

## **Information Documents**

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**Implementation of Committee of Ministers' Resolution (2016)3 on participatory status for international non-governmental organisations with the Council of Europe**

**Periodic review**

**Communication to the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**

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*Procedure for the withdrawal of participatory status*

1. In accordance with the rules as set out in [Committee of Ministers' Resolution \(2016\)3](#) (Article 10 of its appendix), on participatory status for international non-governmental organisations with the Council of Europe, the Secretary General may withdraw participatory status from an INGO if, in his/her opinion:
  - a. it has failed to comply with its obligations under the rules set out in Articles 2 and 4 of Resolution (2016)3 ("the Resolution");
  - b. it has taken any action which is not in keeping with participatory status and the values and standards of the Council of Europe
  - c. it no longer has any activity included in the Council of Europe's programme of activities.
2. To this end the Secretary General shall review periodically the list of INGOs with participatory status. The review shall be based on the report submitted by the INGOs every four years or, in the case of Articles 10.a and 10.b, on the basis of an ad hoc report requested by the Secretary General. The current review covers the period 2016-2019.
3. The Secretariat reviewed the reports submitted by the INGOs in 2020 but the process has encountered delays linked to the COVID-19 pandemic. This delay has not had any bearing on the recommendation of the Secretary General to withdraw participatory status from the INGOs listed in Appendix 1.
4. In application of Article 12, the Secretary General first informed the INGOs in question of her intention to withdraw participatory status in order to give them an opportunity to present their observations within 30 calendar days.
5. In application of Article 13, the Secretariat, on behalf of the Secretary General, communicated the names of the INGOs concerned to the Standing Committee of the Conference of INGOs. The opinion of the Standing Committee was received within the required 30 calendar days and has been taken into account.
6. The withdrawal of participatory status from the INGOs has been the subject of a reasoned decision by the Secretary General (Article 14).
7. In application of Article 15 of the Resolution, the Secretary General is now communicating her decision for tacit approval to the Committee of Ministers, to the Parliamentary Assembly and to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. The names of the INGOs concerned and her reasons for suggesting the withdrawal of participatory status, can be found in Appendix 1 to this document.
8. In the absence of any objection founded on the conditions described in the paragraph below, the decision of the Secretary General will enter into force 60 calendar days after the date of the Secretary General's communication.
9. During the 60-calendar day period mentioned in the paragraph above, a member of the Committee of Ministers, or ten members of the Parliamentary Assembly from five different national delegations, or ten members of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe from five different national delegations, may request that an examination be made of the file of each INGO whose name has been communicated to them. In the former case, the examination shall be made and the decision to withdraw participatory status shall be taken by the Committee of Ministers. In the latter, the Committee of Ministers shall defer its decision until it has received a recommendation from the Parliamentary Assembly or the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities acting on a report from their competent committees.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2

10. The following INGOs have informed the Secretariat that they no longer wish to have participatory status:
  - Central and Eastern European Citizens Network (CEEEN)
  - European Association of Institutions of Non-formal Education of Children and Youth (EAICY)
  - International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJJ)
  
11. The following INGO has informed the Secretariat that it has ceased activity:
  - ACTIVE – Sobriety, Friendship and Peace

## Appendix 1

### INGOs subject to withdrawal of participatory status

#### I. INGOs which have not submitted the four-yearly report to the Secretary General as required under Article 4h of the appendix to the Resolution

<b>Name of the INGO</b>	<b>Nom de l'OING</b>
AIESEC International Foundation (AIESEC)	AIESEC International Foundation
Child Helpline International	Child Helpline International
Citizens Association CIVIS, Association of Non-governmental Organisations of South-East Europe (CIVIS)	Association de citoyens CIVIS, Association d'ONG de l'Europe du Sud-Est (CIVIS)
Eurogroup for Animals AISBL	Eurogroup pour les animaux
European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP)	Association européenne de psychothérapie
European Association for the Defence of Human Rights (AEDH)	Association européenne pour la défense des droits de l'homme
European Association of Elected Representatives from Mountain Regions (AEM)	Association européenne des élus de montagne
European Federation of Christian Student Associations (EKV)	Fédération européenne des associations des étudiants chrétiens
European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS)	Forum européen pour la sécurité urbaine
European Grassroots Antiracist Movement (EGAM)	Mouvement antiraciste européen
European Human Rights Association (EHRA)	Association européenne des droits de l'homme
European Jewish Congress (EJC)	Congrès juif européen
Foundation for European Languages and Educational Centres – EUROCENTRES	Fondation centres européens langues et civilisations
International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ)	Association internationale des juges du droit des réfugiés et des migrants
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Chambre de commerce internationale
International Federation for Therapy and Assistance through Mediation (FITRAM)	Fédération internationale de thérapie et de relation d'aide par la Médiation
International League for Child and Adult Education (LIEEC)	Ligue internationale de l'Enseignement, de l'Education et de la Culture populaire
Universal Forum Foundation / Crans Montana (CMF)	Fondation du Forum universel / Crans Montana
World Vision International (Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office) (WVI)	World Visio International (Bureau régional pour le Moyen-Orient et l'Europe de l'Est)

**II. INGOs which have submitted a four-yearly report, but which have had no co-operation with the Council of Europe during the reporting period 2016-2019**

<b>Name of the INGO</b>	<b>Nom de l'OING</b>
Atheist Alliance International (AAI)	Atheist Alliance International
Council of European Professional Informatics Societies (CEPIS)	Conseil des associations européennes des professionnels de l'informatique
European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)	Réseau européen de lutte contre la pauvreté et l'exclusion sociale
European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)	Plateforme européenne pour la réadaptation
International Young Catholic Students – International Movement of Catholic Students, European Co-ordination (IYCS-IMCS)	Jeunesse étudiante catholique internationale - Mouvement international des étudiants catholiques, coordination européenne
International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI)	Association internationale des éducateurs sociaux
International Federation for Parents Education (IFPE)	Fédération Internationale pour l'éducation des parents
International Federation of Teachers of French (FIPF)	Fédération internationale des professeurs de français
International Federation of the Training Centers for the Promotion of Progressive Education (FICEMEA)	Fédération internationale des centres d'entraînement aux méthodes d'éducation active
International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL)	Institut International de droit humanitaire
World Association of Children's Friends (AMADE)	Association mondiale des amis de l'enfance
World Catholic Association for Communication (SIGNIS)	Association catholique mondiale pour la communication
World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP)	Mouvement fédéraliste mondial - Institut pour la politique globale
World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)	Fédération mondiale des sourds
Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP)	Jeunes du parti populaire européen

**III. INGO which has failed to comply with its obligations under the rules set out in Articles 2a, 4a and 4b of the Resolution**

<b>Name of the INGO</b>	<b>Nom de l'OING</b>
Council for Justice, Equality and Peace (COJEP)	Conseil pour la Justice, l'Egalité et la Paix (COJEP)

## Appendix 2

### Extract from Resolution (2016)3

#### **Article 2 of the appendix to Resolution (2016)3**

- “2. Participatory status may be granted by the Council of Europe to INGOs:
- a. which respect and defend the values and principles of the Council of Europe;
  - b. which are able, through their work, to support the achievement of that closer unity mentioned in Article 1 of the Council of Europe’s Statute;
  - c. which are created on the basis of a constitutive act adopted according to democratic principles;
  - d. which have a democratic structure and governance;
  - e. which are particularly representative in the field(s) of their competence, fields of action shared by the Council of Europe;
  - f. which are represented at European level, that is to say which have members in at least five member States of the Council of Europe;
  - g. which were created and have implemented activities at least two years before the moment of applying for participatory status;
  - h. which already have working relations with the Council of Europe;
  - i. which are capable of contributing to and participating actively in Council of Europe deliberations and activities;
  - j. which are able to make known the work of the Council of Europe to society.”

#### **Article 4 of the appendix to Resolution (2016)3**

4. INGOs enjoying participatory status shall undertake to:
- a. promote the respect of the Council of Europe’s conventions and legal instruments in the member States;
  - b. contribute to the implementation of Council of Europe standards and policies in collaboration with local, regional and national NGOs;
  - c. participate actively in the sessions and the work of the Conference of INGOs;
  - d. keep themselves regularly informed of Council of Europe activities and developments in standards;
  - e. furnish, either spontaneously or at the request of the Council of Europe’s different bodies, information, documents or opinions relating to their own field(s) of competence on matters which are under consideration or which could be addressed by the Council of Europe;
  - f. give maximum publicity to the initiatives and achievements of the Council of Europe in their own field(s) of competence;
  - g. disseminate information on Council of Europe standards, instruments and activities, to their members, on a regular basis, and ensure that they too work actively to fulfil the requirements of the participatory status;
  - h. submit every four years a report to the Secretary General which should specify:
    - their participation in the work of the various Council of Europe bodies, the capacity in which they attended and their contribution;
    - their attendance at events organised by the Council of Europe, the capacity in which they attended, the contribution they made and any follow-up action;
    - their participation at and contributions to the sessions and the work of the Conference of INGOs;
    - any events which they themselves have organised, in particular those dealing with the promotion of the Council of Europe’s aims, values and legal instruments;
    - any action they have undertaken with a view to ensuring respect of Council of Europe standards and to publicising its work.