

20th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Brijuni, Croatia, 13 October 2022

Record



1. Attendance

This is listed as Annex 1 to the Record.

2. Opening of the Meeting

The Executive Secretary, Mr. Andreas Streit, opened the 20th Meeting of the Standing Committee and greeted its participants. He explained that the United Kingdom and Germany continued to be ex officio members of the Standing Committee in their capacity as the Depositary and the Host Country of the Secretariat respectively. As elected at MoP9, the other members of the Standing Committee were Belgium, Croatia, France, Monaco, Sweden, and Ukraine (in alphabetical order).

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Standing Committee members were asked to nominate the candidates for the position of the Chair of the Standing Committee.

Sweden commented that Belgium did an excellent job in chairing the Standing Committee in the past four years and nominated Belgium again for this position. Germany endorsed this proposal, as well as the United Kingdom and Ukraine. Since there were no objections to this, Belgium was elected as Chair and Mr. Panis as the representative of Belgium continued presiding the meeting.

He asked for volunteers for the position of the Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee. Mr. Keith Barber, the representative of the United Kingdom, explained that he was not volunteering for the position since this was his first EUROBATS meeting, so that he wished to rule himself out based on his inexperience. Mr. Oliver Schall, the representative of Germany, stated that this meeting was his last EUROBATS meeting before he retired and for this reason asked that he would also not be considered as the Vice-Chair. Ms. Marie Nedinge, the representative of Sweden, explained that the same was the case for her, but she suggested France and Croatia for the position of the Vice-Chair. Mr. Charles-Henry de Barsac, the representative of France, explained that his experience with

EUROBATS was also not extensive and that he would accept the position of the Vice-Chair only in case nobody else would do so. Ms. Zrinka Domazetović, the representative of Croatia, explained that she was not prepared to even be a member of the Standing Committee, and even less so to be the Vice-Chair. She suggested that Monaco should take the position. Ms. Céline Impagliazzo, the representative of Monaco, thanked everybody for having elected her to the EUROBATS Standing Committee and expressed her support for France or Croatia to take the position of the Vice-Chair, after which Ms. Domazetović accepted her nomination and was elected as Vice-Chair.

4. Date and Venue of the 21st Meeting of the Standing Committee

Mr. Streit explained that the date for the next meeting of the Standing Committee would very much depend on the date for the next Advisory Committee Meeting and would have to be determined at a later stage. There should be sufficient time between the StC and the AC meetings. The Secretariat would try to propose a date for the AC meeting very soon – the meeting was planned to take place in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, unfortunately, the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina was not represented at MoP9. As soon as the date for the AC meeting was agreed upon between the AC-Chair, Vice-Chair, and the host government, the Secretariat would communicate it and then the date for the StC-Meeting could be fixed. It should be expected for the end of May or beginning of June 2023. As it was decided at MoP9 that all StC meetings should be held online, there was no need to discuss the question of the venue for StC21.

5. Any other business

Ms. Nedinge congratulated Belgium and Croatia on their offices and thanked the Secretariat for its hard work. Mr. Schall seconded this.

6. Close of the Meeting

There being no further issues, the meeting closed at 10:05.

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