



## **Report to Council from the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of March 21, 2017**

### **1. 2018 Preliminary Budget and Dues Recommendation**

The EC reviewed a preliminary 2018 budget and agreed to present this preliminary budget, along with a recommendation for no dues increase for 2018, to Council in Budapest.

### **2. Request for Funds: Mortality (MWG) and Population Issues Working Groups (PIWG)**

The EC discussed and approved a request for additional expenditure for the MWG and PIWG to facilitate the seminar they are planning to host in Budapest. External funding options were explored, but no options were readily available. The secretariat was asked to prepare guidelines for advance planning of similar seminars in the future – such guidelines to be presented and discussed at the Leaders' Forum in Budapest.

### **3. Education Related Matters**

The EC discussed and agreed on the next steps toward approval of the new education syllabus and moving forward on somewhat related issues, including the basis for determining member dues. The next steps would be presented in a webcast on April 5. Depending on the resulting feedback following the webcast, these proposals would be further discussed at the Council meeting in Budapest.

### **4. Strategic Planning**

The EC agreed that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee (SPS) will begin a review of the responses to the strategy survey and prepare with a summary of the findings. The idea at this stage will be to determine the themes that emerged from the initial review of the responses. A report on this initial review will be presented at the Council meeting in Budapest on April 22.

In recent years, the SPS has conducted reviews of the committee workplans. However, to allow the SPS to focus on the strategy review project and specifically the initial review of the strategy survey responses, the EC agreed to conduct the workplan reviews this year. Therefore, the EC liaisons will review their respective committees' workplan and have meaningful two-way conversations with the committee chairs before Budapest.

### **5. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Relationship Managers**

The EC discussed two proposals for replacement of relationship managers:

- That Christelle Dieudonné replace Esko Kivisaari as the OECD Relationship Manager
- That Barbara D'Ambrogi-Ola replace Fred Rowley as the IMF Relationship Manager

The EC unanimously agreed to approve the above proposals.

### **6. For Information**

The following was noted by the EC

- Report from Development of Sections Task Force
- Report from Branding and Communications Subcommittee
- Quarterly Report on Supranational Relations Activities
- 30-day Council Agenda for Budapest

*Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Terry, Chairperson*