eighth plenary session and priorities of ARLEM's work in 2017
- Nicosia initiative from January 2015 in support of Libyan municipalities

[Draft agenda: Eighth ARLEM plenary session, preceded by CoR Bureau meeting and conference on migration, 22-23 February 2016, St. Julian's (Malta)]

[Draft ARLEM action plan for 2017, indicating ARLEM's priorities for 2017 (submitted for adoption at the 8th ARLEM plenary session)]

The Congress:

- Development of a programme for the South-Med Partnership, with a focus on Tunisia and Morocco

4.2. Other CoR activities in South-Mediterranean countries

- Presentation of the Assises of Decentralised Cooperation (10-11 July) with as priorities sustainable development, migration, climate change, territorial development and capacity building
- Follow-up to COP22 in Marrakech (7-18 November 2016)

5 Joint activities

[Congress priorities for 2017-2020]

[Work plans of the 3 Congress committees]

5.1. Joint conference on the Fight against Corruption

28 February 2017 in Brussels co-organised by the Congress Governance Committee and CoR CIVEX

[Draft agenda]

[Draft joint declaration]

5.2. Observation of elections

- Modalities of joint observation missions

[Congress calendar of elections' observations]

- CoR training on elections observations (spring 2017)

5.3. Celebrations in 2017

- Contribution to the 10th anniversary of the Memorandum of Understanding between the EU and the CoE (MoU) signed on 11 May 2007

[Evaluation of the MoU on co-operation with the European Union: Document of the Committee of Ministers of the CoE (CM (2016)74)]

- 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome
- 60th anniversary of the Congress

6 Agenda of the Presidents

Invitations to respective plenary sessions in 2017 and 2018

[Congress calendar 2017 – Sessions]

[CoR calendar 2017 – Sessions]

7 Other business

8 Closing of the meeting