

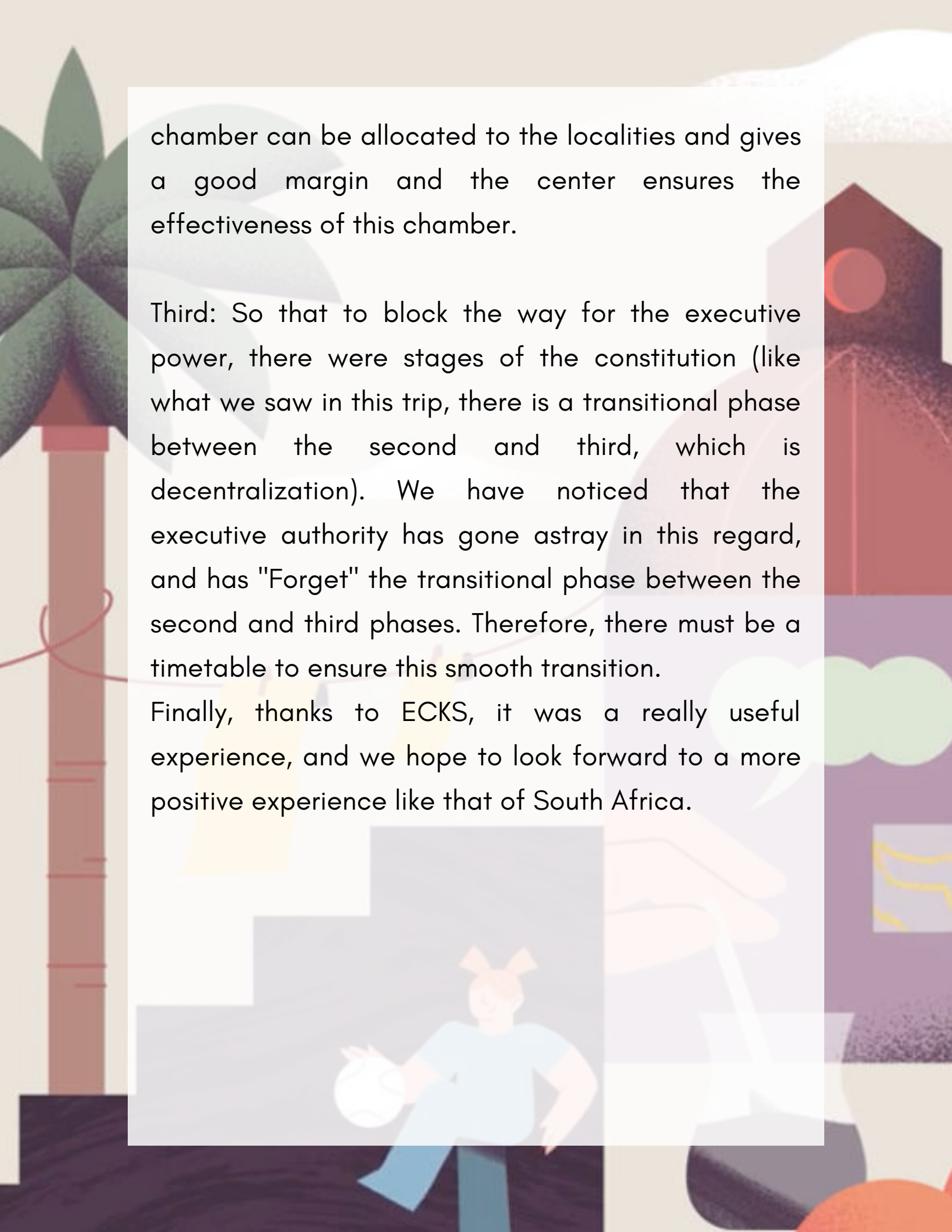
NORTH MACEDONIA: LESSONS LEARNED FOR SYRIA

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My impression of the current study trip is good, considering that we have had an experience that is neither negative nor positive, it was very important for us to look for the negatives in this experiment, and I reached three points as follows:

First: Defining the jurisdiction of the Constitutional Court very precisely, especially regarding to rights and freedoms, this is a very important matter so as not to allow the executive authority to roam as it is now, and work on a solid formula in terms of how to select the members of the Constitutional Court and the time period for this formation.

Second: The legislative power, in my opinion, is supposed to be two-chambers, so that the second



chamber can be allocated to the localities and gives a good margin and the center ensures the effectiveness of this chamber.

Third: So that to block the way for the executive power, there were stages of the constitution (like what we saw in this trip, there is a transitional phase between the second and third, which is decentralization). We have noticed that the executive authority has gone astray in this regard, and has "Forget" the transitional phase between the second and third phases. Therefore, there must be a timetable to ensure this smooth transition.

Finally, thanks to ECKS, it was a really useful experience, and we hope to look forward to a more positive experience like that of South Africa.