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THE OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF THE CONGRESS

Article 1:

This Guidelines is written and issued to determine how Turkey Children and Media Congress is to be held in a well-organized, fruitful and efficient manner and atmosphere; and how the members are to be appointed during the entire Congress.

MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS

Article 2:

The governance and the realization of the Congress are administered through the members with the duties as stated below:

- (1) Chairman of the Congress: Elected by Academic and Evaluation Board and is responsible for representing the Congress and acting as the President of the Academic and Evaluation Boards.
- (2) Academic and Evaluation Board: This board determines the academic content of the Congress.
- (3) Organization Committee: The body formed by equal number of representatives of the co-operating institutions and is responsible for organizing the Congress.
- (4) Executive Board: Selected by the Organization Committee among their own members or from the recommended people and are responsible for

implementation of the Congress in accordance with the objectives and functions of the Congress. The Executive Board implements the decisions taken by the Organizing Committee.

- (5) Spokesperson: The Spokespersons of the Congress consist of two Juveniles and two adults selected by the Organizing Committee. They are responsible for delivering the objectives of the Congress to the participants.

PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN TO THE CONGRESS

Article 3:

- (1) In accordance with the Congress Schedule, Juvenile delegates and Juvenile Monitor Delegates between the ages 9-12; 13-15; 16-18 are entitled to deliver their opinions, and can participate in the Congress.
- (2) Juvenile Delegates are young delegates between the ages of 9-18, who have applied to the Congress selected by Academic and Evaluation Board to give oral, written and visual presentation and have a right to vote on the floor of the Congress.
- (3) Juvenile Monitor Delegates: Juvenile Monitor Delegates are other than the Juvenile Delegates and who have a right to express their own opinions at the

Juvenile Committees on the floor of the Congress.

- (4) Within the limitation of the Congress' operational procedures, Juvenile Delegates are appointed in a sufficient number by the Chairman of the Congress to assist Juvenile Delegates and Juvenile Council before and during the entire Congress.

ADULT PARTICIPATION TO THE CONGRESS

Article 4:

- (1) Adult Participation to the Congress are realized by Adult Delegates who are invited by the Academic and Evaluation Board to make a presentation along with the co-operative institutions, related with Children and Media, and parents whose participation is granted in accordance with the Congress Schedule.
- (2) Adult Delegates are the members above the age of 18 and have a right to vote and to give presentations at the Congress. The members of the Academic and Evaluation Board, Organizing Committee and Executive Committees are the delegates of the Congress. At the Congress, wide range of people from numerous institutions can work as the delegates of the Congress: The writers of Turkey Media and Juvenile

Assessment Report, the experts who support the preparatory works of Writing Group, people of Strategic Document Workshop and Focus Group Studies, and people from Non-Governmental Organizations, Juvenile's Rights Bar Associations, Educational Organizations, Professional Media Organizations, Media Representatives and Unions and the other representatives coming from Faculties of Education, Medicine, and Law Schools.

- (3) Adult Monitor Delegates; Adult Monitor Delegates are the adults other than the Adult Delegates and have a right to present their own opinions during the entire process of the Congress.

THE FORMATION OF ADULT COUNCIL

Article 5:

- (1) After the opening ceremony, the Chairman commenced the Congress and made the announcement and/or before the General Committee Study, the candidates for the presidency of the Congress Council and for the membership will be declared to the Chairman of the Congress. The Chairman, by determining the candidates with the help of the

Congress attendants, carries out the election. Election is carried out by the participation of the Adult Delegates. The Monitor Delegates do not hold the right to vote during the polling. The decisions are taken on the basis of majority of the votes. In case of objection, the act of voting process can be repeated only once. The method of voting is an open system as the show of hands.

THE FORMATION OF JUVENILE COUNCIL

Article 6:

Juvenile Committees, in their mutual meetings, elect the Congress Juvenile Council consisting one Council candidate and three Council members. The result of the election is delivered to the Chairman of the Congress by a protocol. The Council candidates within their own three council members apply to the Chairman of Congress with the list. The maximum number of the candidates on the list can be three. Should accepted at their mutual meetings of the Juvenile Committees, different methods of application can be developed for each Congress.

OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF THE CONGRESS COUNCIL

Article 7:

- (1) The Congress Council is composed of the equal representations of children

and adults. The Council of the Congress consists of maximum 8 people, including the Chairs of both Juvenile and Adult Councils.

- (2) The Congress is managed by the both the Presidency of Congress Adult Council and the Presidency of Congress Juvenile Council. The Adult Council has no supremacy over the Juvenile Council. It is the prior obligations of the President of the Adult Council to understand and comply with the approaches taken by the Juvenile Council.

OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 8:

- (1) Juvenile and Adult Delegates have equal rights to vote on the floor of the Congress.
- (2) The decisions are taken by the majority of the Juvenile Delegates and Adult Delegates. The objections to the proceeding of the Congress are made to the co-presidents of the Congress Council.
- (3) Duration of the Congress General Assembly sessions is arranged according to the frame of the Congress Program and the children's suggestions along with the mutual decisions taken by the Presidency of both Juvenile Council and Adult Council.
- (4) Should Juvenile Delegates confront any detention while they are working, they have a right to apply to the presidency of

the Congress Council.

- (5) At the study of the Congress General Assembly, firstly the juvenile members are heard. Children are free to express their own opinions and the Adult Councils do not have the right to show any prohibitive attitude towards them.

THE FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

Article 9:

Juvenile Committee and Adult Committee are composed according to the merits stated below:

- (1) Only Juvenile Delegates can take part in Juvenile Committees. However, Monitor Delegates can attend the meetings and express their own opinions without having the right to vote. Before each session, the number of the Juvenile Committees and the duration of their working hours are determined by Academic and Evaluation Board by taking children delegates' opinions into account.
- (2) Adult Committees are composed of adults who applied in accordance with the objectives and targets of the Congress. In Adult Committees, only adults can take part. However, Monitor Adult Delegates can attend the meetings without having the right to vote, and express opinions provided that they do

not disturb the works of the Committee. Before each session, the number of the Juvenile Committees and the duration of their working hours are determined by Academic and Evaluation Board.

OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF COMMITTEES

Article 10:

- (1) Out of maximum 3 candidates from the members of each Committee, 1 President and 3 Writing Group members are selected by each Committee.
- (2) Committee members and the Presidents represent their own committee in the General Assembly of the Congress and on each stage they provide adult and juvenile representation.
- (3) Committees gather with the absolute majority of the members and take decisions with the absolute majority of attending members.

DUTIES OF THE JUVENILE COMMITTEES

Article 11:

Juvenile Committee who take part in the Congress executes the duties as stated below:

- a) Each Committee prepares a report to be presented to the General Assembly of the Congress. These reports are presented to the General Assembly of the Congress in

- alphabetical order by the president of the Juvenile Committee and the Spokesman.
- b) Juvenile Committee is prosecuted by the president of Juvenile Council and the members of the Councils in cooperation with the General Board of the Congress.
 - c) Children and Media Monitoring Board selects the juvenile members.
 - d) They express their opinion about the content of the Congress Juvenile's Declaration which is read at the end of the Congress.
 - e) Selects the Juvenile Council of the Congress.

DUTIES OF ADULT COMMITTEES

Article 12:

Adult Committee who takes part in the Congress executes the duties as stated below:

- a) Selects the members of the Adult Council of the Congress.
- b) Each Committee prepares a report to be presented to the Congress General Assembly. They present their reports in alphabetical order.
- c) Adult Committees conduct operations on the floor in coordination with the chair and the members of Adult Council. They select the adult members of Children and Media Monitoring Board to serve for 4 years.
- d) They select the adult members of

Children and Media Monitoring Board to serve for 4 years.

- e) They express their opinions about the preparation and the content of the Congress Bulletin in cooperation with the President of the Adult Committees.

JUVENILE AND ADULT DECLARATIONS OF THE CONGRESS

Article 13:

- (1) Juvenile Congress Declaration is prepared in cooperation with the president of the Juvenile Council and the members of the Councils' Writing Group taking Juvenile Committees' opinion into account. At the end of the Congress, this declaration is presented by the President of the Congress Juvenile Council.
- (2) Adult Congress Declaration is prepared by taking Adult Committees' opinion into account in cooperation with the president of Adult Council. At the end of the Congress, this declaration is presented by the Chairman of the Congress Adult Committee.

DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Article 14:

As scheduled on the Congress program, conferences for adults shall last 45 minutes,

presentations 15 minutes, and Posters 10 minutes. The length of the children's speech that they express their opinions can be arranged upon the special study based on the type of the speech for each session. The length of the Workshop Studies and the Sessions is regulated by the General Management of the Congress according to the content of the studies.

SELECTION OF JUVENILE AND MEDIA MONITORING BOARD (MEDIK)

Article 15:

- a) At the end of the Congress, Media Monitoring Board for Children and Adult (MEDIK) is selected to monitor and assess the whole process of media effect on children.
- b) MEDIK, Media Monitoring Board, consists of 12 members, determined by the election among the members of each Juvenile and Adult Committees are constructed in accordance with the Article 9 on this Guidelines. It is compulsory that the numbers of Juvenile and Adult delegates should be equal.
- c) Each Juvenile Committee selects 4 members among the members of each Juvenile delegate. Each Adult Committee selects 3 adult members. Adult members are selected from their own members, from Non-Governmental Organizations, from Media Institutions and Unions and Academics, from people who work

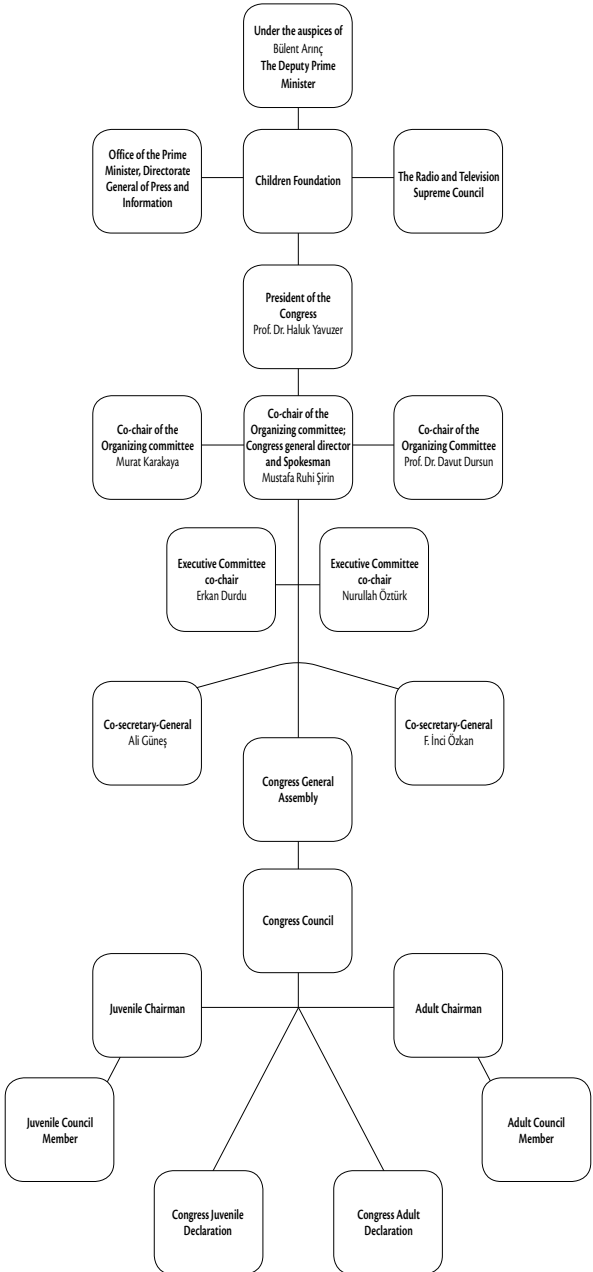
- at public professional institutions. Civil servants and other than the aforementioned group are not entitled to be selected as the member of MEDIK.
- d) Elections are carried out by the Committee Presidents on open voting basis. Each President of the Committees presents the protocol to President of the Congress Council.
 - e) After the Congress, the duty and the authority of MEDIK with the procedures and basis of their working methods are composed and arranged by the Guidelines prepared by the selected Monitoring Board Members.

EXECUTION

Article 16:

This Guidelines is executed by the Presidents and the members of the Adult and Juvenile Councils.

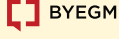
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