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(AICESIS)**

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1- On March 8 and 9 2018, the Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural Council (ESECC) of Ivory Coast hosted the first 2018 Board meeting of the **International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)** followed by a workshop of exchange of experiences on “the impact of the digital revolution on the future of humanity”.

2- At the opening, the AICESIS President, **Mr. Iacob Baci**, President of the ESC of Romania, on behalf of his colleagues, thanked **President Charles Koffi DIBY** and the ESECC members for the outstanding organization of the event.

3- In his address to his guest, Mr. Charles Koffi DIBY said that he was very honored by the attention of his AICESIS peers chaired by President Iacob BACIU and forwarded to the participants the warm wishes of the **President of the Ivorian Republic, HE Mr. Alassane OUATTARA**.

4- The event works took place on two days. On Thursday 8th of March, the official opening ceremony and the AICESIS Board took place. On Friday 9th of March, the workshop of exchange of experiences was held on digital revolution.

5- During the Board, it has been decided to reinforce and to improve the policy of communication to facilitate the information exchange for the AICESIS efficiency and development.

The discussions also allowed adopting a plan:

- For the AICESIS mid and long term development
- For the promotion of social dialogue around the world.

6- Regarding “the impact of the digital revolution on the future of humanity” - 2017-2019 main working topic of the Romanian Presidency of AICESIS - the participants enjoyed the choice of this topic. Various sessions identified opportunities and challenges of the digital field concerning:

- The future of work
- Governance
- The role of social partners

- Rights and security
- Fight against all kind of inequalities linked to the digital sector.

7- At the end of the Board and the Workshop, the participants:

- Warmly thanked the **President of the Ivorian Republic, HE Mr. Alassane OUATTARA** for the infrastructures at their disposal during those two days and for his personal address;
- Congratulated themselves for the remarkable opening speech made by **Mr. Bruno Nabagné KONE, Minister of the Communication, the Digital Economy and the Post, Spoke-person of the government**, on “the impact of the digital revolution on the future of humanity”;
- Congratulated themselves for the very good organization of this meeting and thanked the **Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural Council (ESECC) of Ivory Coast**.


Abidjan, 9th March 2018.

President of AICESIS



Iacob BACIU

President of the ESECC



Charles Koffi DIBY