

**UBC remiss om utveckling av organisationen-
Final report of the UBC Task Force on Development of the
Organisation**

1. UBC working methods

a. Executive Board

The municipality has no comment concerning the board meetings and supports the wish that they should be more effective. No comment on the decision-making and no comment on the content of the meetings. It is a good initiative to organise a virtual access to the open sessions. We agree on the proposals of the Task Force: point 1-16.

b. Presidium

No comment from the municipality to the proposals made under the points 17-18.

c. General Secretariat

It is important to take time to consider the secretariat's roll and the eight points mentioned in the proposal 19-26.

d. Commissions

The meetings between Commissions at least once a year seems like a good idea for more efficiency. The idea to have the work of one Commission as a theme for the Board meetings might increase the dialogue between institutions and understanding. The municipality agrees with the proposal made by the Task Force under the points 27-33 but wants to strengthen the need of closer cooperation, reduction and new structure of the Commissions to reduce the number of meetings. The Commissions should work more project orientated with support from EU funding.

e. General Conference

Örebro municipality sees with a positive way the title General Conference instead of General Assembly.

Even if we understand the goal with interpreter we still believe that the working and meeting language should be English. The General Conference is not just about listening to a conference. People should be able to communicate with each other under the breaks and dinners (point 37). Moreover this kind of costs for interpretation will be really expensive for the host city.

f. Election procedures

Örebro municipality agrees on the proposals made at the points 40-46.

g. UBC vision and objectives

Örebro municipality agrees on the proposals made at the points 47-48. But one of the objectives for the UBC should be also to focus on EU/ external fundings and possibilities for its members.

h. UBC Communication

The proposal from the Task Force that electronic publications should be preferred is welcome in our municipality. We agree on points 49-54 but a little sceptical about the interpretation for the General Conference.

2. Recommendations for UBC Statute

Article 1

The municipality does have comments on the points 55-57.

Article 2

Only cities and municipalities from the Baltic Sea Region should be member in UBC. No more comment on points 58-61

Article 3

No comment on points 62-64

Article 4

Point 65-69

Article 5

We support the idea of setting a maximum limit of three consecutive periods in the same office for the President and the Vice- Presidents. The troika system is welcome. (point 70).

Article 6

We agree on point 72.

Article 9

We agree on points 73-79.

3. Recommendations for UBC internal rules

Point 2.1

It is important to clarify if and how a civil servant can represent the city he/she comes from in the Executive Board.

No comment on the proposals made in points 81-82.

Point 2.2

We agree on point 83

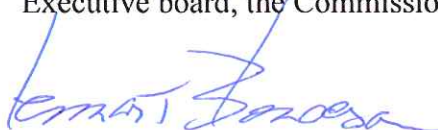
Point 2.3

It is important to know for the decision process which persons have the mandate from their city to take decisions.

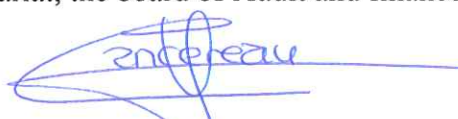
Point 2.4

We consider that the point 85 is not really relevant because the goal is more to reduce and make the numbers of Commissions more effective.

The municipality of Örebro agrees on content under the points 86-96 concerning the Executive board, the Commissions, the Secretariat, the board of Audit and finances.



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