



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



RESOLUTION

of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly Working Group on:

Ways for the Assembly to participate in bodies of the "Anna Lindh
Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures"

adopted on 9 January 2006 in Paris by the Working Group No. 6, on the basis of
a draft tabled

by Mr Bernard Deflesselles, Chairman

The Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly Working Group n° 6,

After its meetings of 19 October 2005 and 9 January 2006,

A. In the light of the decision by the Bureau of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA), of 24 May 2005, to create a working group to draft a motion on ways for the Assembly to participate in bodies of the Anna Lindh euro-mediterranean Foundation for the dialogue between cultures, with a view to its examination by the EMPA plenary in March 2006;

B. In the light of the euro-mediterranean partnership decisional process based on the Conference of Ministers and the Committee of Representatives of the thirty-five euro-mediterranean countries;

C. In the light of the decisions relating to the Anna Lindh Foundation adopted since its creation, which was decided in 2002 in Valencia by the foreign affairs ministers of the thirty-five euro-mediterranean countries, and particularly the decisions concerning its statutes and its financial and administrative regulations;

D. In the light of the evolution of the Anna Lindh Foundation after the setting up of its bodies – board of governors, advisory committee of experts, executive director – the setting in place of its thirty-five national networks of civil societies and the adoption of its budget and its three-year programme;

E. In the light of article 3, paragraph 1 and article 11, paragraph 2 of the EMPA rules of procedure ;

F. Considering that the development of the dialogue between cultures is an essential priority of the euro-mediterranean partnership and that the eminent role of the Anna Lindh Foundation in achieving this goal provides justification for the EMPA to take a stand not only regarding the link to be established between itself and the Anna Lindh Foundation, but also regarding other issues decisive in bringing its mission to a successful conclusion;

1. Proposes to organise the link between the EMPA and the Anna Lindh Foundation as follows :

a) The EMPA is represented on the board of governors of the Anna Lindh Foundation by three members appointed by the culture committee within itself, among whom its chairman, so as to ensure representation of all the components of the EMPA;

b) EMPA representatives have the right to speak, without the right to vote, and they participate in the debates while complying with the resolutions and

recommendations adopted by the EMPA. The chairman of the culture committee is the spokesperson of the EMPA delegation, save when, exceptionally and on his initiative, the president of the EMPA is participating in a meeting of the board of governors and leads the delegation;

c) The culture committee appoints, within itself, a rapporteur to follow up the evolution of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Should the rapporteur not be the chairman of the culture committee, this member is one of the three representatives of the EPMA at the meetings of the board of governors and stands in for the chairman of the culture committee in his absence;

d) Relations between the EMPA and the Anna Lindh Foundation are based on: consultations, whenever necessary, between the culture committee and the Foundation within the framework of the Euromed platform; an exchange of views with the Executive Director of the Foundation at least once a year before the adoption of the annual budget and programme; a regular exchange with the members of the culture committee who form a network of friends of the Foundation and give rise to the organisation of debates, within the competent committees and delegations of the European Parliament and of the thirty-five national parliaments, with the governments, the representatives of the national networks of the Foundation and all the relevant cultural organisations; the obligation for the Anna Lindh Foundation to communicate any useful information to the culture committee;

2. Proposes to complete the link between the EMPA and the Anna Lindh Foundation and to provide for representation of the EMPA on the Euromed Committee, as a standing observer, by the president of the EMPA or, by delegation, by the chairman of the culture committee or another member, with the right to speak without the right to vote;

3. Calls for an amendment to the financial regulations applying to the Anna Lindh Foundation, so as to authorise the co-funding of projects by the Foundation and the European Commission, within a limit making it possible to reconcile the concern to avoid duplications with the Foundation's primary purpose to coordinate projects and get them to converge;

4. Calls on the European Commission and the Governments of the thirty-five member countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership to explore the means and mechanisms to promote the setting in place, the strengthening and the development of the national networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation throughout the thirty-five partner countries;

5. Calls for the Anna Lindh Foundation to be authorised, if it deems it advisable, to call on experts from neighbouring and non-member countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and propose to those countries to participate in the Foundation projects;

6. Considers that full compliance with the use of the three working languages in all the documents and communication support materials is an essential element for the success of the Anna Lindh Foundation.