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Draft Resolution prepared by Tuscany Region (Italy), to be submitted for the approval of the Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) on 5 February 2010

Considering:

- Forthcoming work to prepare for the next European programming period (2014-2020);
- The role of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) in representing and promoting the interests of regional authorities and, more specifically, the role of its Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) in promoting the Mediterranean side of European policies;
- The existence of a Network of Mediterranean Institutes (NMI) involving the Institut de la Méditerranée, Plural, Paralleli, CeSPI, the Fundacion Tres Culturas del Mediterraneo, MAEM-MEMA and IEMED, which was set up in 2006 at the request of PACA Region, Tuscany Region, Piedmont Region, Lazio Region, Andalusia Region, Catalonia Region, and is currently supported by the MedGouvernance project;
- The adoption of a related declaration by the presidents of the regions involved in the MedGouvernance project, signed in Marseille on 29 May 2009, which aimed to strengthen institutional relations and contribute to the development of a new Mediterranean policy;
- The mandate already given to the NMI by the IMC to organise a debate in the MedGouvernance project on Euro-Mediterranean governance and the ways and means of improving it through wider involvement of regional authorities;
- The conclusions of the first phase of the MedGouvernance project, during 2009, stressing the need for a strategic initiative by Mediterranean regions in the context of forthcoming work to prepare for the next European programming period (2014-2020);
- The debates launched by the CPMR on the development of macro-regional approaches observed in different areas of the European Union and its border regions (particularly the Baltic and the Danube);
- The need for a macro-regional approach as a strategic initiative of the Mediterranean regions with a view to preparing the next European programming period;
- The unique and non-replicable nature of the macro-regional approaches that have already been developed and the need to take the specific circumstances of the Mediterranean Region into account;

The Intermediterranean Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR):

- Ask the NMI, during the second phase of the MedGouvernance project, to examine the potential of various scenarios with a view to preparing a macro-regional strategy in the Mediterranean;
- Emphasises that this strategy could be based on two parallel and complementary processes:





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- The first, which would be led by a limited core network of pioneering regional authorities from the north further to a mandate given to the European Commission by the European Council, supported by the member states of the EU, for the launch of a debate on a Mediterranean macro-region;
- A second, based on ongoing territorial cooperation projects (for example MedGouvernance) which would be gradually extended to other regions from the north and the south of the Mediterranean;
- Emphasise that the NMI's research efforts should aim to identify various scenarios concerning the following matters:
  - A methodology for preparing the future macro-regional approach with proposals on organisational matters and a timetable;
  - The governance and coordination system involving the different parties to the process of preparing a future macro-regional approach.
- Decide to set the IMC's Cooperation Working Group to work on this matter and invite the IMR and the member regions of the MedGouvernance project to organise the consultations required to secure political approval of the proposed preparatory work, in particular its presentation at an event involving the Presidents of the partner regions of the MedGouvernance project, which will be organised in Barcelona in February 2011.

Adopted in Murcia (Spain) on 5 February 2010



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