

NOVO ESTATUTO COLOCA O ENFOQUE NO RESPEITO
ENA PROMOÇÃO DOS DIREITOS HUMANOS

PORTUGAL GARANTE REVISÃO DO ESTATUTO DO GRUPO POMPIDOU



A Presidência Portuguesa do Grupo Pompidou conseguiu cumprir plenamente o mandato conferido pela Conferência Ministerial de Stavanger, em novembro de 2018, com a adoção, pelo Comité de Ministros do Conselho da Europa, do Estatuto revisto do Grupo Pompidou, conjuntamente com a declaração comemorativa do 50º Aniversário do Grupo. Esta decisão é o culminar de um processo que durou mais de dois anos, envolvendo discussões aprofundadas entre os 41 países membros do Grupo Pompidou, bem como variadas consultas com os principais parceiros, tanto dentro como fora do Conselho da Europa.

O novo Estatuto alarga o mandato do Grupo para incluir adições ou comportamentos aditivos associados a substâncias licitas (como o álcool e o tabaco) e novas formas de adição (como o jogo e o jogo online); coloca o enfoque no respeito e na promoção dos Direitos Humanos na elaboração, adoção, implementação e avaliação de políticas em matéria de drogas e altera a designação oficial do Grupo para “Grupo de Cooperação do Conselho de Europa sobre Drogas e Dependências”, por forma a melhor refletir a sua identidade enquanto entidade do Conselho da Europa, bem como o seu mandato alargado.

Portugal, atual Presidência do Conselho da União Europeia, congratula-se igualmente com as novas oportunidades proporcionadas pelo Estatuto revisto para o reforço da cooperação entre o Grupo Pompidou e a União Europeia, incluindo a possibilidade desta última se tornar membro do Grupo.

A decisão é um importante marco do 50º Aniversário do Grupo Pompidou e confere ao Grupo um forte enquadramento político e jurídico para a sua ação presente e futura.

Dependências replica a Mensagem da Presidência Portuguesa do Grupo Pompidou, a Resolução do Comité de Ministros que adota o Estatuto Revisto do Grupo Pompidou e a Declaração do Comité de Ministros por ocasião do 50º Aniversário do Grupo Pompidou, que se celebra este ano.

Mensagem da Presidência Portuguesa do Grupo Pompidou

A new statute for the Pompidou Group: The Portuguese Presidency welcomes the adoption, today by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, of a revised statute for the Pompidou Group, together with a declaration celebrating the Group’s 50th Anniversary. This decision is the culminating point of a process which lasted for more than two years, and which involved thorough discussions among the 41 Pompidou Group member states as well as numerous consultations with its main partners both within and outside the Council of Europe. The main features of the new statute include:

- reaffirming the necessity of a multidisciplinary approach to address the drug situation, which has been the main characteristic of the Pompidou Group since its creation in 1971;
- extending the Group’s mandate to encompass addictions or addictive behaviors which are related to licit substances (such as alcohol or tobacco) and new forms of addictions (such as Internet gambling and gaming);
- focusing on the respect and promotion of human rights in designing, adopting, implementing and evaluating drug policies;
- changing the official name of the Group (“Cooperation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs”) into “Council of Europe Cooperation Group on drugs and addictions” in order to better reflect both its identity as a Council of Europe entity and its extended mandate;
- fostering synergies between the Pompidou Group and its main partners both within and outside the Council of Europe, including civil society organizations. As current Presidency of the Council of the EU, Portugal also welcomes the new opportunities offered by the revised statute to strengthen cooperation between the Pompidou Group and the European Union, including the possibility for the latter to become a member of the Group. The Portuguese Presidency thanks all those who

have been involved in this process for their constructive spirit which allowed the successful fulfilment of the mandate given by the Stavanger ministerial conference in November 2018. Today's decision is a major highlight for the Pompidou Group's 50th Anniversary and it empowers the Group with a strong political and legal framework for its present and future action.

Resolução do Comité de Ministros

Article 1 – Role and objectives

The Pompidou Group is a platform for intergovernmental co-operation, acting within the institutional framework of the Council of Europe, the Europe-wide reference source for human rights, and pursuing the following objectives:

- to provide its members with a forum for open dialogue, exchange of good practice and sharing of experience on their drug policies. The challenges relating to other addictions may also be addressed, wherever relevant;
- to promote respect for human rights in the framing, adoption, implementation and evaluation of drug and addiction policies;
- to develop understanding of and responses to the challenges posed by drugs and addictions, focusing public health, safety and security, while pursuing a multidisciplinary, balanced, gender-sensitive and integrated approach based on scientific evidence and best practices within all areas of the drug problem, with full respect of human rights;
- to establish links between research, policy and practice in order to provide its members with tools for decision making and evaluation based on scientific evidence and/or best practices;
- to increase international co-operation to prevent and counter illicit production and trafficking in drugs and the diversion of drug precursors, as well as drug related crime, and enhance cooperation between different sectors of law enforcement as well as other relevant sectors, with full respect of human rights;
- to support full conformity of national drug policies with relevant international law.

Article 2 – Added value

The Pompidou Group shall provide added value to its members through:

- a global vision and understanding of drug and addiction policies, taking into account existing international commitments to address and counter the world drug problem;
- targeted information on new findings from research, policy and practice in the field of drugs and addictions;
- multilateral support for the framing of policies, strategies and action plans on drugs and addictions;
- international visibility and recognition for national policies and interventions based on scientific evidence and best practices;
- a rapid-response capacity enabling the formulation of tailor-made responses to unexpected situations or emerging phenomena;
- access to co-operation platforms and specialist professional networks;
- a capacity for collective reflection on and innovation in the framing, implementation and evaluation of policies, taking into account members' specific needs.

Article 3 – Composition

As an enlarged partial agreement of the Council of Europe, the Pompidou Group is open to the participation of member States of the Organisation, which may join it by simple notification to the Secretary General, and to non-member States which share the values of the Council of

Europe. The latter shall join – following an opinion from the Committee of Permanent Correspondents – at the invitation of the Committee of Ministers, deciding by unanimous vote in its composition restricted to representatives of member States of the Pompidou Group.

The European Union may join the Pompidou Group according to modalities to be defined by the Committee of Ministers.

Member or observer States to the Council of Europe which are not members of the Pompidou Group may participate in the statutory meetings and other work of the Pompidou Group as observers (with no right to vote) by simple notification to the Secretary General. Other States, in particular countries with which the Council of Europe has a structured co-operation relationship,[3] may also benefit from the same entitlement by decision of the Committee of Ministers, following an opinion from the Committee of Permanent Correspondents.

The participation of States as observers to the Pompidou Group shall be possible only for a limited period of time, at the end of which the States concerned shall decide whether or not to join the group. This period shall in principle be two years.

Article 4 – Governance

The Pompidou Group shall be governed by the following bodies:

- the Ministerial Conference, which brings together the relevant political authorities of its members every four years: it shall define the strategic direction and priorities of the group for the following four years, adopt a corresponding pluriannual work programme, elect the president and vice-president and endorse the composition of the bureau;
- the Committee of Permanent Correspondents, comprising one representative from each member, is the group's decision-making body between two ministerial conferences and in principle shall meet twice a year. Governments may designate additional representatives to the Committee. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them (head of the delegation) is entitled to take part in the voting;
- the Bureau of Permanent Correspondents, which shall oversee the group's activities between the meetings of the committee: it will be made up of representatives of the countries holding the presidency and vice-presidency of the group, and other members elected by their peers, with the proviso that the number of bureau members, in principle, must not exceed one quarter of the total number of the group's members;
- the presidency, which ensures the political representation of the group externally and coordinates its work internally, including by overseeing the activities of the secretariat: it is supported (and replaced, if need be or upon request by the presidency) by the vice-presidency.

Members shall aim to ensure a gender balance in the statutory bodies of the Pompidou Group.



Article 5 – Synergies

The Pompidou Group shall seek to develop all mutually beneficial synergies in order to avoid duplication and give maximum efficiency and impact to its work, taking into account that the Pompidou Group constitutes a unique pan-European mechanism for intergovernmental co-operation in the field of drug policies:

- externally, it shall work closely with the main relevant international intergovernmental organisations and agencies at global and regional levels. The latter may be invited, by decision of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents, to attend its statutory meetings as observers and take part in the group's other work;
- internally, it shall establish mutually beneficial co-operation with all relevant Council of Europe entities. Where appropriate, representatives of the entities concerned may be invited to attend its statutory meetings and take part in the group's work on an ad hoc or more permanent basis;
- synergies shall also be actively sought with civil society, which plays an important role in the development and implementation of policies and activities at local, national and international levels. As appropriate, non-governmental organisations with due competence in areas under consideration may also be invited, by decision of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents, to attend its statutory meetings as observers and take part in the group's other work.

Article 6 – Budget

The budget of the Pompidou Group shall be financed by mandatory contributions from its members. It shall be adopted each year by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in its composition restricted to representatives of member States of the Pompidou Group, in accordance with the rules and procedures in force within the Organisation.

Members shall be encouraged, insofar as their possibilities and interests allow, to make voluntary contributions to provide additional resources for the Pompidou Group, to which may be added, where appropriate, resources from the Council of Europe's co-operation programmes.

The implementation of the ordinary budget and the use of extra-budgetary resources shall be supervised by the Committee of Permanent Correspondents and its bureau.

Article 7 – Secretariat

The secretariat of the Pompidou Group is an integral part of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe; its functioning is governed by the rules and procedures in force within the Organisation.



It is headed by an Executive Secretary, appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and responsible, among other things, for the proper management of the financial and human resources made available to the group.

Specifically, the secretariat's functions are to:

- support the presidency and the vice-presidency;
- manage the Pompidou Group's budget, that is, provide regular updates on the use of the resources put at the group's disposal;
- facilitate the implementation of activities;
- contribute to the quality of the Pompidou Group's activities through effective organisation;
- facilitate evaluation of the activities by the Permanent Correspondents;
- communicate and inform about developments in the field of drugs and addictions and the results of the group's work.

The work of the secretariat is carried out within the administrative framework of the Council of Europe, under the authority of the Secretary General. It is overseen by the presidency, acting in the framework of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents and its bureau.

Declaração do Comité de Ministros por ocasião do 50º Aniversário do Grupo Pompidou

The Committee of Ministers congratulates the Pompidou Group for its 50th anniversary. It pays tribute to the late French President, Georges Pompidou, for having launched this unique European co-operation framework to fight against drug abuse and drug trafficking, which has developed over the years into a platform for intergovernmental co-operation promoting an integrated, multidisciplinary and scientific evidence-based approach of drug policies, in line with the values of the Council of Europe.

The Committee of Ministers values the work done and the achievements obtained over the last five decades, which made the Pompidou Group grow from seven founding States to 41 members today, including three non-European countries. It also commends the Group for having managed to adapt itself swiftly and efficiently to the unexpected challenges brought by the current health crisis.

The Committee of Ministers encourages the Pompidou Group:

- to bring to a fruitful end its work aimed at developing a new tool for member States to self-assess on a voluntary basis implications of the human rights dimension in drug policy development and implementation;
- to continue international co-operation on effective precursor control and effective prevention of precursor diversion;
- to increase the effectiveness of international efforts to prevent and counter illicit production and trafficking in drugs as well as drug-related crime, with full respect of human rights;
- to continue promoting participation in networks, joint initiatives and professional training as a meaningful and practical form of international co-operation, as demonstrated by Pompidou Group activities such as the Airports Group, the International Network on Precursor Control, MedNET, and the Executive Training on Drug Policy.

The Committee of Ministers welcomes the Pompidou Group's commitment to continue and expand its efforts to further co-operate with relevant United Nations agencies, OAS/CICAD, the European Commission, the EMCDDA and with civil society organisations with a view to promoting public health and the respect of human rights as an integral part of a comprehensive and balanced approach to drug policy, as set by the outcome document of the 2016 Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (UNGASS).