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Preface

Honourable Presidents,
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Dear delegates of the Youth parliament of the Alpine convention session in Slovenia,

On behalf of the Organisation Committee based at Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck (Austria's pilot school) we wish to welcome you again to the Youth parliament session to be held in Slovenia this year.

We are very proud indeed to have succeeded in assembling youth delegates from each country of the Alpine convention and are very thankful to II. gimnazija Maribor, Trg Milosa Zidanska 1, and especially the two teachers Univ. Dipl. Biol. Prof. Katja Holnthaner Zorec and Univ. Dipl. Ing. Prof. Darja Kravanja, as well as the magistrate and the families hosting the delegates in Slovenia.

We are about to embark on a journey together, which will hopefully lead us to a greater awareness of the "Alps" region. We are sure that as a result of your European education, you are all aware of the fact that this great instrument of democracy, the Parliament, owes its existence to the fundamental principles of democratic government.

Our future lies in the re-emergence of Central Europe and the overcoming of the division between the different parts of the Alpine regions.

We look forward to an exciting week of debate, regional cultural exchange and lots of fun.

Thank you for taking long, maybe cumbersome journeys upon you to be here.

Thank you for taking on the challenge of qualifying yourselves and putting in a lot of effort to prepare for your committee work.

We congratulate you on your participation and your interest in European and Alpine issues. You are about to start working on important political topics, which concern our future. However, this shouldn't only be a week of successful committee work and debating in the general assembly but also one full of fun and excitement.

Take the opportunity of gaining new insights and making new friends, both of which will hopefully support your perspectives in future .

We hope you will enjoy this session in Slovenia and stay with the Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention for a while longer to experience the thrill of other meetings.

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GOALS:

The AKADEMISCHES GYMNASIUM INNSBRUCK in cooperation with the PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE ALPINE CONVENTION organises a students' parliament with representatives of all member states, in which questions concerning the future of the Alpine region are discussed from the perspective of young people and resolutions are decided upon. The results will be handed on to the committees of the Alpine Convention. The latter are not actually bound to adopt these resolutions, however, they serve as an orientation for all decisions concerning young people in particular.

Parliamentary meetings are the basis for the active participation of young people in the development of their Alpine surroundings and environment as well as delivering insight of political processes. Young people should learn to argue their opinion about topics of the Alpine region. It is crucial for young people to take responsibility in the regional and European process of unification.

From each member state (Slovenia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, France, Italy) one or two schools for 16- to 19-year-olds will send a maximum number of FOUR representatives to the meeting. The topics will refer to issues relevant to young people which are usually also in the agenda of Alpine Convention like "POPULATION and CULTURE".

Delegates from last year's meeting will become Committee Presidents. Under the guidance of the Committee Presidents the delegates are given time for discussion to work out resolutions.

There is also a Press Delegation. The press delegates are in charge of documenting the event, which comprises taking pictures, writing reports, keeping the YPAC homepage up-to-date as well as publishing a newspaper during the conference.

Organisation of the meetings:

First, resolutions on the agreed topic will be worked out, debated and decided upon within the committees. Experienced delegates/representatives act as chairmen and chairwomen of the committees and lead the discussions. One president two vice presidents are elected among the chairmen and chairwomen.

In the General Assembly the achieved agreements will be presented to all the participants and again be discussed and either agreed or disagreed upon.

The achieved resolutions will be forwarded to the Alpine Convention.

Welcome to Maribor

Dear students and teachers – participants of the third YPAC!

Now, after two successful and excellently organized YPACs in Innsbruck, Maribor, Slovenia is the hosting city of the third Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention in March 2008.

Slovenia is situated on the sunny side of the Alps where the Alps face the Pannonian plain and where the Mediterranean meets the mysterious Karst. Maribor lies at the foothills of the Pohorje, the most eastern part of the Alps.

We are very proud that our school, II. gimnazija Maribor, was chosen for the organization of the next YPAC meeting. We know that organising such an event demands a lot of work and that it will be challenging to prepare all the activities for over 60 participants of the meeting. We will do our best to offer all the participants good conditions for creative and successful work and we are confident that we will prove a reliable partner.

Our school, II. gimnazija Maribor, has a long-standing tradition and reputation of a school that is committed to offering its students a firm academic foundation for further study. Both elements, academic rigour and extracurricular diversity, have been paid equal attention in the history of the school. With the academic achievements of its students, the school ranks among the best schools in Slovenia. Approximately 800 students are enrolled every academic year and they are divided into 29 classes. 60 teachers teach at the school.

Teachers and students of II. gimnazija Maribor are waiting for you!
See you in Maribor at the beginning of March 2008!

Welcome to Maribor!

Katja Holnthaner Zorec, prof.,

Darja Kravanja, prof.

II. gimnazija Maribor



Project schedule and Issue

Project schedule:

Arrival of delegations 4 March 2008, Departure of delegations 8 March 2008

The (five) four days' meeting of the Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention takes place in Maribor. The language of communication is English to avoid discrimination of any of the member states' languages. Any resolution will be translated into all official languages (French, Italian, Slovenian, German).

SPONSORING:

The representatives stay with host families who will be provided by the II. gimnazija Maribor. The Austrian Ministry of Environment, the Mayor of Maribor and the French Ministry of Environment are also prepared to serve as partial sponsors for board and lodging.

The Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck and the office of the Alpine Convention will support the event by fund-raising in private and official institutions to grant the participation free of charge for all representatives in the Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention.

Each member state of the Alpine Convention, each town or village is invited to sponsor the project for example pay the journey of the delegation or help the students in some other way.

Issue/Theme:

Economy versus Ecology

Should economic growth in Alpine countries be put on top of the priority list even if the environment and cultural heritage are thereby harmed?

(With a focus on the Alps as a whole and local aspects)



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Program

Tuesday 4th March 2008:

Arrival of the delegations and teachers in Maribor
Meeting of the CP and Presidency

Wednesday 5th March:

9:00 – 10:30 Official ceremony at the beginning of the 3rd meeting of the Youth Parliament; Townhall (Rotovž Maribor)

Welcome adress by the President of the Youth Parliament, Lukas Thöni

Welcome adress by Franc Kangler, Mayor of Maribor (to be confirmed)

Welcome adress by Mag. Mitja Bricelj, State Secretary in the Ministry of Environment and Spatial development of the Republic of Slovenia (to be confirmed)

Welcome adress by Marco Onida , Secretary General of the Alpine Convention

Welcome adress by Dr. Ewald Galle, Representative of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Austria (to be confirmed)

Welcome adress by Metka Černelč, Generalna Direktorica, Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor

Welcome adress by Ivan Lorenčič, Director of the II. Gimnazija Maribor

Welcome adress by Katja Holnhaner Zorec and Irmgard Senhofer (organisation team of Maribor and Innsbruck)

Photo session and end of the welcome ceremony

10:30 – 12:30 Guided Tour of Maribor: Coming Together in Committees
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (restaurant Padrino)
14:00 – 16:00 1st Committee Meeting (II. gimnazija Maribor)
16:00 - 18:30 Committee Meeting with Experts (II. gimnazija Maribor)
18.45 – 22:00 Dinner and Evening programme (hotel Bellevue, Pohorje)

Thursday 6th March

All activities take place at the II. gimnazija Maribor

08:30 – 09:45 2nd Committee Meeting (II. gimnazija Maribor)
09:45 – 10:15 Coffee break
10:15 – 12:30 2nd Committee Meeting (II. gimnazija Maribor)
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (restaurant Padrino)
13:30 – 15:30 1st General Assembly (Information-Assembly)
15:30 – 17:00 Delegation Meeting
17:00 – 19:00 3rd Committee Meeting

Evening programme: Dinner - Invitation by Mr. Franc Kangler, Mayor of Maribor
Restaurant Meso Nikl (Ob parku 5)
(Students have free time after dinner)

Friday 7 March

All activities take place in the Civic centre of Maribor (Ul. Heroja Staneta 1)

08:00 – 09:00 Lobbying
09:30 – 13:30 2nd General Assembly
13:30 – 15:00 Lunch
15:30 – 17:00 3rd General Assembly
Closing (certificates,...) Closing Ceremony

Evening programme: Farewell dinner/party (KGB pub)

Saturday 8th March

8.00 – 20.00 Excursion in Slovenija (Bled, Postojna cave, the Cerknica Lake, capital Ljubljana)

Sunday 9th march **Departure of delegations**



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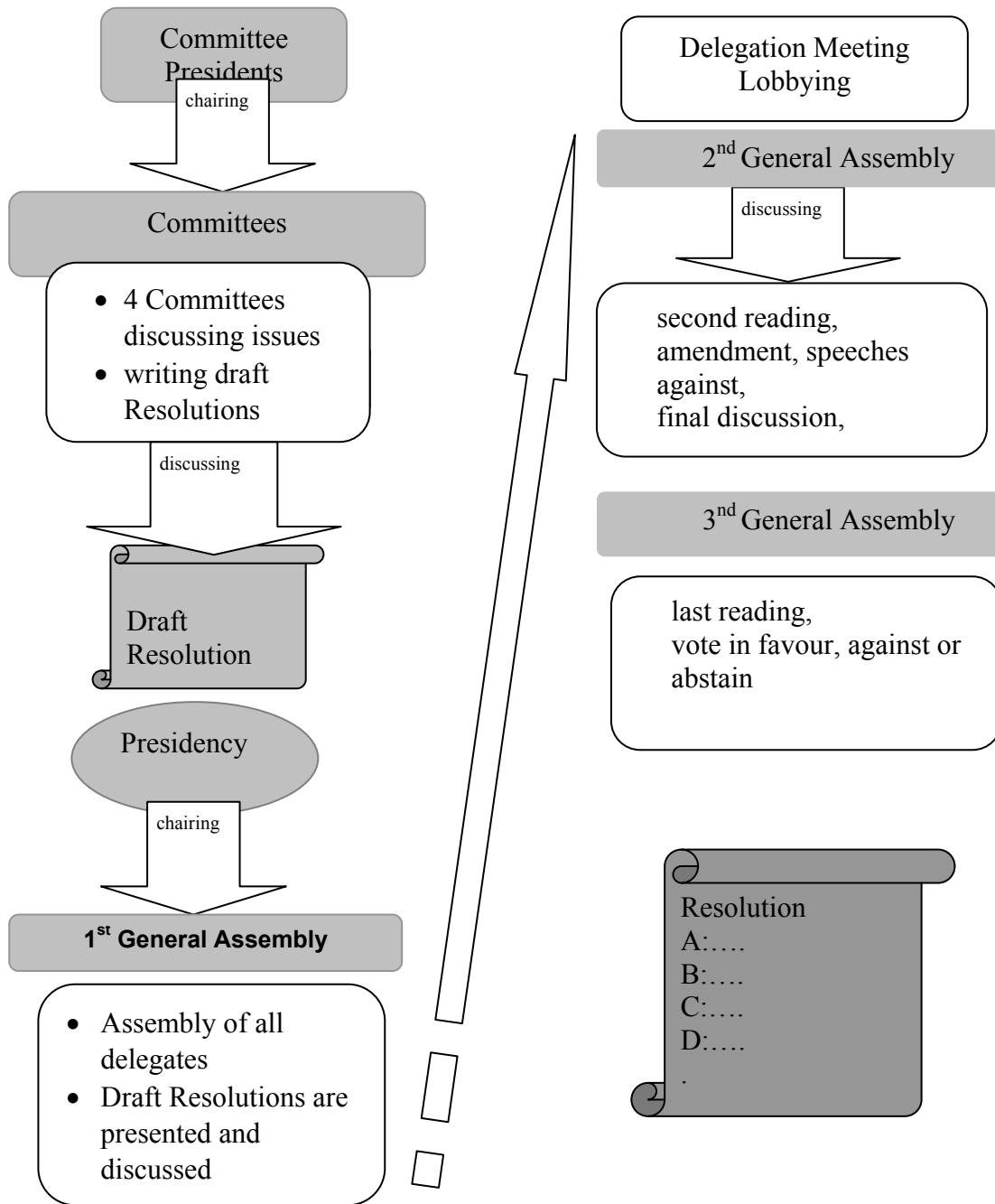
Affirming	Guided by
Alarmed by	Having adopted
Approving	Having considered
Aware of	Having devoted attention
Believing	Having examined
Bearing in mind	Having studied
Confident	Having heard
Contemplating	Having received
Convinced	Keeping in mind
Declaring	Noting with regret
Deeply concerned	Noting with satisfaction
Deeply convinced	Noting with deep concern
Deeply disturbed	Noting with approval
Deeply regretting	Noting further
Desiring	Observing
Emphasizing	Realizing
Expecting	Reaffirming
Expressing its appreciation	Recalling
Expressing its satisfaction	Recognising
Fulfilling	Referring
Fully aware	Seeking
Fully alarmed	Taking into account
Fully believing	Taking into consideration
Further deploring	Taking note
Further recalling	Viewing with appreciation

Operative clauses (OC's) explaining the solutions found

Accepts	Further proclaims
Affirms	Further reminds
Approves	Further recommends
Authorizes	Further resolves
Calls upon	Further requests
Calls	Have resolved
Condemns	Notes
Congratulates	Proclaims
Confirms	Reaffirms
Considers	Recommends
Declares accordingly	Reminds
Deploras	Regrets
Draws the attention	Requests
Designates	Solemnly affirms
Emphasizes	Strongly condemns
Encourages	Supports
Endorses	Trusts
Expresses its appreciation.	Takes note of
Expresses its hope	Transmits
Further invites	Urges

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Procedure of the General Assembly



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