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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 20 May 2019

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Paris on 20 May 2019 with Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Jonas Knetsch, Professor at the Jean Monnet University, St. Etienne, and Mr Christophe Poirel, Director of the Human Rights Directorate of the Council of Europe; and considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Democracy hacked? How to respond?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frithjof Schmidt, Germany, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Stockholm, Sweden, on 15 May 2019, followed by an exchange of views;
- **Conference on Countering International Terrorism (St Petersburg, 18 April 2019)**: heard a statement by the Chairperson followed by an exchange of views;
- **The situation in Kosovo\*** (*Rapporteur: ...*): heard a statement by the Chairperson and took note of the resignation of Mr Jordi Roca, Spain, EPP/CD as rapporteur, and that the reference would expire on 30 May 2019; agreed that a new motion on the situation in Kosovo should be considered by the Committee during the June part-session;
- **Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, NR*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Sophie Bessis, Research Associate, Institute of International and Strategic Relations (IRIS), Paris, and with Mr Nacer-Eddine Ghozali, former professor of law, University of Paris XIII;
- **Follow-up to [Resolution 2277 \(2019\)](#) and [Recommendation 2153 \(2019\)](#) on the Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future** (*Former Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*): heard a statement by the former Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- **129<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Ministers (16-17 May 2019, Helsinki)**: took note of the conclusions of the Finnish Presidency and the priorities of the French Presidency;
- **Work programme:**
  - *A two-State solution in Israel and Palestine*: took note of the resignation of Mr Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) as rapporteur, and that the reference would expire on 30 May 2019;

\* 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.

- called for candidates for:
  - *Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors;*
  - *Countering ill democracies in Europe;*
  - *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation,* and took note that Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) was candidate;
  - *Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence,* and took note that Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD) was candidate;
- **Authorisations by the Committee:** authorised Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) to participate in the workshop on the Protection of victims of terrorist acts, organised by the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) under the aegis of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, to be held in Strasbourg on 20 June 2019, at no cost for the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:** agreed on the following meetings:
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session, 24-28 June 2019
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session, 30 September-4 October 2019
  - Berlin, 14 November 2019
  - Paris, 9 December 2019 (OECD Headquarters)

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