



***PAN-EUROPEAN BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE
DIVERSITY STRATEGY***

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**COUNCIL FOR THE PAN-EUROPEAN
BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY STRATEGY**

**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIRS
AND
MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU**

12th meeting
22-24 September 2009
Liège, Belgium

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1. According to the terms of reference of the PEBLDS Council and its Bureau, the members of the PEBLDS Bureau are elected as follows:
 - a) The Chair of the PEBLDS Council, with a term of office of two years;
 - b) A representative of the State which will organise the next Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, and a representative of the State which has organised the previous Conference, following the frequency of the Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”;
 - c) Nine members representing four sub-regions (three for the European Union; and two members for the other sub-regions: other Western European countries; Central and Eastern European countries; and the Newly Independent States), with a term of office of two years;
 - d) A representative of the European Commission;
 - e) European members of the CBD/COP Bureau, ex officio
 - f) Four observer organisations, which may send representatives without the right to vote and defrayal of expenses, with a term of office of two years.
2. At present the Bureau is as follows:
 - a) Chair: Switzerland
 - b) Vice-Chairs: Serbia and Kazahstan
 - c) 9 members representing 4 sub-regions:
 - . European Union (3): Italy, Czech Republic, Romania
 - . other Western European countries: Andorra, Norway
 - . Central and Eastern Europe: Croatia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of the Macedonia”
 - . the Newly Independent States: Moldova, Georgia
 - d) A representative of the European Commission.
 - e) European members of the CBD/COP Bureau, ex-officio:
 - . Spain
 - . Ukraine
 - . Croatia
 - f) Observer organisations:
 - . ECOForum
 - . ECNC
 - . CEEWEB
 - . IUCN
3. The PEBLDS Council needs to elect at its 12th Meeting only the following:
 - a) The Chair of the PEBLDS Council, with a term of office of two years and the Vice Chairs;

- b) Nine members representing four sub-regions (three for the European Union; and two members for the other sub-regions: Western European countries; Central and Eastern Europe; and the Newly Independent States), with a term of office of two years;
- c) four observer organisations, which may send representatives without the right to vote and defrayal of expenses, with a term of office of two years.

The new Chair and two Vice-Chairs will take office immediately after the Conference in Liège (22-24 September 2009) and members of the bureau will take office immediately after the PEBLDS Council meeting (Liège, 22-24 September 2009).

APPENDIX I
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