To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held in Prague on 30 May 2017

The Standing Committee, meeting on 30 May 2017 in Prague, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, and then with Sir Roger Gale and Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard welcome addresses by Mr Milan Štěch, President of the Senate, and Mr Jan Hamáček, President of the Chamber of Deputies;

- held an exchange of views with Mr Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Belgium, Bulgaria and Serbia;

- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;

- took note of the draft agenda of the third part-session of the Assembly (26 - 30 June 2017);

- ratified the references which are contained in the Appendix I hereafter;

- held an exchange of views with Mr Paolo Alli, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;

- took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committees of the Bureau on the:
  
  “Observation of the parliamentary elections in Armenia (2 April 2017)”;
  “Observation of the presidential election in Serbia (2 April 2017)”;
  “Observation of the referendum on the constitutional amendments in Turkey (16 April 2017)”;

- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

  Opinion 294 (2017) Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2018-2019


  Recommendation 2103 (2017) The political transition in Tunisia

  Recommendation 2104 (2017) Human rights of older persons and their comprehensive care

  Resolution 2165 (2017) Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2018-2019

  Resolution 2166 (2017) The political transition in Tunisia
Resolution 2167 (2017) The employment rights of domestic workers, especially women, in Europe

Resolution 2168 (2017) Human rights of older persons and their comprehensive care

- decided to hold its next meeting on 24 November 2017, in Copenhagen.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe
APPENDIX I

Decisions on documents tabled for references to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. Addressing the massive curtailment of democratic rights and freedoms in Israel, especially the “Transparency Law”/“NGO Law”
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Groth and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14094
   No further action

2. Illegal elections in the occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in the city of Sebastopol
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Goncharenko and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14188
   No further action

3. Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism
   Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
   Doc. 14271
   Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report

   Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Schwabe and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14275
   Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report

5. The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Di Stefano and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14276
   Transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons for information

6. Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Anderson and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14295
   Transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for information

7. A two-State solution in Israel and Palestine
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Kox and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14296
   Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report

8. A commitment to introduce rules to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Foulkes and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14299
   Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report

9. Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Chugoshvili and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14301
   Consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on possible follow-up
10. Review of regulations for election observations by the Parliamentary Assembly
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Hardt and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14302

No further action

11. The situation in Kosovo*
Bureau Decision

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report

*Any reference to Kosovo in this text, 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.