Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1169th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies
(30 April 2013)

1 This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 22 April 2013 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2013 in Strasbourg.
I. Second part-session of 2013 (22-26 April 2013)

A. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected its Vice-Presidents with respect to Malta - Mr Joseph Debono Grech, to Monaco - Mr Jean-Charles Allavena, and to Romania - Mr Ionut-Marian Stroe.

B. Personalities

2. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
   - Mr Joachim GAUCK, President of Germany
   - Mr Gilbert SABOYA SUNYÉ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
   - Mr Bidzina IVANISHVILI, Prime Minister of Georgia
   - Mr Didier BURKHALTER, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
   - Mr Victor PONTA, Prime Minister of Romania
   - Mr Antoni MARTÍ, Head of Government of Andorra
   - Mr Nils MUIZNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

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

C. Current affairs debate

4. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on “Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq: how to organise and support international assistance?”, which was introduced by Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC).

D. Challenge of credentials

5. On 22 April 2013, the still unratified credentials of Mr Andriy Shevchenko (Ukraine, NR) were challenged on procedural grounds, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Assembly, on the ground that he was replacing, in the Ukrainian delegation, Mr Serhiy Vlasenko, who had been deprived of his national parliamentary mandate under a judicial decision which may have been politically motivated. In accordance with the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure, these credentials were referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.

6. The Committee on Rules of Procedure consequently concluded that the procedural grounds for challenges set out in Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly did not apply in the present case, and that the credentials of Mr Andriy Shevchenko were in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. However, in pursuance of Article 25 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, no representative can be deprived of his or her mandate during an Assembly session without the latter’s consent.

7. On 25 April 2013, the Assembly decided to deprive Serhiy Vlasenko of his mandate in the Parliamentary Assembly and to ratify the credentials of Andriy Shevchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD).

E. Appointment of General Rapporteurs

8. On 24 April 2013, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable development appointed Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) as General Rapporteur on Children in replacement of Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC).

9. On 25 April 2013, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights appointed Ms Marina Schuster (Germany, ALDE) as General Rapporteur on the Death Penalty, following the departure of Ms Renate Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD) from the Assembly.
F. Events

10. On 23 April 2013, the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) proposed to award the Europe prize 2012 to two towns (Altötting in Germany and Tata in Hungary) and to award 11 Plaques of honour, 18 Flags of Honour and 26 European Diplomas. On the same day, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different prizes (See Appendix 1).

11. On 23 April 2013, the Assembly held the ceremony of the Award of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2012, at which it presented the award to the Museum of Liverpool.

G. Media coverage

12. Media coverage of the spring session was understandably tilted towards the interventions of VIP speakers – in particular German President Joachim Gauck, Georgian Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili, Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta and Swiss Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter. However the coverage of reports on the agenda – as well as the organisation of press conferences – suffered from the fact that no journalists were invited to this session. Of these, the reports on post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey and on violence against religious communities received the most coverage.

13. Away from plenary, the Monitoring Committee’s decision to recommend the monitoring of Hungary was also widely reported. One innovation during this session was, for the first time, sustained use of the Assembly’s Twitter account “PACE_News” – around 80 Tweets in total were sent across the week, frequently re-tweeted, causing a sizeable jump in the number of followers.

H. Adopted texts

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

- Opinion 283 (2013)
- Draft Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Doc. 13154)

- Recommendation 2013 (2013)
- Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE Campaign (Doc. 13151)

- Recommendation 2014 (2013)
- Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge (Doc. 13155)

- Recommendation 2015 (2013)
- Young people’s access to fundamental rights (Doc. 13156)

- Recommendation 2016 (2013)
- Frontex: human rights responsibilities (Doc. 13161)

- Recommendation 2017 (2013)
- Nanotechnology: balancing benefits and risks to public health and the environment (Doc. 13117)

- Resolution 1925 (2013)
- Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey (Doc. 13160)

- Resolution 1926 (2013)
- Fighting “child sex tourism” (Doc. 13152)

- Resolution 1927 (2013)
- Ending discrimination against Roma children (Doc. 13158)

- Resolution 1928 (2013)
- Safeguarding human rights in relation to religion and belief and protecting religious communities from violence (Doc. 13157)

- Resolution 1929 (2013)
- Culture and education through national parliaments: European policies (Doc. 13142)

- Resolution 1930 (2013)
- Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge (Doc. 13155)
Resolution 1931 (2013) Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of Mr Andriy Shevchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) (Doc. 13193)


Resolution 1933 (2013) Management of mixed migration and asylum challenges beyond the European Union’s eastern border (Doc. 13163)

Resolution 1934 (2013) Ethics in science and technology (Doc. 13141)

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

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

- 22 April 2013, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held an exchange of views on "Syria and other related issues" with the participation of Mr Vincent Cochetel, Director, UNHCR Bureau for Europe.

- 22 April 2013, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination held an exchange of views on “the situation of women in Algeria”, with the participation of a parliamentary delegation from Algeria, in the context of the follow-up to Assembly resolution 1873 and recommendation 1996 (2012) on Equality between women and men: a condition for the success of the Arab spring.

- 22 April 2013, the Sub-Committee on media and information society (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) held an exchange of views on “The protection of privacy and personal data on the internet and online media” with the participation of Dr Eva Souhrada-Kirchmayer, Council of Europe Commissioner for Data Protection and Dr Jean-Philippe Walter, Chairperson, Consultative Committee of Convention No 108.

- 22 April and 23 April 2013, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held an exchange of views with a delegation of the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan in the framework of the preparation of a report on the “Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic” (Rapporteur: Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG).

- 23 April 2013, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights held an exchange of views with H.E. Tiina Intelmann, President of the Assembly of the State Parties of the International Criminal Court.

- 23 April 2013, the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) held an exchange of views on the outcome of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture on the theme “Governance of culture – promoting access to culture”, with the participation of Ms Kathrin Merkle, Head of Division Cultural Policy, Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue, DGII - Directorate General of Democracy.

- 23 April 2013, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held an exchange of views in the framework of the preparation of the report on “Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations” with the participation of Mr Maciej Zaremba, journalist (Sweden) and Ms Veronica Pimenoff, Psychiatrist, Head of Department of Helsinki University Psychiatric Hospital (Finland).

- 23 April 2013, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination held an exchange of views with a delegation of the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan in the framework of the preparation of a an opinion on the report on the “Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic” (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Bernadette Bourzai, France, SOC).

- 23 April 2013, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination held an exchange of views on Co-operation with the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) with Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Department, Equality and Citizens’ Rights, FRA.

- 23 April 2013, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held an exchange of views on “Migrants and refugees and the fight against AIDS” with the participation of Mr Olivier Maguet, Consultant, Médecins du Monde and Ms Helena Nygren-Krug, Senior Advisor, Human Rights & Law, UNAIDS.
23 April 2013, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held an exchange of views with Ms Snezana Samardzic Markovic, Director General, Directorate General of Democracy.

23 April 2013, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media held an exchange of views on the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2013, with the participation of Dr David Fleming, Director of the Museum of Liverpool, winner of the 2013 prize, Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) and Prof Dr Klaus Schneider, Director of the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum, Cologne, winner of the 2012 prize. In the evening, the committee organised in cooperation with the city of Strasbourg the award ceremony of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2013, at the Palais Rohan, Strasbourg.

24 April 2013, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held a joint hearing on “Prostitution and trafficking” organised by the Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence” with the participation of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ambassador Tatiana Parvu, Thematic Co-ordinator on gender equality and trafficking, Mr Simon Häggerström, police officer from the Prostitution Unit of the Stockholm Police (Sweden), Ms Ilonka Stakelborough, founder of Stichting Geisha, a trade union of sex-workers (Netherlands), and two victims of trafficking.

24 April 2013, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held the 13th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, held an exchange of views on “Sexual abuse of children by their peers” with the participation of Ms Franny Parren, Rutgers WPF and Ms Ruth Ennis, YouAct.

25 April 2013, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination held an exchange of views with Ms Anne Sonnet, Senior Analyst of Employment, Analysis Division and Employment Policy, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in the context of the preparation of a report on “Addressing age discrimination on the labour market” (Rapporteur: Ms Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EDG).

25 April 2013, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held an exchange of views with representatives of the Kosovo Assembly on the follow-up to Resolution 1912 (2013) on “The Situation in Kosovo and the role of the Council of Europe” with the participation of representatives of the Kosovo Assembly, Commi; and held an exchange of views with a delegation of the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia in the framework of the preparation of the report on the “Political transition in Tunisia” (Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE).

25 April 2013, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media held a hearing on “defamation law in Italy” as a follow-up to Resolution 1920 (2013) on the state of media freedom in Europe, with the participation of Mr Enzo Iacopino, President of the Italian Order of journalists and Jean-Paul Costa, former President of the European Court of human Rights, President of the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg).

25 April 2013, the Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) and the Sub-Committee on media and information society (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) held a joint-meeting on Hate speech – Council of Europe campaign “no hate speech movement: young people for human rights online” with the participation of Mr André-Jacques Dodin, Head of Division for Intergovernmental Co-operation, Youth Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe, Ms Eva Smith, Chairperson of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Mr Jan Malinowski, Head of Media, Information Society, Data Protection and Cybercrime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe.

25 April 2013, the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) adopted an opinion and decided to recommend the opening of a monitoring procedure with respect to Hungary (co-rapporteurs: Ms Fischerová, Czech Republic, EDG, and Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE).

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.
II. Elections

A. Presidential election in Armenia (18 February 2013)
   At its meeting on 22 April 2013, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee.

B. Presidential election in Montenegro (7 April 2013)
   At its meeting on 22 April 2013, the Bureau took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee.

C. Early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013)
   On 22 April 2013, the Bureau approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (see appendix 2) and took note of the press release of the pre-electoral observation mission.

D. Parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013)
   On 22 April 2013, the Bureau decided to observe these elections, to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 32 members: EPP/CD: 11, SOC: 10; ALDE: 4, EDG: 4, UEL: 1 (in accordance with the D'Hondt system), and the two Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; to authorise a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections, composed of 7 members: one from each political group and the two Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee.

   On 26 April 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) as chairperson (see appendix 3).

E. Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections (22 January 2013)
   At its meeting on 22 April 2013, the Bureau took note of the conclusions of the above meeting.

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 22 and 26 April 2013)

   Standing Committee (Yerevan, 31 May 2013): on 26 April 2013, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.

   Third part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2013): on 26 April 2013, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 4).

   Václav Havel Human Rights Prize: on 22 April 2013, the Bureau approved the change in “Article 2: Nature” of the draft Regulations regarding the award sum, which was subsequently ratified by the Assembly. On 26 April, it took note a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning the designation of members of the Selection Panel and invited Bureau members to propose candidatures for the third Selection Panel member to be designated by the Bureau.

   Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the International parliamentary conference: Role of Parliamentary Organisations in building a Europe without dividing lines (St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 12 April 2013): on 26 April 2013, the Bureau approved the oral report by the President of the Assembly.

   European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT): on 26 April 2013, the Bureau drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Serbia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.
Composition of the Monitoring Committee: at its meetings on 22 and 26 April 2013, on the basis of proposals from the political groups, the Bureau nominated members of this committee, which were subsequently ratified by the Assembly.

ONE in FIVE campaign - Partnership between the Parliamentary Assembly and the A.G. Leventis Foundation, signed on 4 April 2013: on 26 April 2013, the Bureau took note of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Project of installation of stained glass windows in the upper part of the Assembly Chamber: on 26 April 2013, the Bureau took note of the project of the Armenian government to donate stained glass windows for the windows in the Assembly Chamber.

The next Bureau meeting is scheduled for 30 May 2013 to be held in Yerevan.

IV. Co-operation with the Committee of Ministers

On 25 April 2013, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights held an exchange of views with Ambassador Ehrenkrona (Chair of the Committee of Ministers’ ad hoc Working Party on Reform of the Human Rights Convention system (GT-REF.ECHR)) on the reform of the European Human Rights Convention system.

V. Activities of the committees and other meetings

29 April-1 May 2013, Israel: 2nd part of the visit of the Sub-committee on the Middle East (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy).

21-22 May 2013, London: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

23-24 May 2013, Tallinn: Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

24 May 2013, Paris: Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination

27-28 May 2013, Izmir (Turkey): Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

30 May 2013, Yerevan: Presidential Committee

30 May 2013, Yerevan: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

30 May 2013, Yerevan: Bureau of the Assembly

31 May 2013, Yerevan: Standing Committee

3 June 2013, Paris: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

4 June 2013, Paris: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

5-6 June 2013, Paris: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

11 June 2013, Baku: Ad hoc Sub-committee to participate in the conference organised as part of the parliamentary dimension of the ONE in FIVE Campaign of the Council of Europe

12 June 2013, Paris: Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) (meeting in camera).
VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of preparation of reports

- The situation in the Middle East
  
  Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, carries out currently a fact-finding mission to Israel, in the framework of the second part of the visit to the region organised by the Sub-committee on the Middle East, from 30 April-1st May 2013.

- The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe
  
  Mr Ferenc Kalmár (Hungary, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will carry out a fact-finding mission to Bolzano (Italy) on 9 and 10 May 2013.

- Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
  
  Mr Håkon Haugli (Norway, SOC) Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will carry out a fact-finding mission to Kiev (Ukraine) on 15 and 16 May 2013.

- Migrants and refugees and the fight against AIDS
  
  Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons will carry out a fact-finding mission to Portugal on 20-21 May 2013.

- The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia
  
  Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee on Georgia, Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD) and Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee on the Russian Federation will carry out a fact-finding visit to Moscow, Tbilisi, Tskhinvali and Sukhumi from 12 to 18 May 2013.

- Criminalising the purchase of sex to combat the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation
  
  Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will carry out a fact-finding mission to Stockholm (Sweden) from 20 to 22 May 2013.

- Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky
  
  Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights carried out a fact-finding mission to Cyprus on 28-29 April 2013 and will carry out a fact-finding mission to Moscow on 20-23 May 2013.

- The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan
  
  Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) and Mr Joseph Debono Grech (Malta, SOC) Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee will carry out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from 10 to 13 June 2013.

- The protection of minors against sectarian influence
  
  Mr Rudy Salles (France,EPP/CD) Rapporteur to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will carry out a fact-finding mission to Berlin on 11 June 2013.

- Tackling racism in the police
  
  Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG) will carry out a fact-finding mission to Athens (Greece) on 12 and 13 June 2013

- Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict
  
  Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) Rapporteur of the Committee on political affairs and democracy will carry out a fact-finding mission to the region on May/June 2013.
Altötting in Germany and Tata in Hungary are joint winners of the 2013 Europe Prize

Strasbourg, 24.04.2013 – The 2013 Europe Prize – awarded each year by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to towns or cities most active in promoting the European ideal – has been awarded jointly to the towns of Altötting in Germany and Tata in Hungary.

Situated in Bavaria, Altötting is twinned with Loreto in Italy and Fatima in Portugal. A pilgrim city, it has developed many exchanges, in particular between young people and students, and has hosted major events as part of its association with other European pilgrim towns in the "Shrines of Europe" Association.

The city of Tata, in the district of Komarom-Esztergom, has developed an extensive network of diverse exchanges with its nine twin towns. More than 60 events organised in 2012 have enabled many cultural, sporting and school exchanges, making Tata a model for Hungary in promoting the European ideal at local level.

Two other towns, Poznan and Slupsk in Poland, were also shortlisted for the Prize, and the committee commended their applications.

Created by PACE in 1955, the Europe Prize is the highest distinction that can be bestowed on a European town for its actions in the European domain. The prize consists of a trophy, a medal, a diploma and a scholarship to be spent on a study visit within Europe for young people from the winning town.

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The committee also awarded 11 Plaques of Honour, 18 Flags of Honour and 26 European Diplomas – awards which also form part of the Europe Prize. Full details here.

Europe Prize website
WINNERS OF THE OTHER AWARDS
(Plaque of honour, Flag of honour and European Diploma)

The Plaque of Honour, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, was awarded to 11 municipalities:

France Raon l’Etape (Vosges)
Germany Kranenburg (North Rhine-Westphalia)
Langenargen (Baden-Württemberg)
Marl (North Rhine-Westphalia)
Italy Bagnacavallo (Prov. of Ravenna)
Lithuania Kedainiai (District Municipality) (Kaunas County)
Poland Lublin (Lubelskie voivodship)
Nysa (Opolskie voivodship)
Spain Girona (Catalonia)
Turkey Kocaeli (Metropolitan Municipality) (Prov. Of Kocaeli)
United Kingdom Nottinghamshire County Council (East Midlands)

The Flag of Honour was awarded to 18 municipalities this year:

France Montigny-le-Bretonneux (Yvelines)
Savigny (Rhône)
Triel-sur-Seine (Yvelines)
Allemagne Friedland (Basse-Saxe) (ensemble avec Korfantów (PL))
Linden (Hesse)
Pirna (Saxe)
Rehau (Bavière)
Wendlingen am Neckar (Bade-Wurtemberg)
Italie Cerrione (Prov. de Biella)
Lituanie Kaunas (Comté de Kaunas)
Pologne Giżycko (woj. Warmińsko-Mazurskie)
Goldap (woj. Warmińsko-Mazurskie)
Korfantów (woj. Opolskie)
Święciechowa (woj. Wielkopolskie)
Portugal Lousada (district de Porto)
Roumanie Mioveni (Dép. d’Argês)
Russie Belgorod (Oblast de Belgorod)
Turquie Safranbolu (Prov. de Kàrabük)

26 municipalities were granted the European Diploma:

Cyprus Nicosia
France Aix-en-Othe (Aube)
Charleville-Mézières (Ardenne)
Longueau (Somme)
Germany Gotha (Thüringen)
Niederstotzingen (Baden-Württemberg)
Pfinztal (Baden-Württemberg)
Ireland Cavan (Co. Cavan)
Shannon (Co. Clare)
Italy Benna (Prov. of Biella)
Colletorto (Prov. of Campobasso)
Piedicavallo (Prov. of Biella)
Poland Bielsko-Biała (Śląskie voivodship)
Kobylnica (Pomorskie voivodship)
Stare Miasto (Wielkopolskie voivodship)
Swarzędz (Wielkopolskie voivodship)
Spain Barakaldo (Biscay Prov.)
Turkey Manisa (Manisa Prov.)
Ukraine Cherkasy (Cherkasy Oblast)
Chernihiv (Chernihiv Oblast)
Yevpatoriya (Crimea)
Illichivsk (Odessa Oblast)
Vinnytsia (Vinnytsia Oblast)
Sumy (Sumy Oblast)
Ternopil (Ternopil Oblast)
United Kingdom Northampton B.C. (East Midlands)
APPENDIX 2

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN BULGARIA

COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L’OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPÉES EN BULGARIE

12 May / mai 2013

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APPENDIX 3

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3rd part of the 2013 Ordinary Session (24-28 June 2013)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

¹ Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 26 April 2013.
Legends and abbreviations

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

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: 14:00-15:00
Wednesday: 14:00-15:30
Thursday: 08:30-10:00
Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups
Monday: 09:30-11:00
Monday: 17:00-19:00
Wednesday: 08:30-10:00
Monday 24 June 2013

Sitting No. 19 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session
   1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials
   □ List of delegations:
     ○ (Doc.)

1.3. Changes in the membership of committees

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

1.5. Adoption of the agenda

1.6. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Yerevan, 31 May 2013)

2. Debate
   2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
       □ Presentation by:
         ○ Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

   2.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013)
       □ Presentation by:
         ○ Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur (Doc.)

List of speakers
[possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 20 (15:00-17:00)

3. Address (15:00-16:00)

3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly
    □ Presentation by:
      ○ Mr Edward NALBANDIAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

Questions
Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 15 April, 11:30)

4. Debate
   4.1. Free debate

List of speakers
Tuesday 25 June 2013

Sitting No. 21 (10:00-13:00)

5. [Possibly] Election
   5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
   □ List of candidates in respect of:
      o (Doc.)

6. Debate
   6.1. The situation in the Middle East
   □ Presentation by:
      o Mr Pietro MARCENARO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)

   ≈ List of speakers
   ≈ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 16:00)
   ≈ Vote on ...

7. Address (12:00-13:00)
   7.1. Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament [tbc]

   ≈ Questions

Sitting No. 22 (15:30-20:00)

8. [Possibly] Election (15:30-17:00)
   8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
   □ List of candidates in respect of:
      o (Doc.)

9. Debate
   9.1. Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary
   □ Presentation by:
      o Ms Kerstin LUNDGREN (Sweden, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

   ≈ List of speakers
   ≈ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 16:00)
   ≈ Vote on ...

10. Debate
    10.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco
    □ Presentation by:
        o Mr Luca VOLONTÉ (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
        o Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
        o Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EDG), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

    ≈ List of speakers
    ≈ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 16:00)
    ≈ Vote on ...
Wednesday 26 June 2013

Sitting No. 23 (10:00-13:00)

11. [Possibly] [2nd round] Election
   11.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
       ☑ List of candidates in respect of:
           o (Doc.)

12. Debate
   12.1. Corruption as a threat to the rule of law
       ☑ Presentation by:
           o Ms Mailis REPS (Estonia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
           o Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)

       ☑ List of speakers
       ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 10:30)
       ☑ Vote on ... ()

13. Address (12:00-13:00)
   13.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

       ☑ Questions

Sitting No. 24 (15:30-20:00)

14. [Possibly] [2nd round] Election (15:30-17:00)
   14.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
       ☑ List of candidates in respect of:
           o (Doc.)

15. Debate
   15.1. Equal access to health care
       ☑ Presentation by:
           o Mr Jean-Louis LORRAIN (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
           o Mr Mikael CEDERBRATT (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Mig (Doc.)

       ☑ List of speakers
       ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 16:00)
       ☑ Vote on ... ()

16. Debate
   16.1. Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations
       ☑ Presentation by:
           o Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
           o Ms Fatiha SAIDI (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

       ☑ List of speakers
       ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 16:00)
       ☑ Vote on ... ()
Thursday 27 June 2013

Sitting No. 25 (10:00-13:00)

17. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate

18. Address (12:00-13:00)
   18.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]
   Questions

Sitting No. 26 (15:30-20:00)

19. Debate
   19.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
      Presentation by:
      o Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

   List of speakers
   amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 26 June, 16:00)
   Vote on ... ()

20. Debate
   20.1. Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
      Presentation by:
      o Mr Hakon HAUGLI (Norway, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

   List of speakers
   Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 26 June, 16:00)
   Vote on ... ()

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
Friday 28 June 2013

Sitting No. 27 (10:00-13:00)

21. Debate
         ☑ Presentation by:
               o Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

         ☐ List of speakers
         ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)
         ☑ Vote on ... ()

22. Debate
   22.1. Keeping political and criminal responsibility separate
         ☑ Presentation by:
               o Mr Pieter OMTZIJD (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )
               o Ms Christine MUTTONEN (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. )

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