



Strasbourg, 5 November 2009

To the members of the Presidium

Subject: AER Statutes' reform

Ms, Mr President,

Within the framework of the revision of our organisation's Statutes during the last Bureau, please find enclosed the final draft of the Statutes and Rules of procedure, in the versions that will be presented for approval during the next Extraordinary General Assembly, to be held in Belfort during our General Assembly.

Modifications consisted in:

- updates;
- precisions;
- translation adjustments;
- review of the electoral process and of the way the Secretary General is chosen;

These texts were the subject of regular meetings, to which have been associated the following regions: Alsace (F), Värmland (S), Hampshire (GB), Fribourg (CH), Niederösterreich (A), Bruxelles-Capitale (B), Noord-Brabant (NL) and Wallonie (B). They have been certified conform to the alsacien-mosellan local right.

So far as possible, specifically for logistical reasons, I would like to close the revision process until the General Assembly and propose you to summarise the principal aspects of it during this same General Assembly.

In the event that you have questions or remarks about the new versions of the texts, the Special Committee rapporteur, Mr Pierre Meyer¹, is at the disposal of your partners.

I am looking forward to meeting with you again.

Best regards.

Michèle SABBAN

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature reads "Michèle Sabban" in a cursive, flowing script. The first letter 'M' is large and loops around. The name is written in a single line.

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