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## To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Synopsis of the meeting held on Bornholm Island, Denmark 14-15 June 2017

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting on Bornholm Island on 14 and 15 June 2017, with Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) in the Chair:

#### Wednesday 14 June 2017, in Rønne

- heard a welcome address by Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Chairperson of the Danish delegation to the Assembly;
- heard a statement by Mr Kristian Jensen, Minister of Finance and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, followed by an exchange of views;
- heard a welcome address and introduction to the *Folkemødet* (the People's Political Festival) by Ms Winni Grosbøll, Mayor of Bornholm;

#### and as regards:

- **How to prevent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism:** heard a statement by its Chairperson on the "Aarhus model" followed by an exchange of views and agreed to hold an exchange of views on *Preventing extremism and terrorism and protecting victims* during the June part-session;
- **Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress** (*Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur followed by an exchange of views, considered a draft report, decided to change the title to: **Promoting integrity in governance to tackle political corruption**, and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;
- **The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan** (*Rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Jordan from 2 to 4 May 2017 and considered an information memorandum;

- **A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia, Greece, UEL*): in the absence of the Rapporteur for opinion, took note of the report by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and that the opinion would be approved during the June part-session;
- **The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, decided to postpone this item at one of its forthcoming meetings;
- **Recent developments in Hungary: follow-up to Resolution 2162 (2017)**: took note of the press release issued by the Venice Commission on 2 June 2017 regarding its preliminary opinion on the Hungarian Draft Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Support from Abroad; decided to return to this matter during the June part-session;
- **Appointment of Rapporteur**: in the absence of candidates, decided to postpone the appointment of a Rapporteur for the opinion on *Counter-Narratives to Terrorism*;
- **Call for candidates**: called for candidates for the following reports:
  - The situation in Kosovo<sup>\*</sup>,
  - Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations,
  - Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism,
  - A two-State solution in Israel and Palestine,
  - A commitment to introduce rules to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States

and took note that members could inform the Secretariat of their interest for these reports any time between now and the designation by the Committee which will take place during the June part-session;

- **World Forum for Democracy on Is Populism a problem? (Strasbourg, 8 to 10 November 2017)**: took note of the dates of the next Forum as well as of its concept paper, proposed the following members to be appointed to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly:
  - Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD),
  - Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE);

and took note that other members who wished to be appointed to this *ad hoc* Committee should inform the Secretariat before Thursday 29 June 2017 at 10am;

- **Authorisations by the Committee**: approved the following requests:
  - agreed to request an extension of the reference for the report on *The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan* until the end of December 2017;
  - agreed to the request by Mr Michele Nicoletti, Rapporteur on *Call for a Council of Europe Summit to defend and promote democratic security in Europe*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Strasbourg on 5 July 2017 to meet with Ms Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission;
  - agreed to the request by Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur on *The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan*, to carry out, if necessary, a fact-finding visit to that country after the local elections due to take place on 15 August 2017 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly);

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<sup>\*</sup> Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- **Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following change:
  - Mr Ioan-Marcel Ciolacu (Romania, SOC) becomes the alternate of Mr Attila Korodi (Romania, EPP/CD) in the Sub-Committee on External Relations in place of Mr Mihai Tudose, who is no longer in the delegation;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed the next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session, 26-30 June 2017
  - 6 September 2017, Paris
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session, 9-13 October 2017
  - 14 November 2017, Paris
  - 14 December 2017, Paris

**Thursday 15 June 2017 in Allinge, as regards:**

- **The Folkemødet:** attended the people's political festival, heard statements by and held exchanges of views with Ms Pia Kjaersgaard, Speaker of the Folketinget (Danish Parliament), Mr Anders Samuelsen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and Mr Bertel Haarder, Member of Parliament and former minister, one of the founding fathers of the Folkemødet, and took note that some members participated in political workshops and debates.

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