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Minute of XII ECBF CONGRESS

The XII Congress of ECBF started on October 21, 2006 at 15.00 local time at MDM Hotel Conference room in Warsaw in Place Konstytucji 1.

The Extraordinary Warsaw XII ECBF Congress has been convened according with ECBF Statute (art. 14.2 and art. 11.2) by Athens ECBF Council on April 28, 2006.

Eight ECBF country members were present, according with art. 4.2a and art. 4.2b of ECBF Statute.

All the eight country organizations present had the membership applications approved by ECBF Council according with art. 6.2 of ECBF Statute.

The next 8 ECBF country members presented adequate representation titles. The delegates representing them, when needed and requested, obtained by ECBF Council the special dispensation according art. 12.2 by ECBF Statute and fully represent the country member organizations.

These are the ECBF country members represented at the Congress and these are the names of head-delegation persons of each ECBF country member:

AUSTRIA

ACBA Austrian CB Association, A 1011 Wien, Box 733 for Austria in person of Franz Ahne

GERMANY

Deutsche Funk Allianz e.v., Helmholtz Str. 11, D-34124 Kassel for Germany in person of Mathias Czaya;

GREECE

CB Club of Greece, Ninfen 10, 11528 Athens for Greece in person of Marco Ferrini;

ITALY

FIR-CB Via Lanzone 7, 20123 Milan for Italy in person of Enrico Campagnoli;

POLAND

PLCB Radio, 90 – 855 Lodz, Rysonicrina 28/30 for Poland in person of Krzysztof Gaudnik;

SICILY

Club Elettra, associazione siciliana CB, Corso Sicilia 71, 96011 Augusta (SR) for Sicily in person of Maurizio Manghi;

TRENTINO A.A. - SOUTH TIROLEN

Funknotruf Gruppe, Lancia Str. 4/a, Bozen for Trentino Alto Adige in person of Enrico Gardella;

VATICANO STATE

Radio Club Roma 81 Via Piero Carnabucci 44, 00139 Rome for Vaticano State in person of Antonio Campagnoli;

Letters of greetings have been received from the French CB organization, Federation Francaise de la Citizen Band Libre, and from REACT International.

Welcome

The delegates elect, as chairman of the Congress, the past ECBF President, Enrico Campagnoli, and Marco Ferrini, as Secretary.

The president of PLCB association, Jerzy Plokarz opens the Congress and welcomes ECBF delegates in Warsaw in the XXX anniversary of the foundation, as guest member organization.

Doctor Zbigniew Halat, former Minister of Wealth of Poland, involved in Civil Protection, during the Congress works, welcomes the delegates, as Polish authority.

Enrico Campagnoli, as past ECBF president, makes a report.

He underlines that ECBF has been founded XXX years ago, as an European users organization and its is an honor now to celebrate its XXX anniversary, preserving here in Warsaw, with this XII ECBF Congress, its independency from commercial influences, as stated by art. 1.5 of Statute.

Commercial influences frozen ECBF activities in last years. He regrets for Brussels scission, determined by an illegal meeting on past Oct.1, convened without any statutory right, using the ECBF name. However he also points out the positive effects of this scission: the stop of commercial influences that were undermining the credibility of an user organization and the possibility to have a renewed, stronger and more active CB users organization with an efficient program and action in the interest of users.

A copy of the "ECBF Magazine", special edition, for the Warsaw Congress has been distributed to the delegates and it is attached to this minute. It is possible download it from:

<http://www.europeancbfederation.eu/ECBFmagazineCB2006October.pdf>

Campagnoli reports on the background of this extraordinary congress, convened by ECBF Athens Council, the ECBF financial situation, the illegitimacy of the meeting made on Oct. 1, 2006 in Brussels under the name of "ECBF Congress", etc. and the program and the action of ECBF.

The program and action refer to three main points:

Point 1- The prudential extension of ECBF activity to the personal communications defined by point 5 of the European Directive 2002/20/EC, based on a) self-use, b) not exclusive use of frequencies, c) no relation with commercial activity. These personal communications, just according the point 5 of the Directive 2002/20/EC, have to be ruled by Directive 1999/5/EC.

The photo of legal situation in all EC countries and the status of the implementation of the Directive 1999/5/EC in the EC members countries is the first step for an appropriate action to have national State to comply with the Directives. The constitution of a technical working group is a second step to participate at EC debate on the evolution on personal radio communication.

Point 2- An action, as users and consumers, to reduce the prices of personal communication equipment in Europe. The gap of the European prices and US prices of these equipment has to be reduced. The European Commission will be requested with appropriate action and events to investigate on the reasons of this gap and, if it depends from an imperfect competition or from any kind of possible manipulation of the market, to take the necessary initiatives.

Point 3- the Civil Protection activity, as ECBF, that is celebrating its XXX anniversary, because it started with Friuli hearthquake in 1976, can now be improved with the adhesion of ECBF at the European Civil Protection Volunteers Association Committee (ECPVAC), constituted on March 10 during the European Civil Protection Volunteers meeting promoted by European Commission in Newhausen in Germany. The meeting in Chianciano (Siena, Italy) in the Congress Center on November 12, 2006 will be devoted to the XXX anniversary of Radio Emergency Service of ECBF and to the report of the activity of 72 our CB Emergency Radio Volunteers operating just now, Oct 21-22, in an emergency simulation organized by European Commission on Vesuvio volcano in Naples.

It is opened a large debate, with the participation, among others of Jerzy Plokarz, Mathias Czaya, Franz Ahne, Marco Ferrini.

On point 1 of agenda. On legal matters the Congress approves unanimously the following motions:

- 1- "ECBF Congress ratifies and approves the minutes of the Athens ECBF Councils and the Athens Council decisions."
- 2- ECBF Congress approve the registration of ECBF Statute in Italy and all ECBF Congress delegates sign for approval the legal copy of the original document registered on 18/07/2006 at n. 727/Serie1 in Abbiategrosso (Milan, Italy), with which, after that the Athens ECBF Council transferred the headquarter in Milan, via Lanzone 7, on April 28, 2006 according art. 3.3 of Statute, the ECBF is under the Italian law. As in the past, the ECBF has been always, as European federation, under the law of the State in which it has been established by ECBF legitimate bodies the headquarter.
- 3- "ECBF Congress considers illegal the meeting made under the name of "ECBF Congress ", on Oct.1 2006, in Brussels, because it has not be convened according ECBF Statute."

The following motion, instead, has not been approved unanimously, but with 7 votes in favor and 1 contrary (Poland):

"ECBF Congress decides that the organizations that had members elected in Brussels Oct. 1, 2006 meeting at any charge or participated to the Brussels meeting have thirty days to communicate to ECBF, in via Lanzone 7, 20123 Milan, that they dismiss themselves from any charge given to them in Brussels last Oct. 1, and consider Brussels "ECBF Congress" illegitimate.

If not, the Congress decides that since thirty days after Warsaw XII ECBF Congress (Oct 22,2006) these organizations are no more considered member of ECBF.

However this Congress decides to invite the ECBF Council, that will be elected by this Congress, to convene a "Reconciliation ECBF Congress", also before the statutory four years terms and to considerate the presence of national CB organization in ECBF in the past."

On point 2 , 3 and 4 of agenda: strategy on personal communication, Emergency communication, Technical issue.

The following motions are approved unanimously:

- 1- The ECBF Congress approves the prudential extension of ECBF activity to the personal communications defined by point 5 of the European Directive 2002/20/EC. On the matter and on different legal framework of national legislation on personal communication it is constituted a working group to try, also, to harmonize the different laws and regulations existing in European countries on CB and generally on personal communications.
- 2- The ECBF Congress decides to promote an action to reduce personal communications equipment prices , (also before the European Commission and European Parliament), underlining the importance of the competition and of the market manipulation on the prices of personal communication equipments.
- 3- The ECBF approves ECBF participation in European Civil Protection Volunteers Association Committee and promote the participation of volunteers members of ECBF association at European Commission Civil Protection simulations.
- 4- ECBF will continue the accreditation process as NGO at the Council of Europe.

On point 5 of agenda: Motions: Statute modifications

The ECBF congress decides unanimously to modify the following ECBF Statute articles.

Article:

- no. 1.2 as follows: "Citizen's Band (CB) refers to the public radio-frequency spectrum bands on 27 Mhz, 930 Mhz, 430 Mhz and others used for personal radio-communication by citizens who are users of appropriate transceivers, also known as CB radios *and generally for personal radio communication*";
- no. 3.1 as follows: "The headquarters of the ECBF is located at the office address of the General Secretary *or at the office address of the President, at the sole decision of the President*".
- no. 4.1 b) as follows: "or territory non recognized as State, but which is recognized as a nation or nationality by a law of the State to which it belongs *and/or has special autonomy , according the ECBF Council*";
- n. 4.4. as follows: "Each member is independent and has the same rights and duties as the other members.

Any discrimination is prohibited and ECBF is not allowed to interfere with internal affairs of the national member, unless on request by the national member itself. The vote inside ECBF and the member fees can be on proportional basis on decision *of the Council*";

–new no. 5.1 e) as follows: “*to conduct activities for human rights protection and citizen freedom right protection*”;

–no. 6.4 as follows: “In the case of a new application from one country, a copy of the request for admission shall be sent to the existing member in the same country who will decide to present the application for decision or to veto, *unless it is approved by two third of the Council*”;

–no. 11.1 as follows: “The ECBF Congress is the supreme body of the federation. It must be convened *at least* every 4 years by the President of the federation. Participation, rules, date, place and the agenda have to be decided upon by the Council and have to be notified at least 90 days before the date of the meeting”;

–no. 13.1 as follows: “The ECBF Council is the executive government body of the Federation. It is made of: the President, *two Vice Presidents (first vice-President, second vice-President)*, a General Secretary, one or several Assistant Secretaries, a General Treasurer and a Co-coordinator for Emergency Radio Services (ERS) ”;.....

–no. 15 , as follows: “*THE FIRST AND SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT*”

–no. 15.1 as follows: “*The First Vice President is the Vice President who is member of ECBF Council since longer time*”.

–It is agreed that the word “Vice-President Senior” is substituted by the word “First Vice President” in the entire ECBF Statute;

–no. 15.3 as follows: “*In case of First Vice President sickness or absence the same authority will be to the second Vice President*”;

–no. 16.2 as follows: “the General Secretary *or the Congress Secretary must prepare the minutes and present it for the adoption to the next Council and Congress meeting. The minutes, once accepted, will be sent to each correspondent member*”;

–no. 18.1 as follows: “The Council is elected by the Congress and any candidate must be clearly and publicly announced before Congress”.

Due to the fact there is no more the commercial influences problem, it is obvious to remove the time limit period of “ exclusively” “four years” of the charge of members of the Council, as limit of time of solve the commercial influences problem or give to the founders the authority as rightful members to solve the problem, as decided in the Paris Congress.

It has been approved unanimously the ECBF Statute with these modifications and it has been decided to register the ECBF's statute with these modification in Italy and in such respect the Congress gives all the necessary power to Enrico Campagnoli, to deposit the ECBF Statute with these modification, before Italian notary public or equivalent authority.

Point 6 of agenda: Election of ECBF Council. ECBF charges.

The ECBF Congress delegates vote unanimously the ECBF's Council as following, in alphabetic order::

–**Franz Ahne - ACBA Austrian CB Association**

–**Enrico Campagnoli - FIR- CB, Italy**

–**Mathias Czaya - Deutsche Funk Allianz e.v. as**

–**Marco Ferrini - CB Club of Greece, Greece**

–**Maurizio Manghi - Club Elettra, Sicilian CB association, Sicily**

–**Jerzy Plokarz - PLCB Radio, Poland**

It is remembered that **Aris Matiatos, Greece**, is rightful member of ECBF Council according art. 13.2 of Statute.

The ECBF Council, according the Statute, elected unanimously among the members these following ECBF charges.

The ECBF Congress delegates approved them unanimously:

- Enrico Campagnoli**, Italy, **ECBF President**;
- Jerzy Plokarn**, Poland, **First ECBF Vice President**;
- Mathias Czaya**, Germany, **Second ECBF Vice President**;
- Franz Ahne**, Austria, **General Secretary**,
- Marco Ferrini**,Greece, **General Treasurer**;
- Maurizio Manghi**, Sicily, **member**

Point 7 of agenda: others

Jerzy Plokarz is appointed to follow the process to be accredited as NGO at the Council of Europe.

Franz Ahne, General Secretary, is appointed as coordinator of the technical group which will deal with all the competent authorities of the European Union.

It is decided that the ECBF's Council will be kept also by teleconference, on monthly basis, using skype or the ECBF's server (IP address: rivington.no-ip.com). The first telemeeting of the ECBF Council is scheduled for October 31, 2006 at 21.00 (central European time) on ECBF TS Server..

The immediate future activities of ECBF

-Emergency Radio Service - ECBF meeting in Chianciano (Siena, Tuscany, Italy) -November 12, 2006.

ECBF will have a meeting on Civil Protection, in Chianciano on 12 November 2006 where it will presented the activity of the 72 Radio Emergency Service Volunteers that participated in Civil Protection simulation, named Vesuvio 2006 and organized by the European Commission, that had been held just during the Warsaw ECBF Congress on October 21-22. ECBF organizations members willing to participate are invited to require it at : ecbf@hotmail.it

-ECBF will organize a meeting in Germany during winter time (date and place to be decided) focused on the gap of prices for personal communication equipment in Europe

-The ECBF President, Enrico Campagnoli, reads the letter of the Federation Francaise de la Citizen Band Libre (FFCBL), related to April FFCBL General Assembly.

-The next phisical ECBF Council will be held in Spring 2007, close to Portofino, in the second part of April.

At 12.00 of 22 October 2006 the XII ECBF Congress is closed.

XII ECBF Congress Secretary

Marco Ferrini

XII ECBF Congress Chairman

Enrico Campagnoli