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**Minutes**

**6<sup>th</sup> GA 1990**

**Minutes of the sixth annual meeting of the National Associations  
of the Deaf which are member countries of both The World  
Federation of the Deaf and The European Community, held in  
Brussels, 10 and 11 September 1990**

**1/90 Present**

Mr B Vanderhaeghen	EC Commission
Mr J. Labes (Fr)	Chair
Mr J. Bettencourt (P)	Management Committee
Mr J.Wesemann (NL)	Members
Mr. M.Marcioni (IT)	
Mrs J. Rasquinet	Belgium (French)
Mr M. Mertens	Belgium (Flemish)
Miss R. Raynaud	France
Mr M.Crebassa	
Mr K. Søndergaard	Denmark
Mr A. Bergmann	
Mrs K. George	Germany
Mrs D. Kokkevi - Fotiou	Greece
Mr C. Gargalis	
Mrs H. Saunders	Ireland
Ms G. Kirwan	
Mr A. Giuranna	Italy
Mrs M.C Koolhof vd Hooven	Netherlands
Mr B. Elferink	
Mr A. Baltazer	Portugal
Ms A. Alfaro	Spain
Mr J. Young	United kingdom
Mr T. Riley	

It was stressed that it was vitally important that Member Associations initiate action with their own national government, using the official recognition document as an instrument to introduce change.

Miss Raynaud (France) suggested that information should be exchanged between associations regarding the progress made in this field and also any research carried out.

## **7/90 Annual Report**

The Management Committee were congratulated on their report. Under the heading "Management and Leadership" it was explained that invitations to tender would be sent out at the end of September.

It was agreed that additions should be made relating to progress on the resolution on the Official Recognition for Sign Languages, the European Broadcasting Union Seminar held in Sweden in September 1989, and plans for the Conference on TV Broadcasting to be held in October 1990. Mr K.Søndergaard (Denmark) suggested that the Secretariat's work should be included.

It was further agreed that a list of official delegates, committee members, and Liaison and Dialogue Group Members should be included in the report.

The Driving Licence Directive was discussed under this item, and a progress report was given. Mr Wesemann (Committee Member) stated that he had approached the Dutch Ministry for Transport and Dr Magarotto confirmed that he had approached both the Transport Ministry, and the Ministry for Health and Social Affairs.

While discussing the Annual Report, Mr T. Riley (U.K) highlighted the great victory for the Deaf Community that the European Commission had agreed to the payment of sign language interpreters at Commission organised meetings.

Mr K. Søndergaard stated that it was also important that spoken language interpretation was provided in the languages

there was a call for more detailed accounts, to be presented in ECUs in future. Italy requested that their vote against be recorded

Delegates were reminded that these accounts were prepared and audited in accordance with EC regulations.

Mr Marcioni (Committee) requested further clarification on the existing accounts to date. Mr T. Riley (U.K.) stated that this would be done on receipt of an official letter from ECRS

There was also some discussion regarding sanctions for Member Association who do not make their annual contribution.

#### **10/90 Employment Conference Resolutions**

Detailed discussion took place on the Employment Conference Resolutions. Various amendments were adopted. It was proposed that these amendments should be considered by the national associations of the Deaf for final ratification.

#### **11/90 The Appointment of a national association to be responsible for the administration of ECRS**

An election was held on this issue, and Dr Cesare Magarotto and Brother Buyens was responsible for over-seeing proceedings.

The French National Association of the Deaf expressed a wish to continue their administration. This was voted as follows, in a paper ballot.

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AGAINST : 14

The Danish National Association of the Deaf then put forward a bid to assume responsibility for the Secretariat. This was seconded by the Dutch National Association of the Deaf.

This was voted as follows in a secret ballot.

(Denmark) proposed that the Management Committee discuss options and arrange a special meeting of Delegates. This was accepted.

**18/ 90    Closure**

Mr Labes (Chair) thanked every-one for attending the meeting, and wished them a safe journey home. Special thanks went to the sign language interpreters and the spoken language interpreters for their splendid work.