



## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1160th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (30 January 2013)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 21 January 2013 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 7 March 2013 in Paris

## **I. First part-session of 2013 (21-25 January 2013)**

### **A. Election of the President of the Assembly**

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly re-elected Mr Jean-Claude Mignon as its President.

### **B. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly**

2. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected its Vice-Presidents (see Appendix 1).

### **C. Election of bureaux of the Committees of the Assembly**

3. The Assembly committees elected their Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons (Appendix 2).

### **D. Personalities**

4. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- Mr Gilbert SABOYA SUNYE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
- Mr Mikheil SAKASHVILI, President of Georgia
- Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- Ms Paola SEVERINO, Minister of Justice of Italy
- Mr Štefan FÜLE, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

5. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

### **E. Debate under urgent procedure**

6. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure, on “**Migration and asylum: mounting tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean**” (Resolution 1918 (2013), Recommendation 2010 (2013), Doc. 13106) and on “**Recent developments in Mali and Algeria and the threat to security and human rights in the Mediterranean region**” (Resolution 1919 (2013), Doc. 13107)

### **F. Challenge of credentials**

7. On 21 January 2013, the still unratified credentials of Ms Zaroulia (Greece, NR) and Mr Gaudi Nagy (Hungary, NR) were challenged on procedural grounds in accordance with Rule 7 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure on the ground that they both belong to political parties that do not respect the values of the Council of Europe and have made statements that are inconsistent with those values.

8. The committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs consequently concluded that the credentials of Ms Zaroulia and Mr Gaudi Nagy should be ratified.

9. The committee pointed out that the procedure to challenge the credentials of individual members was governed by strict criteria laid down by the Rules of Procedure. Rule 7.1. does not make it possible to challenge the credentials of individual members in an effective manner, so as to sanction the actions or words where these seriously and persistently violate the principles and values defended by the Council of Europe. It is not for the committee, within the strict limits of its competence, to rule on the existence of substantial violations of the Statute of the Council of Europe, whose obligations are binding on member

States, a matter which comes under a separate procedure not implemented by the authors of the challenge upon the opening of the session.

10. The committee stated, in the strongest terms, that this decision must not be interpreted as an expression of support or recognition, albeit indirect, of activities, beliefs, actions or political positions that the Parliamentary Assembly has constantly denounced throughout its 63 years of existence. The committee recalled the Parliamentary Assembly's unwavering commitment to the promotion and defence of human rights, democracy and the rule of law, in particular in combating racism, xenophobia, intolerance and anti-Semitism.

## G. Adopted texts

11. Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

- The situation in Kosovo<sup>2</sup> and the role of the Council of Europe (Resolution 1912 (2013) and Recommendation 2006 (2013), Doc. 13088);
- The activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) (Resolution 1913 (2013), Doc. 13089);
- Ensuring the viability of the Strasbourg Court: structural deficiencies in States Parties (Resolution 1914 (2013) and Recommendation 2007 (2013), Doc. 13087)
- Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria (Resolution 1915 (2013), Doc. 13085)
- Georgia and Russia: the humanitarian situation in the conflict- and war-affected areas (Resolution 1916 (2013) and Recommendation 2008 (2013), Doc 13083)
- The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan (Resolution 1917 (2013), Doc. 13084)
- Towards a Council of Europe convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin (Recommendation 2009 (2013), Doc. 13082)
- Migration and asylum: mounting tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean (Resolution 1918 (2013), Recommendation 2010 (2013), Doc. 13106)
- Recent developments in Mali and Algeria and the threat to security and human rights in the Mediterranean region (Resolution 1919 (2013), Doc 13107)
- The state of media freedom in Europe (Resolution 1920 (2013), Doc. 13078)
- Gender equality, reconciliation of personal and working life and shared responsibility (Resolution 1921 (2013), Doc. 13080)
- Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour (Resolution 1922 (2013) and Recommendation 2011 (2013), Doc. 13086)

12. All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

## H. Hearings and side-events organised by committees during the part-session

- On 21 January 2013, joint meeting of the members of the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** and of the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** was held on “**Young people’s access to fundamental rights**”, with the participation of Ms Maria Paschou, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) Ms Laurence Hermand, Vice-Chairperson of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and Mr Håkon Haugli (Norway, SOC), General Rapporteur on the rights of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender Persons (LGBTs);

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<sup>2</sup> All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- On 21 January 2013, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held an exchange of views on **the situation in Iran** with Mr. Ardechir Amir-Arjomand, Professor of public law, Former UNESCO chair Holder for human Rights, Peace and Democracy, Spokesman of the Coordinating Council of the Green Path of Hope of Iran.
- On 21 January 2013, the **Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination** held an exchange of views on **stalking** with Ms Alexis Bowater, Chief Executive for the Network for Surviving Stalking (United Kingdom).
- On 21 January 2013, **the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held an exchange of views on “Refugees and the fight against AIDS” with the participation of Mr Harry Witzthum, Head of Development, Swiss Aids Federation.
- On 22 January 2013, **the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held a hearing on “**The situation in Kosovo**” and **the role of the Council of Europe**” with the participation of Mr Hydajet Hyseni, Vice-chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Ms Vjosa Osmani, Member of the Committee for European Integration; representatives of the Kosovo\* Assembly.
- 22 January 2013, Strasbourg: **the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** held an exchange of views with Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights, on a number of issues falling under the mandate of the Committee.
- On 22 January 2013, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held a hearing on the “**Implementation of Strasbourg Court judgments by Greece**” with the head of the Greek delegation, Ms Theodora Bakoyannis.
- On 22 January 2013, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** will held a hearing on the “**Implementation of Strasbourg Court judgments by Turkey**” with the head of the Turkish delegation, Ms Nursuna Memecan.
- On 22 January 2013, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** held the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, including an exchange of views on the the theme “**Sexual abuse of children with mental disabilities**” with the participation of Ms Hilary Brown, Professor at Christ Church University of Canterbury (United Kingdom) and Mr Jean-Georges Rohmer, psychiatrist (France).
- On 23 January 2013, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** and the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held a joint meeting of the Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence” and in co-operation with the High Commissioner for Refugees, on “**Refugees women and the Istanbul Convention – CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence: how can women who are victims of violence acquire refugee status**”
- On 24 January 2013, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** held a hearing on “**Children’s right to physical integrity**” with the participation of Victor Schonfeld, Producer of documentary films, London (United Kingdom) and Dr. Ilhan Ilkilic, Scientist and lecturer at the Institute for history, theory and ethics of medicine, University of Mainz (Germany).
- On 24 January 2013, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held a hearing on the “**Implementation of Strasbourg Court judgments by the United Kingdom**” with the head of the British delegation, Mr Robert Walter.
- On 24 January 2013, the **Sub-Committee on gender equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** held a hearing on “**Constitutionally discriminated: women’s rights in Egypt under the new basic law**” with the participation of Karima Kamal, journalist, Al-Masry Al-Youm/ Egypt Independent (Cairo).
- On 24 January 2013, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** two held two exchanges of views: one on “**Criminalising the purchase of sex to combat the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation**” with the participation of Nicolas Le Coz, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA); and the other on “Ending discrimination against Roma children”, with the participation of Isabela Mahalache, Independent Expert for Roma Affairs.

- On 24 January 2013, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** and the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** held a joint hearing on “Corruption as a threat to the Rule of Law” and “Parliamentary ethics and the prevention of corruption: the Parliamentary Assembly’s input” with the participation of Mr Marin Mrčela, President of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), in the framework the GRECO fourth evaluation round on the prevention of corruption in respect of members of Parliament, judges and prosecutors
- On 24 January 2013, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held an exchange of views on “Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?” with the participation of Mr Christopher Hedges, former Chairperson of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG).
- On 24 January 2013, the **Committee on Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee)** held an exchange of views on **European Union Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy** with the participation of Mr Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy.

## I. Media coverage

The January 2013 part-session had a prominent media impact, despite the reduction in the number of journalists invited compared with the January 2012 part-session (-25%) and the number of accredited journalists (-40%). It must, however, be pointed out that the January 2012 part-session had a very strong media impact as a result of the visit by the UK Prime Minister. In short, with some 320 articles published and 37 TV reports, media coverage was slightly above average for the winter part-sessions in recent years.

The speech by Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia, and the debates on the humanitarian situation in Georgia and Russia in the conflict- and war-afflicted areas, on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan and the follow-up to the issue of political prisoners in that country received most media coverage. The challenging of credentials of two members of the Assembly was also widely reported.

The Communication Division maintained its strategy of using the PACE website as a showcase for all events during the part-session, not only with the rapid publishing online of the results of the plenary debates, but also with items on the side-events, growing in number all the time. In this connection, the current restructuring of the website will make it possible to enhance the content, with greater emphasis on the audio-visual items on offer and more articles on committee activities.

The “MediaBox”, the web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, continues to prove its relevance. The 40 interviews recorded was twice the number made in January 2012 and three times more than in October that year. With the assistance of the Directorate of Communication, the number of professional format photographs made available to the members of the Assembly and the general public rose significantly (+30%), with more than 600 images put online.

## II. Elections

### A. **Parliamentary elections in Monaco (10 February 2013)**

13. On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee.

### B. **Presidential elections in Armenia (18 February 2013)**

14. At its meeting on 21 January 2013, the Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral observation mission (Yerevan, 15-18 January 2013) and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (composed of 22 members - EPP/DC: 7, SOC: 6; ALDE: 3 ; EDG: 3; UEL: 1 and the two Co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee. On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee.

### C. **Presidential elections in Montenegro (7 April 2013)**

15. At its meeting on 21 January 2013, the Bureau decided to observe these elections (subject to the receipt of an invitation) and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 7 members, including one from each political group and the two Co-rapporteurs for the monitoring of Montenegro (of the Monitoring Committee). At its meeting on 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Roman Jakic (Slovenia, ALDE) as Chairperson.

### D. **Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections (22 January 2013)**

16. At its meeting on 25 January 2013, the Bureau took note of the conclusions of the above meeting.

## III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 21 and 25 January 2013)

17. **First part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2012):** on 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the proposals for follow-up to the adopted texts.

18. **Standing Committee (Paris, 8 March 2013):** on 25 January 2013, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.

19. **Second part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 22-26 April 2013):** on 25 January 2013, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 3).

20. **Implementation of Resolution 1903 (2012) on the code of conduct of members of the Parliamentary Assembly: good practice or a core duty?:** on 21 January 2013, the Bureau approved a revised memorandum prepared by the Secretariat with regard to the registration of gifts and similar benefits of value in excess of 200 Euros accepted by members in the performance of their duties.

21. **Protection mechanism against attacks, in the Bureau and Committees, on members' honour and reputation:** on 21 January 2013, the Bureau approved the proposals contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, notably as regards the application *mutatis mutandis* of the right-to-reply procedure provided for in Resolution 1854 (2011) concerning response to defamatory statements made in plenary sittings, to statements made during meetings of the Bureau or of committees; and the request to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional to examine the question of setting up a special committee responsible for order-related matters, including complaints over defamatory statements made by Assembly members.

22. **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** at its meetings on 21 and 25 January 2013, on the basis of proposals from the political groups, the Bureau nominated members of these two committees and decided to submit these nominations to the Assembly for ratification.

23. **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 25 January 2013, the Bureau drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Georgia, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.

24. **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 January – 22 April 2013)**: on 25 January 2013, the Bureau appointed Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) as rapporteur.
25. The next Bureau meeting is scheduled for 7 March 2013 to be held in Paris.

#### **IV. Co-operation with the Committee of Ministers**

- On 22 January 2013, **the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** continued its discussion on the Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers

#### **V. Activities of the committees and other meetings**

The committees constituted their sub-committees appearing in Appendix 4.

**7 March 2013, Paris**: Presidential Committee

**7 March 2013, Paris**: Bureau of the Assembly

**8 March 2013, Paris**: *Standing Committee*

**11-12 March, Paris**: *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*

**13-14 March 2013, Rabat, Morocco**: *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, with the participation of Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission

**14-15 March, Berlin**: *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development + 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*

**18-19 March 2013, Warsaw**: *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*: with a plenary meeting on 18 March and a Conference on 19 March on Freedom of expression in relation to discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity

**19 March, Paris**: *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*

**20 March 2013, Paris**: *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*

**4-5 April, Rabat, Morocco**: *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*

#### **VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of preparation of reports**

- ***Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky***

**Mr Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur for the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bern on 8 January 2013 and met with the Swiss General Prosecutor.

- ***Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic***

**Mr Çavuşoğlu** (Turkey, EDG), rapporteur for the *Committee of Political Affairs and democracy*, carried out a fact-finding mission to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from 15 to 17 January 2013.

- ***Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality***

**Mr Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE), rapporteur for the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination* is currently carrying out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm from 29 to 30 January 2013.

➤ ***Promoting alternatives to imprisonment***

**Ms Vučković** (Serbia, SOC), rapporteur for the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London from **11-12 February 2013**.

## APPENDIX 1

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# Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly Vice-Présidents de l'Assemblée parlementaire

In order of precedence / par ordre de préséance

Mr Fernand BODEN	Luxembourg
Mr Joachim HÖRSTER	Germany / Allemagne
Mr René ROUQUET	France
Mr Robert WALTER	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr Patrick MORIAU	Belgium / Belgique
Ms Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN	Sweden / Suède
Mr Alexey PUSHKOV	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie
Mr Luigi VITALI	Italy / Italie
Mr José Maria BENEYTO	Spain / Espagne
Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER	Switzerland / Suisse
Ms Nursuna MEMECAN	Turkey / Turquie
Ms Gisela WURM	Austria / Autriche
Mr Francis AGIUS	Malta / Malte
Mr Jean-Charles GARDETTO	Monaco
Mr Andrzej HALICKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr Zoran VUKČEVIĆ	Montenegro / Monténégro
Ms Ol'ga NACHTMANNOVA	Slovak Republic / République Slovaque
Mr Samad SEYIDOV	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
Ms Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ	Serbia / Serbie
Vacant seat / siège vacant	Romania / Roumanie

**APPENDIX 2**

**Chairmanships and Vice-Chairmanships of committees**  
***Présidences et Vice-présidences de commissions***

<b>Committee / Commission</b>	<b>Chairperson / Président</b>	<b>Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-présidents</b>	
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i> 84 seats / sièges	Pietro MARCENARO Italy/Italie, SOC	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Jean-Charles GARDETTO, Monaco, EPP/CD–PPE/DC Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden/Suède, ALDE/ADLE Karin S. WOLDSETH, Norway/Norvège, EDG/GDE
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i> 84 seats / sièges	Christopher CHOPE United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni, EDG/GDE	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Marina SCHUSTER, Germany/Allemagne, ALDE/ADLE Boriss CILEVICS, Latvia/Lettonie, SOC Augustín CONDE, Spain/Espagne, EPP/CD–PPE/DC
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i> 84 seats / sièges	Liliane MAURY PASQUIER Switzerland/Suisse, SOC	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Valeriu GHILETCHI, Rep. Moldova, EPP/CD–PPE/DC Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS, Greece/Grèce, UEL/GUE Bernard MARQUET, Monaco, ALDE/ADLE
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / <i>Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées</i> 84 seats / sièges	Giacomo SANTINI Italy/Italie, EPP/CD–PPE/DC	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Tuğrul TURKES, Turkey/Turquie, EDG/GDE Tineke STRIK, Netherlands/Pays-Bas, SOC Gebhard NEGELE, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD–PPE/DC
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i> 84 seats / sièges	Piotr WACH Poland/Pologne, EPP/CD–PPE/DC	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Carmen QUINTANILLA, Spain/Espagne, EPP/CD–PPE/DC Mogens JENSEN, Denmark/Danemark, SOC ..., EPP/CD–PPE/DC
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i> 84 seats / sièges	Tina ACKETOFT Sweden/Suède, ALDE/ADLE	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	José MENDES BOTA, Portugal, EPP/CD–PPE/DC Gisela WURM, Austria/Autriche, SOC Nikolaj VILLUMSEN, Denmark/Danemark, UEL/GUE
Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / <i>Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles</i> 37 seats / sièges	Nataša VUČKOVIĆ Serbia/Serbie, SOC	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Davit HARUTYUNYAN, Armenia/Arménie, EDG/GDE Arcadio DIAZ TEJERA, Spain/Espagne, SOC Ana GUȚU, Rep Moldova, ALDE/ADLE
Monitoring Committee / <i>Commission de suivi</i> 84 seats / sièges	Andres HERKEL Estonia/Estonie, EPP/CD–PPE/DC	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Lise CHRISTOFFERSEN, Norway/Norvège, SOC Pieter OMTZIGT, Netherlands/Pays-Bas, EPP/CD–PPE/DC Telmo CORREIA, Portugal, EDG/GDE

## APPENDIX 3

29 January 2013

### **2nd part of the 2013 Ordinary Session (22-26 April 2013)**

Preliminary draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 25 January 2013.

## Legends and abbreviations

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### List of committees

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

### List of political groups

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

SOC: Socialist Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

EDG: European Democrat Group

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

### Symbols

🗨 Presentation, statement

🕒 Deadline for tabling documents

📋 Lists (speakers, questions)

🗳 Votes

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 22 April 2013

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### Sitting No. 10 (11:30-13:00)

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

##### 1.1. Statement by the President

##### 1.2. Examination of credentials

- List of delegations:
  - o (Doc. )

##### 1.3. [Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly]

##### 1.4. Changes in the membership of committees

##### 1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure

##### 1.6. Adoption of the agenda

##### 1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Paris, 8 March 2013)

#### 2. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 2.1. Mr Joachim GAUCK, President of Germany

- Questions

### Sitting No. 11 (15:00-17:00)

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#### 3. Debate

##### 3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Pietro MARCENARO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )

##### 3.2. Observation of the presidential election in Armenia (18 February 2013)

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Karin S. WOLDSETH (Norway, EDG), Rapporteur (Doc. )

- List of speakers

- [possibly] Vote

#### 4. Debate

##### 4.1. Free debate

- List of speakers

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## Tuesday 23 April 2013

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### Sitting No. 12 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 5. Debate

##### 5.1. Violence against religious communities

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Luca VOLONTÈ (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )
  - Mr Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ (Turkey, EDG), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Mig (Doc. )

☐ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 April, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

#### 6. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 6.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Gilbert SABOYA SUNYE, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

☐ Questions

### Sitting No. 13 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 7. Address (15:30-16:30)

##### 7.1. Mr Didier BURKHALTER, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

☐ Questions

#### 8. Joint debate

##### 8.1. Fighting “child sex tourism” through committed legal and political action

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

##### 8.2. Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE campaign

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Silvia Eloisa BONET PEROT (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

☐ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 April, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

🗳 Vote on ... ()

#### 9. Debate

##### 9.1. Ending discrimination against Roma children

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Nursuna MEMECAN (Turkey, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )

☐ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 April, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

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## Wednesday 24 April 2013

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### Sitting No. 14 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 10. Debate

##### 10.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Josette DURRIEU (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

- 📖 List of speakers
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 April, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

#### 11. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 11.1. Mr Moncef MARZOUKI, President of Tunisia

- 📖 Questions

### Sitting No. 15 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 12. Address (15:30-16:30)

##### 12.1. Annual activity report 2012 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

- 12.1.1. Statement by Mr Nils MUIZNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

- 📖 Questions

#### 13. Debate

##### 13.1. Culture and education through national parliaments: European policies

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )
- ☐ Statement by:
  - Ms Androulla VASSILLIOU, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth [tbc]

- 📖 List of speakers
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

#### 14. Joint debate

##### 14.1. Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Polonca KOMAR (Slovenia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )

##### 14.2. Young people's access to fundamental rights

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Michael CONNARTY (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )
  - Mr Luca VOLONTÉ (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

- 📖 List of speakers
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()
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## Thursday 25 April 2013

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### Sitting No. 16 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 15. Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>2</sup>

#### 16. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 16.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

### Sitting No. 17 (15:30-19:30)

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#### 17. Debate

##### 17.1. Draft Protocol No. 15 to the European Convention on Human Rights

###### Presentation by:

- o Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

###### List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 24 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

#### 18. Joint debate

##### 18.1. Frontex: the need to improve its human rights role and capabilities

###### Presentation by:

- o Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )
- o Mr James CLAPPISON (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

##### 18.2. Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union's Eastern border

###### Presentation by:

- o Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

###### List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 24 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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## Friday 26 April 2013

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### Sitting No. 18 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 19. Joint debate

##### 19.1. Nanotechnology: balancing benefits and risks to public health and the environment

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Valeriy SUDARENKOV (Russian Federation, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

##### 19.2. Ethics in science and technology

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Jan KAZMIERCZAK (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )

📄 List of speakers

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 25 April, 10:30)

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#### 20. Debate

20.1. ...

#### 21. Closure of the part-session

#### ANNEXE 4

Committee / <i>Commission</i>	Sub-committees / <i>Sous-commissions</i>
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee on the Middle East / <i>Sous-commission sur le Proche-Orient</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on External Relations / <i>Sous-commission des relations extérieures</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD / <i>Sous-commission des relations avec l'OCDE et de la BERD</i></li> </ul>
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee on Human Rights / <i>Sous-commission des droits de l'homme</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism / <i>Sous-commission sur les problèmes criminels et la lutte contre le terrorisme</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on the Rule of Law / <i>Sous-commission sur la prééminence du droit</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / <i>Sous-commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme</i></li> </ul>
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter / <i>Sous-commission sur la charte sociale européenne</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy / <i>Sous-commission de l'environnement et de l'énergie</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Public Health / <i>Sous-commission de la santé publique</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize / <i>Sous-commission du Prix de l'Europe</i></li> </ul>
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / <i>Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee on Detention / <i>Sous-commission sur la rétention</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Integration / <i>Sous-commission sur l'intégration</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit / <i>Sous-commission sur la coopération avec les pays d'origine et de transit non européens</i></li> <li>• Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores / <i>Sous-commission ad hoc sur l'arrivée massive de migrants en situation irrégulière, de demandeurs d'asile et de réfugiés sur les rivages du sud de l'Europe</i></li> </ul>
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage / <i>Sous-commission de la culture, de la diversité et du patrimoine</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society / <i>Sous-commission des médias et de la société de l'information</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport / <i>Sous-commission de l'éducation, de la jeunesse et du sport</i></li> </ul>
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Committee on Gender Equality / <i>Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Rights of Minorities / <i>Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités</i></li> <li>• Sub-Committee on Racism and Xenophobia / <i>Sous-commission sur le racisme et la xénophobie</i></li> </ul>