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

### Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 28 May 2020

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting by videoconference on 28 May 2020, with Dame Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC/DA), in the chair:

- **Democracies facing the COVID-19 pandemic:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Rik Daems, President of the Assembly; Professor Meg Russell, Director, Constitution Unit; Department of Political Science, University College London, UK; Mr Iain Cameron, member of the Venice Commission; Professor, University of Uppsala, Sweden; and Mr Oliver Kask, Chairperson of the Council of Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission; Judge of the Court of Appeal of Estonia;
- **Appointment of Rapporteur:** appointed, by acclamation, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) Rapporteur on *Democracies facing the COVID-19 pandemic*, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** (*Rapporteur: Mr Georgios Katrougkalos, Greece, UEL*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to change the name of the report to *Fighting fiscal injustice and the work of the OECD on taxation of digital economy*;
- **1375bis meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (15 May 2020, meeting by videoconference):** took note of the information documents on the Stocktaking of the Georgian Presidency and on the priorities of the Greek Presidency;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings as follows:
  - . Via videoconference, 23 June 2020
  - . Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World: 12 June 2020 (via videoconference)
  - . Next Assembly's part-session, date to be confirmed
  - . Chania, Greece, 17-18 September 2020
  - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's October part-session, 12-16 October 2020
  - . 9 December 2020, place to be confirmed

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