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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1175th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (3 July 2013)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2013 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 30 September 2013 in Strasbourg.

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

### **A. Election of judges of the European Court of Human Rights**

1. On 25 June 2013, the Assembly elected Mr Róbert Ragnar Spanó as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Iceland and Mr Egidijus Kūris in respect of Lithuania.

### **B. Personalities**

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

- Mr Edward NALBANDIAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
- Mr Karim GHELLAB, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Morocco
- Ms Najat VALLAUD-BELKACEM, Minister of Women's Rights, France

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

### **C. Debate under urgent procedure**

4. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on "Popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech".

### **D. Current affairs debate**

5. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on "State interference with privacy on the Internet", which was introduced by Mr Gvozden Flego (Croatia, SOC).

### **E. Challenge of credentials**

6. On 24 June 2013, the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Iceland were challenged on procedural grounds, in accordance with Rule 7.1 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, on the ground that their delegations comprised no female representative in violation of Rule 6.2.a of the Rules of Procedure. In accordance with the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, these credentials were referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.

7. On 26 June 2013, the Assembly decided to ratify the credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Iceland, but to suspend the voting rights of its members in the Assembly and its bodies in accordance with Rule 7.3.c of the Rules of Procedure, with effect from the beginning of the Assembly's October 2013 part-session, until the composition of this delegation is brought into conformity with Rule 6.2.a insofar as it relates to the appointment in the delegation of, at a very minimum, one member of the under-represented sex as a representative.

### **F. Media coverage**

The media coverage of the summer session was substantial, despite the Communication Directorate not having invited any journalists. The impact could be measured not only in terms of quantity – the figures being 30 per cent higher than for the June 2012 session- but also in terms of quality - including a number of in-depth articles in major media outlets – and geographical scope. Given the media potential of certain reports, invitations to journalists would certainly have contributed to even greater media impact. Among the subjects discussed in the plenary session, the media focused in particular on the request for a monitoring procedure to be opened for Hungary, the urgent debate on "popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech" and other debates on "tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity", including a speech by the French Minister of Women's Rights, "corruption as a threat to the rule of law" and "keeping political and criminal responsibility separate".

Among the very many other events and discussions of reports by committees, media interest centred on the report “Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky”, which was covered exhaustively in media such as the Financial Times, the Washington Post, the Independent and the Telegraph.

The reports on “national security and access to information” and the hearing on “the ‘left-to-die’ boat” were also reported in the press. The Communication Division placed the emphasis firmly on coverage in social media networks such as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook, and for the first time this produced media feedback, including requests for interviews.

There was a sharp drop in the number of accreditations, with two-thirds less than in April 2013 and 60 per cent less than in June 2012, and this seriously undermines the potential for traditional communication methods such as press conferences and briefings, on-the-spot interviews with parliamentarians and the use of TV and radio studios, which is becoming a rarity (only four journalists on this occasion). There was a considerable increase in the number of Media Box interviews arranged by the Communication Division or journalists which were reproduced on institutional and professional websites (written and audio-visual press and digital media) or on social media.

## **G. Adopted texts**

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

Opinion 285 (2013)	Draft Protocol No. 16 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Doc. 13220)
Recommendation 2019 (2013)	Corruption as a threat to the rule of law (Doc. 13228)
Recommendation 2020 (2013)	Equal access to health care (Doc. 13225)
Recommendation 2021 (2013)	Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Doc. 13223)
Recommendation 2022 (2013)	Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Doc. 13227)
Resolution 1940 (2013)	The situation in the Middle East (Doc. 13231)
Resolution 1941 (2013)	Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary (Doc. 13229)
Resolution 1942 (2013)	Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco (Doc. 13230)
Resolution 1943 (2013)	Corruption as a threat to the rule of law (Doc. 13228)
Resolution 1944 (2013)	Challenge on procedural grounds of the still ungratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Iceland (Doc. 13246)
Resolution 1945 (2013)	Putting an end to coerced sterilisations and castrations (Doc. 13215)
Resolution 1946 (2013)	Equal access to health care (Doc. 13225)
Resolution 1947 (2013)	Popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech (Doc. 13258)
Resolution 1948 (2013)	Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Doc. 13223)
Resolution 1949 (2013)	Post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (Doc. 13227)

9. 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

### Monday, 24 June 2013

- the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** held an exchange of views on “*Corruption as a threat to the rule of law*” with the participation of Mrs Anne Koch, Transparency international, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia.

### Tuesday, 25 June 2013

- the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held an exchange of views on “*Human Rights in the North Caucasus*” with three lawyers from the North Caucasus: Ms Sapiyat Magomedova, criminal defence lawyer from Dagestan; Mr Rustam Matsev, criminal defence lawyer from Kabardino-Balkaria; Mr Batyr Akhilgov, criminal defence lawyer from Karachaevo-Cherkessia.
- the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**
  - held an exchange of views on “*Migrants and health*” with the participation of Dr Kristian Kunz, Nephrologist and Ms Rahima Yennar, Social worker;
  - held an exchange of views on “*demining and mine victims’ assistance*” with the participation of Mr Dorijan Maršič, Director of International Trust Fund (ITF) - Enhancing human security, Slovenia;
  - held a hearing on “*The left-to-die boat: actions and reactions*” with the participation of Mr Abu Kurke, Survivor, Mr Gonzalo Boye, Lawyer, Professor of Procedure Law at the Madrid Bar Association, Mr Emiliano Giovine, Lawyer and PhD Researcher, Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS).
- the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** and the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**, jointly held the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children** of the ONE in FIVE Campaign on the theme “*Child sexual abuse in sport*”; held an exchange of views on the theme with the participation of Mr George Nikolaidis, psychiatrist, Greece, and Ms Judith Conrad, manager of the department Ethic and Education, Swiss Olympic;
- the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held an exchange of views on the **update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign** with the participation Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
- the **Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage** (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) held an exchange of views on **emerging issues to be considered by the Sub-Committee in the future and possible synergies to develop with the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)**, with the participation of Mr Gianluca Silvestrini, Head of the Managing Diversity Division, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy.

### Wednesday, 26 June 2013

- the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held an exchange of views with a parliamentary delegation of the Jordanian House of Representatives namely Mr Mustapha Ibrahim Al Hamarneh, MP, and Mr Yousef Al Qarneh, MP, on the prospect of a possible partnership for democracy.

- the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**
  - held an exchange of views on “***Identities and diversity within intercultural societies***”, with the participation of Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy and Ms Maria Paschou, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ);
  - held an exchange of views on “***Cooperation and synergies with the intergovernmental sector in the field of education and culture***”, with the participation of Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy.
- the **Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination** held a hearing on “***Women, violence and art***” - Meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence with the participation of Amer Kapetanović, photographer for the 2011 UN Women campaign “16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women” (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Zora Bachmann, Director of the human rights film festival “This Human World” (Austria) and Aelys Hasbun, illustrator (Belgium).

#### Thursday, 27 June 2013

- the **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize** (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) held a ceremony for awarding European diplomas to 26 municipalities (see appendix 1).
- the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held an exchange of views on “***The situation in Belarus***” with a delegation from the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus, including Mr Nikolai Samoseiko, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on International Affairs, Head of the Working Group on the Death Penalty in the House of Representatives and Chairperson of the Parliamentary Delegation for Contacts with PACE and Mr Aleksandr Zozulya, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on State-Building, Local Governance and Regulation, member of the Working Group on the Death Penalty.
- the **Committees on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** and **on Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held a joint hearing on “***Implementation of the Strasbourg Court judgments: the parliamentary dimension***” with the participation of: Mr Philip Leach, Professor of Human Rights, Middlesex University, London and Ms Alice Donald, Senior research fellow at the human rights and social justice research institute, Middlesex University, London.
- the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held an exchange of views on “***The relationship with the European Union regarding transfrontier television***” with the participation of Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of the Information Society and Action Against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe.
- the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held an exchange of views on “***unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?***” with the participation of Ms Gaëlle Le Guern, Head of Education Department, Oberholz Shelter, Mr Emin Mammadli, Member of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth and Mr Olivier Beer, UNHCR representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg.
- the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held an exchange of views on “***Good governance and enhanced quality in education***”, with the participation of Mr Germain Dondelinger, Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE) and Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of the Education Department, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy.
- The **Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination** held an exchange of views with French Minister for women’s rights Najat Vallaud-Belkacem on “***France and the Istanbul Convention***”.
- the **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy** (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) held an exchange of views on “***Addressing pollution in the Mediterranean region***” with the participation of Professeur Michael Scoullou, Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development and Bruno Dumontet, *L’Expedition MED – Mediterranean Endangered NGO*.
- the **Sub-Committee on the Right of Minorities** (of the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination) held a hearing on “***Roma inclusion: from theory to practice***” with the participation of Anina Ciuciu, law student at the Sorbonne (Paris), author of “Je suis tzigane et je le reste – des camps

Roms à la Sorbonne” and Roma Community Development (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”).

## I. Voluntary contributions

- The Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany made a generous voluntary contribution of € 40 000 to the Council of Europe towards the implementation of the project “Support to the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign “One in Five” to stop sexual violence against children”, signed by Ambassador Julius Georg Luy, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Council of Europe, and Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General.

## II. Elections

### A. Early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013)

. At its meeting on 24 June 2013, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee to be then debated in the Assembly.

### B. Presidential election in Azerbaijan (October 2013 – date to be confirmed)

. At its meeting on 28 June 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) as chairperson (see appendix 2).

### C. Presidential election in Georgia (October 2013 – date to be confirmed)

. At its meeting on 28 June 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) as chairperson, subject to the receipt of an invitation (see appendix 3).

## III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 24 and 28 June 2013)

. **Fourth part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 30 September – 4 October 2013):** on 28 June 2013, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 4). In particular, it decided to invite Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children, to intervene within the debate on “Children’s right to physical integrity” and Mr Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC, to intervene within the debate on “Missing persons from Europe’s conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers”.

. **Relations with the European Parliament:** on 28 June 2013, the Bureau took note of an information memorandum, prepared by the Secretariat, covering the period from January to June 2013.

. **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 28 June 2013, the Bureau drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Austria, Denmark, Republic of Moldova, Norway, and Ukraine, which were forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.

. **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 June – 30 September 2013):** appointed Mr Davit Harutunyan (Armenia, EDG) as rapporteur;

. **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** at its meeting on 28 June 2013, on the basis of proposals from the political groups, the Bureau nominated members of these committees, which were subsequently ratified by the Assembly.

. **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013):** on 24 and 28 June 2013, the Bureau discussed the issue, took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Secretariat and decided to consult national delegations and members of the Bureau on the content of the Forum before taking a decision whether to constitute an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the event at the next Bureau meeting in Dubrovnik;

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

- On 25 June 2013, the **Sub-Committee on media and information society** (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) held an exchange of views on the “**Follow-up to Resolution 1920 (2013) on the state of media freedom in Europe**”, with the participation of Ambassador Laurent Dominati, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe, and Ambassador Gea Rennel, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe, Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy of the Committee of Ministers.

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

- . **16 July 2013, Zurich:** the *ad hoc sub-committee on the reform of international football* (of the Committee on Culture, science, education and medias) : meeting with Mr Blatter, President of FIFA, at the FIFA Headquarters.
- . **20 August 2013, Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize** (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) will hold a ceremony for awarding Europe Prize to the town of Tata in Hungary.
- . **1 September 2013, Dubrovnik (Croatia):** *Presidential Committee*
- . **2 September 2013, Dubrovnik (Croatia):** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **3 September 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*)
- . **4 September 2013, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **4 September afternoon and 5 September 2013, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **6 September 2013, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **9 September 2013, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **10 September 2013, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **14 September 2013, Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize** (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) will hold a ceremony for awarding Europe Prize to the town of Altötting in Germany.
- . **16-17 September 2013, Madrid:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **29 September 2013, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **30 September 2013, Strasbourg:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

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

- ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation***

**Ms Theodara Bakoyannis** (Greece, EPP/CD) and **Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, are currently carrying out a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation from **1 to 5 July 2013**.

- ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro***

**Ms Nursuna Memecan** (Turkey, ALDE) and **Mr Kimmo Sasi** (Finland, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro from **7 to 10 July 2013**.

➤ ***Europe's public administrations in flux: public service under threat?***

**Mr Tiny Kox** (Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur of the *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*, will carry out a fact-finding visit in London on **9 July 2013** to meet with experts from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU).

➤ ***Strengthening standards on democratic functioning of national parliaments: a guide to parliamentary good practice***

**Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs* will carry out fact-finding visits in **July 2013**.

➤ ***Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq: how to organise and support international assistance?***

**Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD)**, Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding mission to Lebanon and Turkey from **19-22 August 2013**.

➤ ***Abuse of pre-trial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights***

**Mr Pedro Agramunt** (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur to the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* will carry out a fact-finding mission to Ukraine and Russia during the week of **16-20 September 2013**.





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## **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](#)



The Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.  
President: Jean-Claude Mignon (EPP/CD) - Secretary General of the Assembly: Wojciech Sawicki.  
Political groups: EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party); SOC (Socialist Group);  
EDG (European Democrat Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe);  
UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).

## **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'Étape (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)  
Gołdap (woj. Warmińsko-Mazurskie)  
Korfantów (woj. Opolskie)  
Święciechowa (woj. Wielkopolskie)  
Portugal Lousada (district de Porto)  
Roumanie Mioveni (Dép. d'Arges)  
Russie Belgorod (Oblast de Belgorod)  
Turquie Safranbolu (Prov. de Karabük)

26 municipalities were granted the **European Diploma**:

Cyprus Nicosia  
France Aix-en-Othe (Aube)  
Charleville-Mézières (Ardennes)  
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)  
Illychivsk (Odessa Oblast)  
Vinnytsia (Vinnytsia Oblast)  
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02 July 2013

## **4th part of the 2013 Ordinary Session (30 September – 4 October 2013)**

**Preliminary draft agenda<sup>1</sup>**

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 28 June 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

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### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:30-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00



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## Monday 30 September 2013

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### Sitting No. 28 (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:
  - (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

#### 2. Debate

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Davit HARUTYUNYAN (Armenia, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

##### 2.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013)

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Petros TATSOPOULOS (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur Ad hoc Committee AS/Bur, (Doc.)

☐ List of speakers

⚠ [possibly] Vote

#### 3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)

##### 3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>2</sup>

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### Sitting No. 29 (15:00-17:30)

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#### 4. Debate (15:00-15:30)

##### 4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

##### 4.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013) (continued)

☐ List of speakers

⚠ [possibly] Vote

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

##### 5.1. 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

#### 6. Debate (16:30-17:30)

##### 6.1. Free debate

☐ List of speakers

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2. A programme is published separately (AS/Inf (2013) ...).

**Sitting No. 30** (10:00-13:00)

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**7. [Possibly] Election**


**7.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**


- List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Romania [tbc], (Doc. )


**8. Debate**

**8.1. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2012-2013**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Dirk Van der MAELEN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )
  - o Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )
- Statement by:
  - o Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary General of the OECD


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 Vote on ... ()

**9. Address** (12:00-13:00)

**9.1. Mr Sergey NARYSHKIN, Speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation**

 Questions

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**Sitting No. 31** (15:30-20:00)

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**10. [Possibly] Election (continued)** (15:30-17:00)


**10.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**


- List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Romania [tbc], (Doc. )


**11. Debate**

**11.1. Children's right to physical integrity**

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Marlene RUPPRECHT (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )
- Statement by:
  - o Invited personality [tbc]

 List of speakers


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
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
**12. Debate**

**12.1. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (June 2012 – September 2013)**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Andres HERKEL (Estonia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

**Sitting No. 32** (10:00-13:00)

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**13. [Possibly 2nd round] Election**

**13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Romania [tbc], (Doc. )

**14. Debate**

**14.1. National security and access to information**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )
  - o Mr Hans FRANKEN (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 10:30)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

**15. Address** (12:00-13:00)

**15.1. Mr Serzh SARGSYAN, President of Armenia**

☞ Questions

**Sitting No. 33** (15:30-20:00)

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**16. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued)** (15:30-17:00)

**16.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Romania [tbc], (Doc. )

**17. Debate**

**17.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )
  - o Ms Karin S. WOLDSETH (Norway, EDG), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

**18. Debate**

**18.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()


**Sitting No. 34** (10:00-13:00)

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**19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>3</sup>**

**20. Address** (12:00-13:00)

**20.1. Mr Tomislav NIKOLIĆ, President of Serbia**


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
**21. Debate**


**21.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova**

 Presentation by:

- o Ms Lise CHRISTOFFERSEN (Norway, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )
- o Mr Piotr WACH (Poland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )


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
 Vote on ... ()

**22. Debate**


**22.1. Missing persons from Europe's conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers**


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
- o Mr Jim SHERIDAN (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

 Statement by:

- o Invited personality [tbc]

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

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3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

**Sitting No. 36** (10:00-13:00)

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**23. Debate**

**23.1. Combating discrimination against older persons on the labour market**

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )
  - Mr Margus HANSON (Estonia, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

**24. Debate**

**24.1. Strengthening the institution of Ombudsman in Europe**

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13236)

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13236)