

Italian position on the analysis and recommendation of ECPGR Review Panel Report.

Dear colleagues and friends,

due to personal reasons I'm not able to attend the meeting of the Steering Committee in Bratislava in spite of the fact I supported the proposal to meet in December 2010.

I'm sorry and I apologize for that; I will be replaced by Mrs. Petra Engel, but I want anticipate some comments on the document of the Review Panel.

The report is very well done: complete, clear, and with many good suggestions.

With some of them I do not agree or, at least, I'm not fully convinced of their opportunity.

I'm particularly talking of the suggested institutionalization.

On this item I fully share the position of Germany whose considerations are based on a very rational and solid examination on the situation.

About the need of the Committee to have more time for discussion, I would prefer to have a meeting each year rather than a longer meeting every two-three years. It's a problem of cost but, I'm convinced, the return should pay the effort.

I'm also very doubtful about the appointment of an Executive Director, independently from the institutionalization (if I understood correctly). The Secretariat seems to me able to face the problems.

Looking at the paragraph 37, the advantages to be hosted by B.I. are much more than the drawbacks.

Sincerely yours

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