

**DECISION ON THE MODALITIES FOR THE ELECTIONS OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

The Executive Council:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Ministerial Panel on the Elections of the Members of the Commission;
2. **ADOPTS** the following time table in preparation of the elections scheduled for July 2007:
 - a) **Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson:** in conformity with Article 16(1) of the Statutes of the Commission, nominations for these office shall be circulated to Member States at least three months before election to facilitate election by the Assembly in July 2007. Therefore, the candidatures for the two posts should be submitted to the Commission on or before the **30 March 2007**.
 - b) **Commissioners:**
 - (i) Member States should be requested to submit to the Commission CVs of experts by **15 March 2007**. The Commission shall compile such submissions together with any additional CVs it may identify from its data banks to the Ministerial Panel for appointment of the team of independent consultants (2 per region);
 - (ii) The regional consultations should be finalized and the regions should submit their candidatures **on or before 15 April 2007**;
 - (iii) The Ministerial Panel will meet before **10 April 2007** at a venue to be determined by its Chairperson to appoint the Team of Consultants (2 per region);
 - (iv) The Panel assisted by the team of consultants should meet before the first week of May 2007;
 - (v) The Commission should circulate the list of the candidatures received from the Panel to all Member States **on or before 15 May 2007** in readiness for elections of Commissioners to be undertaken by the Executive Council **in July 2007**.

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