



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Sofia on 26 November 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 26 November 2015 in Sofia, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Meeting of the Standing Committee (Sofia, 27 November 2015):**
 - i. *Requests for a current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure):* decided to propose to the Standing Committee to hold a debate on “Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values” and designated Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as first speaker;
 - ii. *Draft agenda:* considered and took note of the draft agenda;
 - iii. *Draft declaration submitted by the Bulgarian delegation:* considered and took note of the draft declaration;
- **First part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 25-29 January):** updated the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observation :**
 - i. *Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (4 October 2015):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Belarus: presidential election (11 October 2015):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. *Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015):* took note of the press release of the international election observation mission;
 - iv. *Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - v. *Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - vi. *Armenia: referendum on constitutional reforms (6 December 2015):* decided to observe this referendum; constituted an ad hoc committee consisting of one member per political group and the co-rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee on Armenia; appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson, and approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1);
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in the Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Issues raised by the committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:* authorised Ms Gabriela Pecková (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) to participate in the International Summit on Human Gene Editing, to be held on 1-3 December 2015 in Washington (USA);

- **Other business:**

i. *Voting for elections during the fourth part-session of 2015:* took note of the letters by Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Chairperson of the delegation of Serbia as well as of the memorandum on “Voting for elections during Assembly’s 2015 autumn part-session” prepared by the Secretariat; decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider the rules applicable to election procedures in the plenary Assembly, and to disclose to the Chairperson of the delegation of Serbia a copy of the original lists of members who voted in the elections for the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and for a judge to the European Court of Human Rights held on 29 September 2015;

ii. *Situation in the Republic of Moldova:* authorised the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Chisinau in December 2015 in order to look into the conditions of pre-trial detention of Mr Vladimir Filat, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, and Mr Grigore Petrenko, former member of the Assembly;

- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** took note that Mr Özdemir Berova would replace Mr Tahsin Ertuğruoğlu as “elected representative of the Turkish Cypriot community” entitled to sit in the Assembly;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:**

i. *Monitoring Committee:* on the basis of proposals made respectively by the European Conservatives Group and the Socialist Group, nominated Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC), Mr Nigel Evans (United Kingdom, EC) and Ms Manana Kobakhidze (Georgia, SOC), replacing Mr Tedo Japaridze, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;

ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:* on the basis of proposals by the European Conservatives Group, nominated Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom) replacing Mr James Clappison and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom) replacing Baroness Judith Wilcox (United Kingdom), subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015:** approved the appointment of Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) as representative at the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO);

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) to meet in Vara (Sweden) on 29-30 November 2015;

- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Monday, 14 December 2015, London at 9 am;
Monday, 25 January 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am;
Friday, 29 January 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

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Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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Appendix 1

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the referendum on constitutional reforms in Armenia (6 December 2015) - list of members

Chairperson: Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)

Ihor HUZ, Ukraine

Substitutes

Elena CENTEMERO, Italy

Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania

Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania

Attila TILKI, Hungary

Socialist Group (SOC)

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Doris FIALA, Switzerland

Substitutes

Mr Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra

European Conservatives Group (EC)

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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

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Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex officio*)

Mr Alan MEALE, United Kingdom

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Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

Appendix 2

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

Doc. [13885](#), motion for a resolution, Follow-up to Resolution 1903 (2012): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;

Doc. [13888](#), motion for a resolution, Co-operation with the International Criminal Court: towards a concrete and expanded commitment, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

Doc. [13889](#), motion for a resolution, Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

Doc. [13890](#), motion for a resolution, Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for opinion*;

Doc. [13892](#), motion for a resolution, Gender equality and child maintenance, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*;

Doc. [13893](#), motion for a resolution, How to encourage the migration of international students across Europe, consultation of the Committees on Culture, Science, Education and Media and Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *on a possible follow-up*;

Doc. [13894](#), motion for a resolution, Ongoing maternal care for children, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*;

Doc. [13902](#), motion for a resolution, Blacklisting of elected parliamentarians, counterproductive to parliamentary diplomacy, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians" (Ref. 4051)*;

Doc. [13909](#), motion for a resolution, 25 years of the CPT, achievements and improvements needed, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

Doc. [13915](#) Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers Draft Council of Europe Convention on Cinematographic Co-production (revised), reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

Doc. [13916](#), Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, Draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention (CETS No 176), reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

B. Extension of references

Doc. [13340](#) Motion for a resolution Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion (Ref. 4015 of 27 January 2014 – validity: 27 January 2016), *proposal*: extension until 1 July 2016;

Bureau decision, Evaluation of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council (follow-up to Resolution 1969 (2014)) (Ref. 4025 of 31 January 2014 – validity: 31 January 2016): extension until 30 June 2016.