

**Meeting for the setting up of the
INTERNATIONAL NON PROFIT MAKING ASSOCIATION:
COST OFFICE ASSOCIATION
IN SHORT “COA”**

Venue: Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the
European Union, 8-14 Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 1040, Brussels, Belgium

Date: 08 June 2010

Starting hours: 9.00 a.m.

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Professor Fedi recalls the iter for convening the meeting starting from a letter from the German and Spanish COST delegations (15/04/2010), followed by a series of letters of Professor Fedi (19/04, 30/04, 20/05, 31/05, 01/06/2010) and by a letter from the German COST Delegation (21/04/2010) concerning an exceptional contribution of Germany to the COST Fund to cover the expenses for the setting up the Association. Professor Fedi expresses his gratitude to Germany for the possibility of holding the meeting in the Permanent Representation of Germany in Brussels.

Dr. Erik Hansalek, Scientific Counsellor of the Permanent Representation of Germany, welcomes the participants in the meeting.

1. The Provisional Agenda is approved (Annex I).
2. Professor Francesco Fedi is confirmed as President of the meeting.

3. Ms Marion Wolpers is appointed Secretary of the meeting.
4. The list of the persons attending the meeting is attached as Annex II: persons authorized to sign the Statutes, members of the General Assembly and observers.
5. Approval of the Statutes

The President informed the participants of the request received by an e-mail to the COST Secretariat on June 4, 2010 from Ms Yvonne Schaap (Netherlands) to add to Art. 18 a sentence that Members of the Association will not be obliged in any way to make financial contributions to the Association.

Ms Lieve Van Daele (Belgium) explains the position of Belgium. The document she sent to the President with respect to such position is attached to these minutes (Annex III).

After a discussion on the above points, the representatives of the six countries authorized to sign the Statutes unanimously decided that no change should be made to the latest version of the Statutes that they had been authorized to sign.

The Statutes are approved (Annex IV).

6. The Statutes and the Proxy (Annex V) are signed by the following COST Member States: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Spain, Turkey. Hungary had already sent the signed Proxy and Statutes by post prior to the meeting.

It is decided to leave the possibility to the other Member States to sign the Statutes and the Proxy until 30 June 2010.

a) Member States can sign the attached Proxy and Statutes and have to send them by post to:

Simmons & Simmons
attention of Mrs. France Wilmet
Avenue Louise 149
B-1050 Bruxelles.

Please note that the Member States have to sign the Statutes on the last page and to initial any other page

b) send by post to the same above address a proxy or a letter of authorization to the person who signs the Statutes and the Proxy

c) inform the President Professor Fedi (francesco.fedi@tiscali.it) of the name of the representative of the Member State in the General Assembly of the COA.

d) for any questions regarding the signature of the Statutes and the Proxy contact :

Ms. France Wilmet

E-mail: France.Wilmet@simmons-simmons.com

Phone : +32 2 5420 972

The Member States whose signed Proxy and Statutes will reach Simmons & Simmons by noon of 30 June 2010 will be considered among the founders of COA. The set of signed Proxies and Statutes will be brought to the Notary for registration on 01 July 2010.

The other Member States whose signed Proxy and Statutes will reach Simmons & Simmons after noon 30 June 2010 will have to wait for the first meeting of the General Assembly of the COA and will not be among the founders of COA.

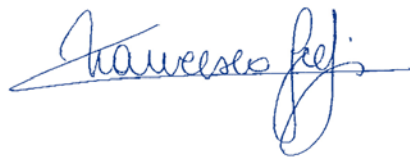
7. The election of the members of the Administrative Board takes place by secret ballot. The result is the following:

President: Professor Francesco Fedi (Italy)

Vice-President: Professor John Bartzis (Greece)

Members: Dr. Almudena Agüero Prieto (Spain), Dr Michel Gorlicki (France), Mr René Haak (Germany)

8. Professor Fedi concludes the meeting stating that the establishment of the COST Office Association is an important page in the history of COST. Since there are no further items on the agenda, the meeting is closed at 10.30 AM.



Professor Francesco Fedi

President COA General Assembly and Administrative Board

Annex :

- I. Agenda
- II. List of the persons attending the meeting
- III . Belgian statement
- IV. Approved Statutes
- V. Sample of the Proxy