To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis
of the meeting held in Copenhagen
on 24 November 2017

The Standing Committee, meeting on 24 November 2017 in Copenhagen, with Ms Stella Kyriakides, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Ms Pia Kjærsgaard, Speaker of the Folketing;
- held an exchange of views with Ms Ulla Tørnæs, Minister for Development Co-operation, representing the Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of France, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and the United Kingdom and a change in the Spanish delegation;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (22 - 26 January 2018);
- ratified the references which are contained in the Appendix hereafter;
- held a current affairs debate on “Democracy hacked. How to respond?”;
- held an exchange of views with Mr George Tsereteli, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly;
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committees of the Bureau on the “Observation of the presidential election in Kyrgyzstan (15 October 2017)”; 
- held an exchange of views and took note of the information report “Towards a democratic approach to the issues of self-determination and secession” of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

**Opinion 296 (2017)**

Draft Protocol amending the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108) and its explanatory report

**Recommendation 2117 (2017)**

Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children

**Resolution 2193 (2017)**

The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan

**Resolution 2194 (2017)**

Cross-border parental responsibility conflicts

**Resolution 2195 (2017)**

Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children
decided to hold its next meetings on 16 March 2018, in Paris, and on 1 June 2018, in Zagreb.

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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

Decisions on documents tabled for references to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. A legal status for “climate refugees”
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Sahiba Gafarova and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14413
   Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons for report

2. Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Serap Yaşar and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14417
   Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons for report

3. New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation
   Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
   Doc. 14439
   Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report

4. Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions
   Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
   Doc. 14440
   Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report

5. Amending Rule 20.3 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure on the status of the immediate past President of the Assembly
   Decision of the Bureau
   Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report

6. Procedure for considering motions for resolutions and recommendations and its possible improvement
   Decision of the Bureau
   Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report

7. Strengthening the link between popular sports events and cultural heritage
   Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn’ and other members of the Assembly
   Doc. 14218
   Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for report