

Resolution (75) 4 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (19 February 1975)

Caption: On 19 February 1975, in Resolution (75) 4, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe decides to amend the Charter of the European Conference of Local Authorities, which is renamed the Council of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe.

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Resolution (15) 4 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe amending the Charter of the European Conference of Local Authorities (19 February 1975)

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 February 1975 of the 242nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Resolution (61) 20 by which it set up the European Conference of Local Authorities within the scope of the provisions of Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Noting that the European Conference of Local Authorities represents the local and regional authorities of the member states of the Council of Europe within the organisation;

Considering that in the light of experience and following the adoption of Resolution (74) 4 certain amendments should be made to the Charter with a view to strengthening the role of the conference within the Council of Europe;

Having considered Resolutions 74 (1972) and 76 (1974) and Opinion No. 18 of the conference as well as Recommendations 694 (1973) and 755 (1975) of (1974) of the Consultative Assembly,

Decides :

1. to amend the Charter of the conference as follows :

1. *Ad Article 1, paragraph a sub-paragraph 1*

To replace the words "a European Conference of Local Authorities" by the words "a Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe".¹

sub-paragraph 2

To word this sub-paragraph as follows :

"The conference shall ensure the participation of local and regional authorities in the achievement of the aims of the Council of Europe as defined in Article 1 of the Statute of the Council. It represents the local and regional authorities of the member states within the organisation."

new sub-paragraph 5

To insert a new sub-paragraph 5 to read :

"The conference contributes, within the limits of its functions and in the manner determined by the Committee of Ministers, to establishing closer relations between the Council of Europe and the European Communities."

2. *Ad Article 2, paragraph a*

To insert, following the existing sub-paragraph, two new sub-paragraphs to read :

"The delegates to the conference shall be chosen in such a way that the delegations consist of representatives of the various types of local or regional government units in each member state ; the delegates to the conference shall be designated from among holders of an electoral mandate or a mandate as a person responsible either to an elected assembly or to a representative association of local authorities.

The membership of the national delegations should, as far as possible, assure for each member state a balanced geographical distribution."

new paragraph g

(The former paragraphs g and h become respectively paragraphs h and i.)

"The rules governing the choice of delegates to the conference, the period of their mandate and the procedure for their nomination shall apply equally to substitutes,"

paragraph i

To insert a second sub-paragraph to read :

"The rights and privileges granted to this category of observer may not exceed those granted to the observers referred to in the above paragraph h."

3. *Ad Article 3, paragraph a*

To read the first sentence of paragraph a as follows :

"The conference shall meet in ordinary session every year."

4. *Ad Article 4, paragraph a, first sub-paragraph*

To read this sub-paragraph as follows :

"At the beginning of each session, the conference shall appoint a Standing Committee and the following four specialised committees :

- Committee on Regional Planning and Regional Problems;
- Committee on Local Structures and Finances;
- Environment and Town Planning Committee;
- Cultural Committee."

Ad Article 4

To insert a new paragraph c to read :

"The committees shall consist, as a general rule, of one delegate and one substitute for each member state."

5. *Ad Article 5, paragraph b*

To read this provision as follows :

"The Standing Committee shall consist of the President in office, the three Vice-Presidents of the conference, the Chairmen of the four committees, a Vice-Chairman of each of the four committees and ten other members elected by the conference in order to ensure that each member state is represented on the Standing Committee."

new Article 5 bis

To insert a new Article 5 bis to read :

"Bureau

a. The Bureau of the conference shall consist of the President and the three Vice-Presidents ;

b. It shall establish the programmes and timetables of committee meetings after consultation with the Chairmen of the committees concerned."

II. to arrange to be represented by its Chairman or another representative at all the proceedings of the conference in plenary session.

1. The term "local and regional authorities" shall be defined for each state according to its constitution.