



AS/Bur (2016) OJ 11

13 October 2016

Bureau of the Assembly

Draft agenda

of the meeting to be held in Strasbourg
on Friday, 14 October 2016 at 8.30 am
Room 7

Items possibly to be dealt with without debate: 13, 14, 15 and 16

1. Opening statement by the President

2. Agenda

[AS/Bur (2016) OJ 11]

Draft decision: to adopt the draft agenda

3. Minutes

[AS/Bur (2016) PV 10]

Draft decision: to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 10 October 2016

4. Fourth part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October)

[Adopted texts]

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

5. Standing Committee (Nicosia, 25 November 2016)

[AS/Per (2016) OJ 03]

[Letter]

Draft decision: to take note of the preliminary draft agenda

**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

6. First part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January)

[AS/Bur (2016) 54]

Draft decision: to draw up the preliminary draft agenda

7. Election observation

- i. Azerbaijan: referendum on amendments to the Constitution (26 September 2016)

[AS/Bur (2016) 52]

[Preliminary Opinion of the Venice Commission]

Draft decision: to take note of the memorandum by the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee as well as of the Preliminary Opinion by the Venice Commission

- ii. Morocco: parliamentary elections (7 October 2016)

[Press release]

Draft decision: to take note of the statement

- iii. Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 October and 30 October 2016, latter date to be confirmed)

[Press release]

[List of members]

Draft decisions: to take note of the statement on the first round of the elections; to decide to observe the second round of these elections on 30 October 2016 (date to be confirmed); to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose, to decide its composition, approve the list of its members and appoint its Chairperson

- iv. Montenegro: parliamentary elections (16 October 2016)

[List of members]

Draft decisions: to approve the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appoint a Chairperson to replace Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD)

- v. Republic of Moldova: presidential election (30 October 2016)

[Press release]

[List of members]

Draft decision: to take note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission and to approve the final list of members

- vi. Bulgaria: presidential election (6 November 2016)

[List of members]

Draft decision: to approve the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appoint a Chairperson to replace Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD)

- vii. "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": early parliamentary elections (11 December 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation)

[List of members]

At its meeting on 5 September 2016, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 8; SOC: 7, ALDE: 2, EC: 2, UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as the co-rapporteurs on post-monitoring dialogue; and authorised a pre-electoral mission

Draft decision: to approve the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and to appoint its Chairperson

8. References and transmissions to committees

[AS/Bur (2016) 53]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document, to be ratified by the Assembly in the addendum of 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 Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

10. 2016 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November)

[List of members]

[Draft programme]

Draft decisions: to take note of the programme and to approve the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum

11. Issues raised by committees

i. Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

[Letter]

[AS/Soc/Prize (2016) 08 rev]

Draft decision: to take note of revised proposals on the modernisation of the Europe Prize, subject to ratification by the Assembly

ii. Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

[Letter]

Draft decision: to ask the Secretary General of the Assembly to draft a memorandum taking stock of measures to improve gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly

iii. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

[Letters]

[AS/Bur (2016) ...]

Draft decisions:

- to authorise Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan, to carry out an additional fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan by the end of 2016
- to take note of the decision of the Committee to set up an ad hoc committee on recent developments in Turkey and authorise the ad hoc sub-committee to carry-out a visit to Turkey on 20-23 November 2016

12. Other business

i. Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (14 October 2016 – 23 January 2017)

Draft decision: to appoint a rapporteur for the Progress report

Items possibly to be dealt with without debate:

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

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

[AS/Bur (2016) 47]

Consideration of the list of candidates in respect of Portugal

Draft decision: *to approve the list of candidates in respect of this country for transmission to the Committee of Ministers*

14. [Possibly] Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

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

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

15. 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*

16. Date and place of the next meetings

Thursday, 24 November 2016, Nicosia at 3 pm;

Friday, 16 December 2016, Paris at 9 am;

Monday, 23 January 2017, Strasbourg at 8 am.