



AS/Bur (2016) OJ 02

28 January 2016

## Bureau of the Assembly

# Draft agenda

of the meeting to be held in Strasbourg  
on Friday, 29 January 2016 at 8.30 am  
Room 7

Items possibly to be dealt with without debate: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

1. **Opening statement by the President**

2. **Agenda**

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*Draft decision: to adopt the draft agenda*

3. **Minutes**

[AS/Bur (2016) PV 01]

*Draft decision: to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25 January 2016*

4. **First part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 25-29 January)**

[Adopted texts]

Follow-up to the part-session

*Draft decision: to approve the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly*

**To members of the Bureau of the Assembly  
(President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and  
Chairpersons of Political Groups and the Assembly's general committees)**

copy for information to secretaries of national delegations and political groups and Heads of Secretariats of the Assembly's general committees

**This document is also the convocation to the meeting**

5. **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Azerbaijan**  
[Letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on the election of judges to the Court]

**Draft decision:** to take note of the letter by the Committee on the election of judges which has considered the list of the three candidates to the post of a judge to the Court in respect of Azerbaijan and to transmit the Committee's recommendation to the Assembly for ratification in the addendum to the Progress report

6. **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 4 March 2016)**  
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**Draft decision:** to take note of the draft agenda

7. **Second part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 18-22 April)**  
[AS/Bur (2016) 11]

**Draft decision:** to draw up the preliminary draft agenda for the second part-session of 2016

8. **References and transmissions to committees**  
[AS/Bur (2016) 12]

**Draft decision:** to approve the proposals contained in the document, to be ratified by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress report

9. **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**  
[Written communication]

**Draft decision:** to take note of the communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

10. **Election observation**

- i. Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016)  
[List of members]

*At its meeting on 25 January, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3, ALDE: 2, EC: 2, UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) and of the rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on The relations of Council of Europe with Kazakhstan, Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD)*

**Draft decisions:** to approve the composition of the ad hoc committee and appoint its Chairperson

- ii. "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": early parliamentary elections (24 April 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation)  
[List of members]

**Draft decision:** to approve the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections

## iii. Other possible upcoming elections

Serbia: early parliamentary elections (24 April or 8 May 2016, to be confirmed)

**Draft decision:** *subject to confirmation of the date and receipt of an invitation, to decide whether to observe these early parliamentary elections and, if so, to constitute an ad hoc committee*

11. **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

[Press release]

**Draft decision:** *to take note of the press release of the launch of the 2016 edition*

12. **General Rapporteurs**

[Letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights]

[Letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media]

[AS/Cult (2016) 06]

**Draft decisions:** *to take note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to approve the terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists, to be ratified by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress report*

13. **Issues raised by committees**

## i. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

[Letter by the Chairperson of the Committee]

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**Draft decision:** *to approve the recommendation of the Committee to invite the delegation of Azerbaijan to submit a new list of candidates to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)*

## ii. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

[Letters by the Chairperson of the Committee]

**Draft decisions:**

- *to authorise Mr George Loukaides (Cyprus, UEL), Rapporteur on the Political transition in Tunisia, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Tunisia during the first semester of 2016, in the framework of the preparation of his report;*
- *to authorise Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur on the Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Kyrgyzstan during the first semester of 2016, in the framework of the preparation of his report;*
- *to authorise Mr Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the Situation in Lebanon and challenges for regional stability and European security, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lebanon during the first semester of 2016, in the framework of the preparation of his report*

## iii. Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

[Letter by the Chairperson of the Committee]

**Draft decision:** *to authorise Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur on A stronger European response to the Syrian refugees crisis, to conduct a fact-finding visit to Lebanon and Jordan, which would take place in February 2016, in the framework of the preparation of her report*

- iv. Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination  
[Letter by the Chairperson of the Committee]

**Draft decision:** to authorise Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), General Rapporteur on violence against women, to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which will be held in New York, on 15 and 16 March 2016

#### 14. Other business

Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 January – 17 April 2016)

**Draft decision:** to appoint a rapporteur

#### Items possibly to be dealt with without debate:

##### 15. European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

[Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights]

Consideration of the list of candidates in respect of Malta and Romania

**Draft decision:** to approve the list of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers

##### 16. Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

[Lists of members]

**Draft decision:** to approve the lists of members

##### 17. Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2016

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**Draft decision:** to approve the proposals for the institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2016

##### 18. [Possibly] Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

[AS/Bur/Inf (2016) ...]

**Draft decision:** to approve the proposals contained in the document

##### 19. Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris

[AS/Bur (2016) 13]

**Draft decision:** to approve the proposals contained in the document

##### 20. Date and place of next meetings

Thursday, 3 March 2016, Paris at 3 pm  
Monday, 18 April 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am  
Friday, 22 April 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am  
Thursday, 26 May 2016, Tallinn, afternoon  
Monday, 20 June 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am  
Friday, 24 June 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am  
Monday, 5 September 2016, Paris, at 9 am.