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Ministry of Territorial Administration
of RA

CONFERENCE ON “PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AT LOCAL LEVEL” (Yerevan, Armenia, 19 June 2013)

PROGRAMME

10.00 Opening of the conference

Welcome address Mr **Armen GEVORGYAN**, Vice-Prime Minister,
Minister of Territorial Administration

Welcome address Mr **Taron MARGARYAN**, Mayor of Yerevan

Opening remarks Dr **Herwig van STAA**, President of the Congress

Introduction Mr **Vache TERTERYAN**, First Deputy Minister,
Ministry of Territorial Administration

10.30 Session I: Is local democracy possible today without direct participation?

Chair: Mr **Andreas KIEFER**, Secretary General of the Congress

- Introduction by the Chair

Keynote speaker: Mr **Knud ANDERSEN**, President of the Independent and Liberal Democrat Group
of the Congress

Speakers: Ms **Gaye DOGANOGLU**, Vice-President of the Congress
Mr **Marcel GUENOUN** Associate Professor / Head of executive and international programs, Institute of Public Management and Territorial Governance, University of Aix/Marseille, France

- Discussion

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 **Session II: A participatory model: combining direct and representative democracy**

Chair: Mr **Anders KNAPE**, Vice -President of the Congress

- Introduction by the Chair

Keynote speaker: Mr **Paul-Henri PHILIPS**, Vice President of the European Committee on Local and regional Democracy of the Council of Europe (CDLR), CDLR Rapporteur on participation

Speakers: Mr **Giovanni ALLEGRETTI**, Expert of the Council of Europe, Researcher at the Center of Social Studies, Coimbra University, Portugal
Mr **Marcel GUENOUN**, Associate Professor / Head of executive and international programs, Institute of Public Management and Territorial Governance, University of Aix/Marseille, France

- Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.30 **Session III: e-democracy: new forms of civic participation**

Chair: Mr **Paul-Henri PHILIPS**, Vice-President of the European Committee on Local and regional Democracy of the Council of Europe

- Introduction by the Chair

Keynote speaker: Ms **Amy KOOPMANSCHAP**, Vice-President of the Congress

Speaker: Ms **Antonia DIXEY**, Expert on youth participation and e-democracy, Director of Challis-Dixey Associates, United Kingdom

- Discussion

16.00 *Coffee break*

16.15 **Conclusions: Achieving a shared governance**

Chair: Mr. **Vache TERTERYAN**, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Territorial Administration

Presentation of the conclusions of the sessions by the Session Chairs

- Conclusions of Session I Mr **Andreas KIEFER**
- Conclusions of Session II Mr **Anders KNAPE**
- Conclusions of Session III Mr **Paul-Henri PHILIPS**

- Discussion

17.20 **Closing of the conference**

Presentation of general conclusions and closing remarks by:

- Dr **Herwig van STAA**, President of the Congress
- Mr. **Vache TERTERYAN**, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Territorial Administration