

NORWEGIAN RESPONSE TO THE NEW UEMO STATUES

Dear colleagues

First of all; it was very nice to meet you all i Firenze!

Basically the Norwegian delegation is very satisfied with the work done by the linguistic committee with the draft for the new UEMO statues.

We have only a few comments.

- 1) There are still som places in the new draft where the word "Plenum" should be changed with the word "General Assambly" as agreed upon. (Article 4, point 4 last word, article 13 the third line, and several places in Annex III og IV)
- 2) In article 6, point 1, last word, the reference to article 4 should be written by the same symbol 4 as the article's headline and not by the symbol IV as in the annexes.
- 3) Our main concern is, however, the second point in article 12 - the secretariat. As I remember, the head of delegation meeting in Firenze on April 1. agreed to make the staues in a way that will not make it necessary to have to change them again if the General Assembly should agree to have a permanent secretariat i Brussel. Article 12 point 2 states that "The secretariat shall be established by the member organisation from which the UEMO president has been elected, unless the organisation concerned requests otherwise and the General Assembly so approves"

The way we read this, it makes us dependent upon the will of the sitting, or comming president's organisation to establish or maintane a permanent secretariat in Brussel. This is because the statues states that only the President's organisation can decide not to establish the secretariat by themselves. Therefor they can also insist on their righth to establish the secretariat, making a permanent secretariat i Brussel impossible.

We therefor suggest that period 2 is refrased as follows; "The secretariat shall be established by the member organisation from which the UEMO President has been elected, **unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.**"

In this way the organisation holding the Presidency will still have the same oppotunity as today to request the General Assambly to not have to establish the secretariat by themselves if they do not wish to do so. Furthermore the General Assambly will be able to establish a permanent secretariat i Brussel even if the member organisation holding the presidency should not want this.

We feel that article 12, period 2, as we propose it, can fit both situations.

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Sincerely

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