

The Secretary General

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Dear Dr Volgger and Dr Siegele,

Thank you for your comments and suggestions concerning the Ombudsman report, which was examined approved by the Congress Governance Committee at its meeting on 26 September.

I am pleased to inform you that all of your proposals were taken on board by the Committee. I attach the revised text as it will be submitted to the Plenary session.

I draw your attention to:

- the new Para. 8, Art c) of the Draft Recommendation, referring to the need for the Ombudsman to be able to act "ex officio";
- the new Para. 8, Art e) of the Draft Recommendation, referring to the need for the Ombudsman to be financially independent;
- the new Para. 10, Art g) of the Draft Resolution, referring to the need for appropriate follow-up to Ombudsman recommendations.

The report now will be examined by the plenary sitting on the afternoon of next Tuesday 18 October.

I shall inform you if any further changes are made to these texts during next week's debate.

Yours sincerely,



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