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

### Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 24 to 27 June 2019

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Strasbourg from 24 to 27 June 2019, with Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

#### Monday 24 June 2019, as regards:

- **Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Francis Eustache, Director of the Unit "Neuropsychology and Imaging of Human Memory", Training and Research Centre in Health (PFRS), with the participation of Ms Nawel Rafik-Elmrini, Deputy to the Mayor of Strasbourg;
- **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10 October 2019)**: appointed, as members to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network:
  - Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD)
  - Mr Mugurel Cozmanciuc (Romania, EPP/CD)
  - Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC);

#### Tuesday 25 June 2019, as regards:

- **Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, NR*): held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Rachid Achour, Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, of International Co-operation and the Algerian community abroad, head of the delegation; Mr Fouad Sebouta and Mr Rabah Benyoub, members of the Algerian Council of the Nation; and Mr Rahim Hichem and Mr Chebill Lazhar, members of the National People's Assembly; and considered an introductory memorandum and an outline for report;
- **Work programme:**
  - **The situation in Kosovo**\*: considered and adopted a motion for a resolution;
  - **Appointment of Rapporteurs**: appointed the following Rapporteurs, subject to hearing from them a declaration of non-conflict of interest:
    - Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), as Rapporteur on *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*;

\* 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.

- Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), as Rapporteur on *Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence*;
  - Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz (France, EPP/CD), as Rapporteur on *Countering ill democracies in Europe*;
- **Partner for democracy status 2009-2019: stock-taking and the way forward:** held an exchange of views with the participation of partner for democracy delegations and current and former Rapporteurs;

**Thursday 27 June 2019, as regards:**

- **Situation in Syria: prospects for a political solution?** (*Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD*): took position on two amendments to the draft resolution and, in the absence of the rapporteur, agreed that the report will be presented by Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL);
- **Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **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 Rapporteur;
- **Work programme (cont'd):**
  - appointed Mr Konstantin Kuhle (Germany, ALDE) as Rapporteur on *Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors*, subject to hearing from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
  - **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019):** took note of a concept note and renewed the call for candidates for the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
  - **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10 October 2019):** took note of a preliminary draft programme and renewed the call for candidates for the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Follow-up to Partner for democracy status 2009-2019: stock-taking and the way forward:** considered and adopted a draft motion for a resolution;
- **Institutional representation of the Committee:** heard a statement by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) on his participation in the plenary meetings of the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Strasbourg;
- **Authorisations by the Committee:**
  - authorised Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) to participate in the High-level Conference for ECRI's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will take place on 26 and 27 September 2019 in Paris (subject to the availability of funds);
  - authorised Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the *Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence*, to represent the Assembly at the Global Conference for Media Freedom, which will take place in London on 10 and 11 July 2019 (at no cost to the Assembly). The Conference is co-hosted by the United Kingdom and Canada and Ms Bergamini will contribute to the session on public service media on 10 July;
- **Other business:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2019 North-South Prize and that the deadline was 30 September 2019;

– **Next meetings:** decided on the forthcoming meetings as follows:

- 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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