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## Minutes

From a meeting of the

Executive Committee of BISAC

February 25, 2021

On February 25, 2021 in Bulgaria, Stara Zagora, in the hotel Calista were gathered the members of BISAC from the Bulgarian side and in Tulcea, were gathered the members of BISAC from the Romanian side and through video link between the two groups held a meeting of the Executive Committee of the BISAC with the following agenda:

Item 1 Opening of the meeting, election of a moderator of the meeting, votes-counter;

Item 2 Information on the membership fees paid to the account of the BISAC for 2020 and 2021. Discussions.

Item 3 Determining the place, date, time and agenda for holding a General Assembly of the Black Sea Advisory Council;

Item 4 Review and approval of the activity report for 2020;

Item 5 Review and approval of the financial report for 2020;

Item 6 Presentation of the audit report - Ivelina Balanova, auditor - Petya Zhelezarska;

Item 7 Summary of previous recommendations of the BISAC and answers received;

Item 8 Working groups for 2021 - appointment of leaders;

Item 9 Miscellaneous.

The meeting was attended by videoconference: Ms. Pascale Colson from DG MARE, Ms. Petya Zhelezarska - auditor of BISAC for 2020.

**Item 1** of the agenda: The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the BISAC Dr. Yordan Gospodinov. There was a quorum. Seven out of ten members of the Executive COmmitee were present. Mr. Yordan Gospodinov was proposed as the moderator of the meeting, and Ms. Elena Peneva as the moderator of the minutes.

The proposal was put to the vote: **Voted FOR - 7 votes.**

**Under item 2** of the agenda: the paid membership fee to the BISAC in 2020 and 2021 was considered. EUR 6436.38 was received from membership fees, the total amount to be paid being EUR 17 727.

Mr. Todor Georgiev: The letter from the EC was a big surprise for everyone, in which it is said that the payment to the Advisory Councils will be only by the middle of the year. This means that all expenses incurred by the members of the BISAC for their participation in the meetings must be borne by them.

Ms. Pascale Colson explained that this is because only at the end of December 2020, the agreement between the Council and the Parliament of Europe was signed. As far as the BISAC is concerned, all costs from the beginning of 2021 are considered eligible, even if no contract has yet been signed between the BISAC and the EC Maritime Affairs and Fisheries DG.

Mr. Yordan Gospodinov: The Secretariat will minimize the meetings until the funding is received. Some meetings will be held online so that there are no costs for them. And for the meetings in February, members will receive their daily and travel allowances after receiving funding from the EC.

Ms. Pascale Colson explained that the next programming period will be 7 years and this emergency will be only for 2021. In the coming years, this situation will not be repeated.

**Under item 3** of the agenda: In connection with the delay of the payment by the EC, the BISAC postpones the holding of the annual reporting General Meeting for September. The dates discussed are September 7, 8 or 9, and the place is either in the city of Varna or in the city of Constanta. The following agenda was proposed for the General Assembly:

1. Opening of the meeting, appointment of a moderator of the meeting, election of a recorder and a counter;
2. Adoption of the activity report for 2020;
3. Adoption of the Annual Financial Report of the Association for 2020.
4. Discussions on the financial condition of BISAC.
5. Ongoing implementation of the Work Program.
6. Miscellaneous;

This proposal was put to the vote: **Voted - FOR - 7 votes.**

**Under item 4 of the agenda:** Mr. Yordan Gospodinov presented the report on the activities of the Association for 2020 prepared by the Secretariat.

A vote was taken to present this report to the General Assembly for adoption:

**Voted FOR - 7 votes.**

**Under item 5 of the agenda:** Ms. Ivelina Balanova presented the financial report of the Association for 2020, and BISAC should reimburse the EC the amount of 6097.68 EUR.

The financial report was put to the vote to be presented to the General Meeting for adoption: **Voted FOR - 7 votes.**

**Under the Item 6 of the agenda:** Ms. Petya Zhelezarska presented her conclusions after the audit for 2020. For all expenditures made on the items in the budget there are supporting documents. The expenses incurred are less than in the previous year. For 2020, BISAC received from the EC - 146,582 EUR, spent 156,094 EUR, and revenues from membership fees are sufficient to cover the deductible of 10% of the amount received. All costs correspond to the budget, the money for advertising materials and software only exceeds the pre-set amounts: in column C2.1 - by 46.14 euros and in column D2.2 - by 64.86 euros.

In conclusion: for 2020, the BISAC will reimburse the EC the amount of EUR 6097.68.

**Under item 7 of the agenda:** Ms. Mihaela Candea-Mirea made an overview of the activities of BISAC for the past year. Present the sent official letters and recommendations, as well as the received answers.

Ms. Pascale Colson: The EC knows that the Secretary of State of Romania has promised the Romanian state to financially support the BISAC for 2021, and asks if there is an answer from Bulgaria on this issue.

Mr. Yordan Gospodinov: The letter from the EC is available to Assoc. Prof. Galin Nikolov - Executive Director of NAFA, he promised to meet the Minister of MAFWE, but BISAC has no information whether this has happened. NAFA is a secondary body and cannot decide on this financial support.

**Under item 8 of the agenda:** The following is the appointment as chairs of the working groups for 2021:

WG 2- Technical measures - Mr. Kiril Zheghev

WG 3 - Aquaculture - Ms. Mihaela Candea-Mirea

WG 4 - Protected marine areas under NATURA 2000 - NABCH and Mr. Marian Paiu

WG 5 - Recreational fishing - Mrs. Dimitrina Kostova

WG 6 - Socio-economic aspects - Mr. Yordan Gospodinov

Focus groups:

FG 2 - Shark fishing - Mr. Yordan Gospodinov

FG 3 - Rapana Fishing - Mr. Danko Penev

FG 4 - Marine litter - Ms. Mihaela Candea-Mirea

**Under item 9** of the agenda: Mr. Sidor Dragos Buhai, clarified that Mr. Buhai Daniel wishes to resign as a representative of BISAC in the Administrative Board of EFCA.

The proposals for his deputy are - Mr. Plamen Kamburov from the Association of Small-Scale Fishing "St. Nicholas the Wonderworker", or Mrs. Mihaela Candea-Mirea from the NGO "MARE NOSTRUM". The issue remained to be resolved at the next meeting of the BISAC.

The meeting closes.

The protocol was prepared by Ms. Elena Peneva

Chairman of BISAC - Dr. Yordan Gospodinov