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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1174th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies¹ (19 June 2013)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 26 April 2013 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2013 (Strasbourg).
I. **Decisions taken by the Bureau**

A. **Third part-session of 2013 (24-28 June 2013)**

On 26 April 2013, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda which it revised at its meeting of 30 May 2013 (Appendix 1)

On 30 May 2013, at the request of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, the Bureau decided to invite Ms Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Minister of Women’s Rights, France, to address the Assembly in the context of the debate on “Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity”.

B. **Observation of elections**

- **Presidential election in Montenegro (7 April 2013)**
  
  On 30 May 2013, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee.

- **Early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013)**
  
  On 30 May 2013, the Bureau took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee.

- **Parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013)**
  
  On 26 April 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson. At its following meeting in Yerevan, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee.

- **Presidential election in Azerbaijan (16 October 2013)**
  
  On 30 May 2013, the Bureau decided to observe this election and constituted 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. It authorised a pre-electoral mission composed of 7 members (one from each political group and the two Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee), to take place at least one month ahead of the election.

- **Presidential election in Georgia (October 2013 – subject to the receipt of an invitation)**
  
  On 30 May 2013, the Bureau decided to observe this election and constituted 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. It authorised a pre-electoral mission composed of 7 members (one from each political group and the two Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee), to take place at least one month ahead of the election.

C. **Other decisions taken by the Bureau**

- **Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary**
  
  On 30 May 2013, the Bureau decided to propose to the Assembly not to open a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary. It also decided to designate Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) to speak on behalf of the Bureau during the plenary debate on this issue.

- **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, which was subsequently forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.
Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 26 April 2013, the Bureau approved a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning the designation of members of the Selection Panel of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize. It invited Bureau members to propose candidatures for the third Selection Panel member to be designated by the Bureau and to submit them before 15 May 2013 to the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly.

On 30 May 2013, the Bureau confirmed Mr Thomas Hammarberg and Ms Nuala Mole as members of the Selection Panel and elected Mr Christos Pourgourides as the third Selection Panel member to be designated by the Bureau, taking note that the three members would start their two years term of office as of 1 June 2013.

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 took note of the oral report by the President of 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.

Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

On 26 April 2013, the Bureau appointed Mr João Bosco Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CD) to participate in the ceremony for the 2012 North-South Prize award (Lisbon, 21 May 2013) and it appointed Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) to participate in the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (Istanbul, 29 June-3 July 2013).

Analysis of the use made by the Assembly’s political groups of their allocations for 2012

On 30 May 2013, the Bureau approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.

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.

D. Standing Committee

31 May 2013 in Yerevan, the Standing Committee:

- heard a welcome address from Mr Hovik Abrahamyan, Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia and held an exchange of views with Mr Edward Nalbandian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers;
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on “Observation of the elections to the National Council of Montenegro (7 April 2013)”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly, which are available on the Assembly website:
  - Resolution 1936 (2013) on Harmonisation of regulatory and para-regulatory provisions of monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue procedures
- Resolution 1937 (2013) on Length of term of office and re-eligibility of committee chairpersons
- Resolution 1938 (2013) on Promoting alternatives to imprisonment
- Resolution 1939 (2013) on Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality
- Recommendation 2018 (2013) on Promoting alternatives to imprisonment
  - adopted a statement on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict (Appendix 2).

II. Activities of Committees

- 21-22 May 2013 in London, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media held:
  - an exchanges of views with the Rt. Hon. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, the Hon. Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries of the United Kingdom, and Mr John Whittingdale OBE, Chair of the Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport of the House of Commons;
  - a hearing on Violence in audiovisual media and its consequences on children and society with the participation of Mr John Carr OBE, Member of the Executive Board, UK Council on Child Internet Safety, London, Ms Tineke Lodders-Elfferich, President of the Board, and Mr Wim Bekkers, Director, Netherlands Institute for the Classification of Audiovisual Media (NICAM), Hilversum, Mr David Austin, Assistant Director, Policy and Public Affairs, British Board of Film Classification, London, Mr Simon Little, Managing Director, Interactive Software Federation of Europe, Brussels, and Mr Neil McLatchie, School of Psychology, Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury;
  - a hearing on Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy with the participation of Mr Ben Hammersley, Journalist, member of the EU High-Level Group of Experts on Media Freedom and Pluralism, UK Prime Minister’s Ambassador to TechCity, London, Mr Douwe Koiff, Professor of international law, London Metropolitan University, Mr Jérémie Zimmermann, Spokesperson and co-founder, La Quadrature du Net, Paris, and Ms Helen Margetts, Professor of Society and the Internet, Director of the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford;
  - a hearing on Protection of media freedom in Europe: the role of parliaments in the follow-up to Assembly Resolution 1920 (2013) with the participation of Mr Jan Malinowski, Head of Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, Mr István Hegedűs, President, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest, Ms Francesca Fanucci, Senior Associate at Free Expression Associates, London, Mr Andrew Gardner, Researcher, Amnesty International, London, Mr Michael Harris, Head of Advocacy, Index on Censorship, London, and Mr William Horsley, Media Freedom Representative of the Association of European Journalists, International Director of the Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield; heard statements by Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Parliament of Azerbaijan, Mr Aleksandre Kantaria, First Vice-Chair of the Committee on Culture, Parliament of Georgia, Mr Gergely Gulyas, Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights, Minority, Civic and Religious Affairs, Hungarian National Assembly, Mr Chiril Lucinschi, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sport and Media, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Mr Georgica Severin, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Arts and Mass Media, Senate of Romania, Ms Vesna Marjanović, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Media, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, and Mr Volodymyr Ariev, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, in the absence of Mr Yuriy Y. Stets, representative of the Committee on Freedom of Speech and Information, Parliament of Ukraine;
  - a hearing on Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment with the participation of Ms Agnès Callamard, Executive Director, ARTICLE 19, London, Mr Lutz Tillmanns, Secretary General, German Press Council, Berlin, Ms Judit Bayer, Representative of the Southeast European Network for Professionalisation of the Media, Budapest, and Ms Rachel Craufurd Smith, School of Law, University of Edinburgh.
On 23-24 May 2013 in Tallinn, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:

- held an exchange of views with, Ms Ene Ergma, Speaker of the Estonian Parliament;
- held a **Hearing on frozen conflicts**, with introductory comments by Ms Jane Morrice, former deputy leader of the Women’s Coalition and Senior Negotiator in the peace process in Northern Ireland, and the participation of:
  - **Abkhazia and South Ossetia**:
    - Mr Vladimir Socor, Senior Research Fellow, Jamestown Foundation
    - Mr Svante Cornell, Research Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
  - **Nagorno-Karabakh**:
    - Mr Dennis Sammut, Executive Director of the London Information Network on Conflicts and State Building (LINKS)
    - Ms Sabine Freizer, European Program Director, International Crisis Group
  - **Transnistria**:
    - Mr James Sherr, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programmes, Chatham House
    - Mr Kamil Calus, Centre for Eastern Studies, Poland

On 24 May 2013, in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** organised a hearing on **So-called ‘honour’ crimes in the North Caucasus** *(Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE)* with the participation of Dr Anna Neistat, Associate Director for Programme and Emergencies Divisions, Human Rights Watch, Paris. It also held a hearing on **The situation of transgender persons in Europe**, with the participation of Ms Vanessa Lacey, Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI), and Mr Nicolas Beger, Director of Amnesty International European Institutions Office.

27-28 May in Izmir (Turkey), the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held:

- an exchange of views on **Judicial reforms in Turkey: recent developments** with the participation of Turkish representatives: Mr Kenan Özdemir, Deputy Under Secretary, Ministry of Justice; Mr Okan Taşdelen, Deputy Director, Department of Human Rights, General Directorate of International Laws and Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Mr Engin Durnağöl, Deputy Secretary General (High Council of Judges and Prosecutors);
- a hearing on **Accountability of international organisations for human rights violations** with the participation of : Ms Marjorie Beulay, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Paris; Director of Studies, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France; Mr Rick Lawson, Professor of Human Rights Law, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Leiden, the Netherlands; Ms Nina Vajić, Professor of International Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia, former Section President, European Court of Human Rights;
- an exchange of views on **The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights: the Brighton declaration and beyond** with the participation of Ms Nina Vajić, Professor of International Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia, former Section President, European Court of Human Rights; Mr Vit Schorm, Chairperson of the Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR), Government Agent to the European Court of Human Rights.

3 June 2013 in Paris, the **Committee on Social affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** held:

- an exchange of views on **Food Security** with Mr Eric Poudelet, Director for the safety of the food chain, Directorate General on Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) of the European Commission, and Ms Anne-Laure Gassin, Director of Communications of EFSA (European Food Safety Authority);
- an exchange of views on **Good governance of large metropolises** with Mr Fikret Toksöz, Advisor for the Good Governance Programme, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), Istanbul/Turkey.
4 June 2013 in Paris, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held a hearing on “the resettlement of refugees: an efficient tool for greater solidarity in Europe” with the participation of Mr Olivier Beer, representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, Ms Jo De Backer, Project Development and resettlement Coordinator, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mr Oskar Ekblad, Swedish Migration Board and Mr Marcin Pruss, DG Home Affairs, European Commission.

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

- confirmed its decision to invite a delegation from the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus to its meeting on Thursday morning, 27 June 2013;
- agreed, following an exchange of views on the “Political transition in Tunisia”, to the request by the Rapporteur, Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), to carry out a fact-finding visit to the country (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly);
- heard a statement by Ms Tinatin Bokuchava (Georgia, EPP/CD) on recent cases of criminal prosecution of former government officials in Georgia and, upon the proposal of its Chairperson, held a discussion on the current situation in Turkey, introduced by Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) and Mr Deniz Baykal (Turkey, SOC).

5 June 2013 in Paris, the Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Raffaele Russo, Head of the Non-Compliance Unit, International Co-operation and Tax Administration Division, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration; Mr Shardul Agrawala, Head of the New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) Unit, OECD; Mr John Christensen, co-founder and Executive Director of the Tax Justice Network; and Mr Gabriel Zucman, PhD Candidate, Paris School of Economics.

5 June 2013 in Paris, the ad hoc Sub-Committee on Kyrgyzstan of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held an exchange of views on possible dates for a fact-finding visit and agreed, subject to confirmation, that it would take place from 28 October to 1 November 2013.

11 June 2013 in Baku (Azerbaijan), the Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the parliamentary Conference on the implementation of the ONE in FIVE Campaign of the Council of Europe held a meeting on the occasion of the conference.

III. Fact-finding visits in the framework of preparation of reports

- **Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky**
  
  Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights carried out a fact-finding mission to Cyprus from 29-30 April 2013 and to Moscow from 20-23 May 2013.

- **Situation in the Middle East**
  
  Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, carried out a fact-finding mission to Israel from 29 April to 2 May 2013, in association with the second part of the visit to the region organised by the Sub-committee on the Middle East.

- **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 carried out a fact-finding mission to Bolzano (Italy) on 9 and 10 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 carried out a fact-finding visit to Moscow and Tbilisi from 12 to 16 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, carried 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 of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons carried out a fact-finding visit to Portugal on 20-21 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, carried out a fact-finding mission to Stockholm from 20 to 22 May 2013 and carried out a fact-finding mission to Berlin (Germany) from 12 to 14 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, carried out an information visit to Rabat and Laayoune (Morocco) from 21 to 24 May 2013.

Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers

Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons took part in a forced return flight of an irregular migrant, between Helsinki and Istanbul on 23-24 May 2013, organised by the Finnish authorities in order to observe the expulsion procedures followed and their conformity with the norms established by the CPT and torture prevention mechanisms.

The activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)

Mr Tuur Elzinga (the Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, carried out a fact-finding visit to the CEB offices in Paris on 27 and 28 May 2013 and participated in the CEB’s annual meeting in Malta on 14-15 June 2013.

Strengthening the protection and role of HR defenders in CoE member states

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights participated in a seminar, organised by the Commissioner for Human Rights, in Kyiv on 30-31 May 2013.

The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and Ms Karin Woldseth (Norway, EDG), Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2 to 5 June 2013.

The protection of minors against sectarian influence

Mr Rudy Salles (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights carried out a fact-finding mission to Berlin on 7 June 2013.
The honouring of obligations and commitments by “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee, joined the President of the Parliamentary Assembly to an official visit to “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” from 10 to 12 June 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, carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from 10 to 13 June 2013.

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

Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, carried out an information visit to Kyrgyzstan from 11 to 13 June 2013.

Tackling racism in the police

Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur on Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, carried out a fact-finding mission to Athens (Greece) on 12 and 13 June 2013.

Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States

Ms Olga Borzova (Russian Federation, EDG), Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, carried out a fact-finding visit to Finland on 13 and 14 June 2013.

Europe’s endangered heritage

Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, participated in the EUROPA NOSTRA 50th anniversary Congress in Athens on 15-16 June 2013.

IV. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

On 24 May 2013, the General Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Assembly on the budget and intergovernmental programme, Mr Rudy Salles (France, PPE/DC), had an exchange of views with the Ministers’ Deputies Rapporteur Group on Programme, Budget and Administration (GR-PBA), in the context of the presentation of the Assembly opinion on the budgets and priorities of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for 2014 and 2015 and of the draft resolution on the Assembly’s expenditure over the same period.

V. Relations with the Venice Commission

At its meeting on 25 April 2013, during the April 2013 part-session, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the “Law on the Bar and Legal Practice in the Republic of Belarus”, which entered into force in 2012.

On 14-15 June 2013 in Venice (Italy), Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) participated in the 95th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission.

VI. Co-operation with the European Parliament

On 29 April 2013, in Tel Aviv (Israel) Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and Rapporteur of the Committee on the Situation in the Middle East, held a working dinner with representatives of the Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council of the European Parliament, in the framework of the preparation of his report.
On 16 May 2013 in Brussels, Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) participated in a meeting of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, European Parliament, on “Frontex: new responsibilities to protect human rights under the amended regulation”.

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the European Parliament invited members of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to participate in its meeting and exchange of views on media freedom in the Western Balkans and Turkey, in Brussels on 19 June 2013. The committee designated Mr Gvozden Srečko Flego (Croatia, SOC), rapporteur on the protection of media freedom, and encouraged other members to participate without costs for the Assembly. Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), Ms Ismeta Devoz (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) and Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC) confirmed that they would also attend the events.

VII List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

30 April-1 May 2013, Israel: Sub-Committee on the Middle East, 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: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

30 May 2013, Yerevan: Presidential Committee

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 June 2013, Paris: Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

5 June 2013, Paris: Sub-Committee on the Middle East, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

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

11 June 2013, Baku: Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the parliamentary Conference on the implementation 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

23 June 2013, Strasbourg: Presidential Committee

24 June 2013, Strasbourg: Bureau of the Assembly
3rd part of the 2013 Ordinary Session (24-28 June 2013)

Draft agenda¹

¹. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 30 May 2013. Updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly before the opening of the plenary session (modifications are indicated in grey)
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: 14:00-15:30
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:
       o (Doc. )
   1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
   1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
       1.4.1 Current affairs debate on "Riots in Sweden: European immigration policy in the spotlight"
   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:
       o Mr Giacomo SANTINI (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
   2.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013)
       □ Presentation by:
       o 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:
       o Mr Edward NALBANDIAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

   [Questions]  [Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 17 June, 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 Iceland, Lithuania, Slovak Republic, (Doc. 13212, Doc. 13213, Doc. 13232)

6. Debate
   6.1. The situation in the Middle East
         Presentation by:
         o Mr Pietro MARCENARO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13231)
         ✂ List of speakers
         ✂ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 16:00)
         ✢ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13231)

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

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

8. [Possibly] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
         List of candidates in respect of:
         o Iceland, Lithuania, Slovak Republic, (Doc. 13212, Doc. 13213, Doc. 13232)

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. 13229)
         ✂ List of speakers
         ✂ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 16:00)
         ✢ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13229)

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. 13230)
           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 a draft resolution (Doc. 13230)
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 Iceland, Lithuania, Slovak Republic, (Doc. 13212, Doc. 13213, Doc. 13232)

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. 13228)
         o Mr Arcadio DIAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc. )
      ▼ List of speakers
      ▼ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 10:30)
      ▼ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13228)

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

13. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
      □ List of candidates in respect of:
         o Iceland, Lithuania, Slovak Republic, (Doc. 13212, Doc. 13213, Doc. 13232)

14. Debate
   14.1. Putting an end to coerced sterilisations and castrations
      □ Presentation by:
         o Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13215)
         o Ms Fatima SAIDI (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. )
      ▼ List of speakers
      ▼ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 16:00)
      ▼ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13215)

15. Debate
   15.1. Equal access to health care
      □ Presentation by:
         o Mr Jean-Louis LORRAIN (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13225)
         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)
      ▼ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13225)
Thursday 27 June 2013

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

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

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

17. Debate

17.1. Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity

☐ Presentation by:
  o Mr Håkon HAUGLI (Norway, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13223)
☐ Statement by:
  o Ms Najat VALLAUD-BELKACEM, Minister of Women’s Rights, France

‡ List of speakers
‡ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 26 June, 16:00)
✦ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13223)

18. Debate

18.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

☐ Presentation by:
  o Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 13227)

‡ List of speakers
‡ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 26 June, 16:00)
✦ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13227)

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

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

19. Debate

   - Presentation by:
     - Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13220)

   - List of speakers
   - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)
   - Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 13220)

20. Debate

20.1. Keeping political and criminal responsibility separate
   - Presentation by:
     - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13214)
     - Mr Dirk Van der MAELEN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. )

   - List of speakers
   - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)
   - Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13214)
Statement on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

On the occasion of its meeting in Yerevan on 31 May 2013, the Standing Committee of the PACE made the following statement:

“The search for a peaceful solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is a commitment taken by Armenia and by Azerbaijan upon their accession to the Council of Europe. In this context, we express our full support to the negotiations within the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group, on the basis of the ‘Madrid principles’ which establish a framework for resolving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

The Assembly urges Armenia and Azerbaijan to seize the opportunity offered by their respective chairmanships of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, to promote reconciliation between these two member states and their populations, as well as to intensify the search, in the framework of the OSCE Minsk Group, for a solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. This should be reflected in the respective priorities of these two chairmanships.

Our Assembly is ready to do everything it can, through parliamentary diplomacy, to facilitate dialogue and establish a climate of trust between parliamentarians from both member States.”