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MINUTES

From a meeting of the Management Board

/Executive Committee/ of BISAC

September 29, 2021

On September 29, 2021 in Romania, Constanta, at the Continental Forum Hotel meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was held, with the participation of some of the members and guests of the meeting. The agenda was as follows:

Item 1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairman of BISAC, election of a meeting leader, responsible for the minutes and a teller of votes.

Item 2 Determining the place, date, time and agenda for the BISAC General Meeting;

Item 3 Proposals for meetings in 2022 Topics for the Working Groups;

Item 4 Presentation of the draft budget for 2022;

Item 5 Proposals and comments for the Work Program for 2022;

Item 6 Discussions on the financial condition of BISAC. Paid membership fee for 2021;

Item 7 Consideration of a received application for membership;

Item 8 Comments on possible changes in the BISAC Statute to be proposed to the General Assembly;

Item 9 Others;

The meeting was attended by videoconference: Ms. Mihaela Velinova from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry /MAFF/, Ms. Mihaela Creteanu from National Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture /NAFA/, Constanta.

Under item 1 of the agenda: The meeting was opened by the Chairman of BISAC Dr. Yordan Gospodinov. There was a quorum. Eight out of ten members of the Management Board were present. Mr. Yordan Gospodinov was proposed to chair the meeting, Ms. Elena Peneva is responsible for the minutes and a teller of votes.

The proposal was put to the vote: **Voted FOR - 8 votes.**

Under item 2 of the agenda: It was proposed that the General Assembly of BISAC be held on November 24 and 25, 2021, starting at 10.30, in the town of Pomorie, Grand Hotel Pomorie or in a worsened pandemic situation and imposed travel restrictions to be held physically in both offices - in Varna for the Bulgarian members of BISAC and in Constanta for the Romanian members of BSAC via video link between the two offices, with the following agenda:

Item 1 Opening of the meeting, election of a moderator of the meeting, recording and counting of the votes.

Item 2 Adoption of a BISAC work program for 2022

Item 3 Adoption of the 2022 Budget

Item 4 Determination of the amount of the membership fee to BISAC for 2022;

Item 5 Selection of a registered auditor;

Item 6 Others;

The proposal thus made was put to the vote: **Voted FOR - 8 votes.**

Under item 3 of the agenda: The following is a submission by the Secretariat of proposals for topics for the working groups to be considered by BISAC in 2022:

Working groups /WG/:

WG 1 - Selectivity of fishing gear

WG 2 - Impact of climate change on fisheries

WG 3 - Aquaculture in the Black Sea

WG 4 - Marine Space Planning

WG 5 - Recreational fishing

WG 6 - Working conditions for fishing

Focus groups:

FG 1 - Small-scale fishing

FG 2 - Shark fishing

FG 3 - Rapan fishing

FG 4 - By-catch of protected species

Discussions on working group topics follow.

Mr. Todor Georgiev proposed BISAC to create a separate focus group to contact the Organization for Black Sea Economic Cooperation and work on this topic. He also offers a separate focus group on biodiversity.

Mr. Marian Paiu commented that there is no need for a separate focus group to contact the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as the BISAC Statute states that it can cooperate with various institutions and organizations. As regards the topic of biodiversity, it can be included in WG 1 - Selectivity of fishing gear and in FG 4 - By-catch of protected species.

Under item 4 of the agenda: Ms. Ivelina Balanova the BISAC accountant presented a working version of the BISAC Budget for 2022, with the number of meetings scheduled to remain the same as in 2021. Some of the meetings are planned to be held online. The possibility to perform an external audit of BISAC by the EC is also commented, for which funds must be provided in the budget. It was decided to ask the EC whether they would do such an audit and how much it would cost. The final version of the budget will be sent to the BSAC members before the General Assembly meeting.

Under item 5 of the agenda: It was commented that the Secretariat should prepare a sample work program of BISAC and send it to the members of the General Assembly before the meeting.

Under item 6 of the agenda: discussions follow on the membership fees received by BISAC so far and commented that some organizations do not pay their obligations regularly.

Mr. Daniel Buhai expressed his opinion that those members who do not pay their membership fees should not have the right to vote.

It was proposed that by November 17, 2021, all organizations pay their membership fees for 2021.

The proposal thus made was put to the vote: **Voted FOR - 8 votes.**

Under item 7 of the agenda: The Executive Committee considered the application for membership of the NGO "Institute for Regional Strategies" Burgas, chaired by Mr. Pavel Marinov Marinov.

The candidacy of the NGO "Institute for Regional Strategies" for membership in the General Assembly of BISAC was voted on: **Voted FOR - 8 votes.**

Under item 8 of the agenda: comments follow to make corrections to errors in the Articles of Association, not amendments.

Under item 9 of the agenda: Mr. Daniel Buhai expressed the opinion that the election of a new Executive Committee, Chairman and Secretary General of BISAC should be made in November 2022 in order to comply with Article 17, item 2 of the Articles of Association and Art. 33 item 1.

Mr. Todor Georgiev: according to Bulgarian law, the current chairman was registered in May 2019 and should serve his 3-year term by May 2022.

There is a proposal to add an item to the agenda for the General Meeting on 24.11.2021 for election of the Executive Committee, Chairman and Secretary General of BISAC, if this does not contradict the Law on Non-Profit Legal Entities /LNPLE/ and the Statute of BISAC before expiration of the three-year term of office of the Executive Committee as of the date of registration in the Registry Agency.

The proposal made in this way was put to the vote: **Voted FOR - 7 votes, AGAINST - 1 vote** (Mr. Todor Georgiev).

Next: closing the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were kept by: Mrs. Elena Peneva

Chairman of BISAC: Mr. Yordan Gospodinov