

Information documents

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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1189th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (22 January 2014)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 21 November 2013 (Vienna) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 27 January 2014 (Strasbourg).

I. Decisions taken by the Bureau

A. First part-session of 2014 (27-31 January 2014)

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda and took note of the guest speakers to be invited to the Assembly's first part-session of 2014. The appended draft agenda has been updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect the modifications to be proposed to the Bureau on 22 January 2014 (Appendix).

B. Observation of elections

➤ **Presidential election in Azerbaijan (9 October 2013)**

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee to observe this election in Azerbaijan.

➤ **Presidential election in Georgia (27 Octobre 2013)**

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee to observe this election in Georgia. It also took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on "*The case of Mr Vassiliy Likhachev (Russian Federation, UEL), prevented from participating in the pre-electoral mission for the observation of the presidential election in Georgia (23-26 September 2013)*" and decided that the Assembly and its committees should not hold any meetings in Georgia for a period of two years. This measure may be lifted earlier by the Bureau if the Georgian authorities guarantee freedom of movement of Assembly members in Georgia when on Assembly business.

➤ **Repeated parliamentary elections in five single member constituencies in Ukraine (15 December 2013):**

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau decided to observe the above-mentioned elections and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 5 members, one of each political group. It authorised the President to appoint the Chairperson of this ad hoc committee. The President appointed Mr René Rouquet (SOC, France) to this position. However, as one political group failed to appoint a member to the ad hoc Committee in due time and two appointed members had had to cancel their participation shortly before the mission, the President decided to ensure only a presence on the occasion of these elections, in keeping with the Guidelines for the observation of elections. At its meeting on 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the press statement issued by this mission of presence.

➤ **Presidential election in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (March 2014)**

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau decided to observe the election (subject to the receipt of an invitation and of the confirmation of the date) and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members: SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 6; ALDE: 3; EDG: 3; UEL: 1, and the Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission.

➤ **Schedule of elections 2014**

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the elections calendar 2014 as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly [AS/Bur (2013) 89].

C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau

➤ **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):**

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau took note of the letter of the President of the Committee of Ministers concerning the list of candidates in respect of Denmark and decided to invite the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to ask the Danish Parliament to submit a new list of candidates.

➤ **Situation in the Ashraf/Liberty Camps:** on 21 November 2013, the Bureau adopted the statement "Call to investigate the 1st September killings and to release 7 Iranians presumably held in custody by Iraqi authorities".

➤ **Situation in Syria:** on 21 November 2013, the Bureau adopted the statement "PACE Bureau deplores the international community's failure to convene the international peace conference on Syria (Geneva 2)".

➤ **Parliamentary co-operation activities: draft work plan 2014:** on 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the information provided in the document presented by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

➤ **Cooperation with the European Parliament:** on 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat covering the period of July – December 2013.

➤ **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2014:** on 16 December 2013, the Bureau approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation.

➤ **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2014 financial year:** the Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

II. Activities of Committees

➤ On 25 November 2013 in Bucharest, the **Parliamentary Network « Women Free from Violence »**, in cooperation with the **Romanian Parliament**, held a Regional Conference on the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

➤ On 3-4 December 2013 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**

- decided to award the Museum Prize 2014 to the Baksi Museum (Bayburt, Turkey);
- held exchanges of views with Mr Christophe Machat, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and with Mr Radu Damian, Director of the Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS).

➤ On 5 December 2013 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** held a hearing on *The status and human rights of women in Palestine* with the participation of Ms Suheir Azzouni, Expert consultant.

➤ 10-11 December 2013 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** notably held:

- an exchange of views 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*): on the basis of a memorandum on the visit of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee on Kyrgyzstan, presented by its Chairperson, Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), and decided to declassify it;
- held a hearing on **Challenges of a federal Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*) with the participation of Professor Dr Arthur Benz, Darmstadt University of Technology (*Technische Universität Darmstadt*), Germany, and Professor Dr Mirosław Wyrzykowski, former Judge at the Polish Constitutional Tribunal, University of Warsaw, Centre for Constitutional and Legal Affairs;

- approved a public statement expressing concern about the violent escalation of **the crisis in Ukraine**.
- 12 December 2013 in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held an exchange of views on “**Measures to prevent abusive use of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS no. 112)**” with Mr Eugenio Selvaggi, Deputy Prosecutor General at the Court of Cassation, Rome. It also held an exchange of views on “**The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union**” with Ms Kinga Göncz, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament.
- On 13 December 2013 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by the Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:
 - held an exchange of views with Mr Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, on **the European Union Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy**;
 - held an exchange of views with Mr Thomas Hammarberg, EU Special Advisor on Constitutional and Legal Reform and Human Rights in Georgia, on his report of September 2013 entitled **Georgia in transition**;
 - held an exchange of views on the report on **Human Rights in the Transnistrian Region of the Republic of Moldova** of 14 February 2013, with Mr Thomas Hammarberg, UN Senior expert;
 - adopted **the mandate of the ad hoc sub-committee on the functioning of the parliamentary monitoring procedure**, as agreed by the Committee on 7 November 2013;
 - agreed to request **a debate under urgent procedure on “The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine”** to be held during the January 2014 part-session if the situation does not improve.

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

- **“Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states”**

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), Rapporteur for the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* carried out a fact-finding visit to Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, **21-28 November 2013**.

- **“The activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank.”**

Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development* participated in the 206th meeting of the Governing Board of the Bank on **22 November 2013** in Paris

- **“Counteraction to manifestations of neo-nazism and xenophobia”**

Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, paid an information visit to Athens, Greece, **25-26 November 2013**.

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

Mr Davit Harutyunyan (Armenia, EDG) and **Mr Indrek Saar** (Estonia, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Serbia from **25 to 27 November 2013**.

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

Mr Jonathan Evans (United Kingdom, EDG) and **Mr Grigore Petreco** (Republic of Moldova, UEL), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Albania from **1 to 5 December 2013**.

➤ ***Post-monitoring dialogue with “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”***

Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” from **2 to 3 December 2013**.

➤ ***“Political transition in Egypt”***

Mr José Maria Beneyto (Spain, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, paid an information visit to Cairo, Egypt from **2 to 5 December 2013**.

➤ ***“The situation and rights of traditional national minorities”***

Mr Ferenc Kalmár (Hungary, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination* carried out a fact-finding visit to Serbia on **11-13 December 2013**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine***

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and **Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin** (Sweden, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from **18 to 20 December 2013**.

➤ ***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* carried out a fact-finding visit in Warsaw (Sejm) on **20 December 2013**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia***

Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) and **Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen** (Denmark, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from **13 to 16 January 2014**.

➤ ***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 **20 to 24 January 2014**.

IV. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

On 12 December 2013 in Strasbourg, Mr **Gvozden Flego** (Croatia, SOC), rapporteur on the protection of media freedom of the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, addressed the Ministers' Deputies at their thematic debate on “Safety of journalists – Further steps for the better implementation of human rights standards”.

V. Relations with the Venice Commission

On 7 December 2013, the Presidential Committee and the enlarged Bureau of the Venice Commission met in Venice. Members of the Presidential Committee as well as the Chair of Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights also attended the **97th plenary session of the Venice Commission** on 6-7 December.

VI. Co-operation with the European Parliament

On 10 December 2013, Ms **Ismeta Dervoz** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) participated as a guest speaker in the event “Act against rape! Use the Istanbul Convention!” co-organised by the European Parliament and the European Women's Lobby at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

On 12 December 2013, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights held an exchange of views on "The situation of Fundamental rights in the European Union" with Ms Kinga Göncz, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament.

On 9 January 2014, the Presidential Committee and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament held a joint meeting in Brussels.

On 9-10 January 2014, the Secretary General of the Assembly met with his counterparts from the NATO and OSCE Parliamentary Assemblies in Brussels to discuss co-operation between the three bodies. The meetings discussed the key political issues on each organisation's agendas well as on a range of practical and administrative matters, including co-operation during election observation missions. On 10 January 2014, the three Secretaries General also met with the Secretary General of the European Parliament, Klaus Welle.

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

21 November 2013, Vienna: *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*

21-22 November 2013, Strasbourg: Sub-Committee on Detention of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons in the framework of a conference on "Immigration detention in Europe: Establishing common concerns and developing minimum standards".

7 December 2013, Venice: Joint meeting of the *Presidential Committee* with the *enlarged Bureau of the Venice Commission*

10-11 December 2013, Paris: *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*

11 December 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.*

12 December 2013 Paris: *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.*

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

15 December 2013, Paris: *Presidential Committee*

16 December 2013, Paris: *Bureau of the Assembly*

16 December 2013, Paris: Meeting of the Secretaries of National Delegations

9 January 2014, Brussels : Joint meeting of the *Presidential Committee* with the *Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament*

26 January 2014, Strasbourg: *Presidential Committee*

27 January 2014, Strasbourg: *Bureau of the Assembly*

APPENDIX



Doc. 13373
14 January 2014

1st part of the 2014 Ordinary Session (27-31 January 2014)

Draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 16 December 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

SOC: Socialist Group

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





EDG: European Democrat Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

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

Joint Committee

Thursday: 15:30-16:30

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 27 January 2014

Sitting No. 1 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Examination of credentials
 - List of delegations:
 - (Doc.)
- 1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly
- 1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
- 1.4. Appointment of members of committees
- 1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
 - 1.5.1. Urgent procedure debate: "The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine"
- 1.6. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Vienna, 22 November 2013)

2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - Presentation by:
 - Mr Jean-Claude MIGNON (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
- ▣ List of speakers
△ [possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 2 (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 Sebastian KURZ, Minister for Integration Issues, European and International Affairs of Austria, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
- ▣ Questions
⊕ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 January, 11:30)

4. Debate

- 4.1. Free debate
 - ▣ List of speakers

Tuesday 28 January 2014

Sitting No. 3 (10:00-13:00)

5. [Possibly] Election

5.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates in respect of:
 - Denmark, (Doc. 13360)

6. Debate

6.1. Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13356)

📄 List of speakers

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13356)

Address (12:00-13:00)

Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 4 (15:30-20:00)

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

7.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

8. Address (15:30-16:30)

8.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND

📄 Questions

9. Joint debate

9.1. A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON (Sweden, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13385)
- Statement by:
 - Ms Laura BOLDRINI, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy

9.2. Tackling racism in the police

- Presentation by:
 - Mr David DAVIES (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13384)

📄 List of speakers

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13385)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13384)

10. Debate

10.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13382)
- Mr Şaban DİŞLİ (Turkey, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
- Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN (Turkey, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13382)

Wednesday 29 January 2014

Sitting No. 5 (10:00-13:00)

11. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (10:00-13:00)

11.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates in respect of:
 - Denmark, (Doc. 13360)

12. Debate

12.1. Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 13386)
 - Mr Hans FRANKEN (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)

- ▣ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 28 January, 10:30)
- ⚠ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13386)

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

13.1. Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament

- ▣ Questions

Sitting No. 6 (15:30-20:00)

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

14.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

15. Debate

15.1. Syrian refugees: how to organise and support international assistance?

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Jean-Marie BOCKEL (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13372)
 - Mr Şaban DİŞLİ (Turkey, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)
- Statement by:
 - Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

- ▣ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 28 January, 16:00)
- ⚠ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13372)

16. Joint debate

16.1. Migrants: ensuring they are a benefit for European host societies

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13367)

16.2. Integration tests: helping or hindering integration?

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13361)

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 28 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13367)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13361)


Thursday 30 January 2014

Sitting No. 7 (10:00-13:00)

17. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate²

18. Address (12:00-13:00)


18.1. Mr Werner FAYMANN, Federal Chancellor of Austria

 Questions


Sitting No. 8 (16:30-20:00)


19. Debate


19.1. Stepping up action against global inequalities: Europe's contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) process

 Presentation by:

- o Sir Alan MEALE (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13368)


 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 29 January, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13368)


20. Joint debate

20.1. Climate change: a framework for a global agreement in 2015


 Presentation by:


- o Mr John PRESCOTT (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13362)


20.2. Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development


 Presentation by:

- o Ms Doris BARNETT (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13366)

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 29 January, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13362)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13366)

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Friday 31 January 2014

Sitting No. 9 (10:00-13:00)

21. Debate

21.1. Revision of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television

- Presentation by:
 - Mr James CLAPPISON (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13383)
 - Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)

📖 List of speakers

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

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13383)

22. Debate

22.1. Accountability of international organisations for human rights violations

- Presentation by:
 - Mr José María BENEYTO (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13370)

📖 List of speakers

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

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13370)

23. Constitution of the Standing Committee

24. Closure of the part-session

1st part-session - January 2014 - registered speakers		
20/01/2014	[18:15]	
Day	Debate	n° speakers
Monday	Progress report	13
	Communication from the CM - Mr Sebastian KURZ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria	17
	Free debate	52
Total		82
Tuesday	Refusing impunity to the killers of Sergei Magnitsky	32
	Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe	22
	Joint debate - A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe & Tackling racism in the police	57
	Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council	27
Total		138
Wednesday	Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy	51
	Address by Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament	37
	Syrian Refugees: how to organise and support international assistance?	37
	Joint debate - Migrants: ensuring they are a benefit for European host countries & Integration test...	23
Total		148
Thursday	Current Affairs / Urgent debate	0
	Address by Mr Werner FAYMANN, Federal Chancellor of Austria	10
	Stepping up action against global inequalities: Europe's contribution to the Millenium Development Goals	19
	Joint debate - Climate change: a framework for a global agreement in 2015 & Energy diversification...	21
Total		50
Friday	Revision of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television	7
	The accountability of international organisations for human rights violations	15
Total		22

'Side events' list
PACE Winter Session (27-31 January 2014)

Monday 27 January 2014	
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p>	<p>Side-event on “Why Europe needs a Magnitsky Law – The PACE position?”, sponsored by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) • Lord John Tomlinson (United Kingdom, SOC) • Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) • Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) <p>This side-event will be organised in the context of the plenary debate due to be held on Tuesday 28 January (morning), on the basis of the report by Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), “Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalia Magnitskaya, the mother of Sergei Magnitsky • William Browder, former employer of Mr Magnitsky • Elena Servettaz, journalist, author of the book entitled “Why Europe needs a Magnitsky Law”, referring to an American law that provides for the denial of entry to the US and to freeze assets of perpetrators of human rights in Russia.
<p>2–3 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>Exchange of views in the framework of the report prepared by Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) entitled “The ‘left-to-die boat’: actions and reactions”, which will take stock of progress since her previous report “Lives lost in the Mediterranean”, and allegations of failure to go to the assistance of boats in distress off the island of Lampedusa.</p> <p>with the participation of Giulio di Blasi, representative of the EU Task Force Mediterranean, European Commission, DG Home Affairs</p>
Tuesday 28 January 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Recent legal developments on prostitution in France”, in the framework of the report prepared by José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) on “Prostitution and trafficking in human beings in Europe”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a representative of the Association <i>Mouvement du Nid</i> (Paris, France) • a representative of the NGO <i>Médecins du Monde</i> (Paris, France) <p>► Hearing on “The impact of the crisis on equality and the work of national human rights institutions”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL) on “Equality and the crisis” and of the report by Katherine Zappone (Ireland, NR) on “Improving co-operation between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Parliaments in addressing Equality and Non-Discrimination Issues”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Des Hogan, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Dublin, Ireland)
<p>8.30–10 am Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), with the participation of Gerald Staberock, Secretary General of the World Organisation Against Torture</p>

<p>9.15–10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>Hearing on “The Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the EU – evaluation 5 years later”</p> <p>In the context of the report prepared by Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ADLE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Ambassador of the EU to the Council of Europe
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p>[</p>	<p>Children’s right to physical integrity – Hearing of experts on the circumcision of young boys, following the adoption of PACE Resolution 1952 (2013) and Recommendation 2023 (2013) in October 2013, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC), former rapporteur on this issue • Prof. Bernard Lobel, urologist, Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of Rennes (France), member of the French Academy of Surgeons • Assistant Professor Mesrur Selçuk Silay, paediatric urologist, Bezmialem Vakif University, Faculty of Medicine (Istanbul, Turkey) • Dr Wolfram Hartmann, paediatrician and President of the Professional Federation of Paediatricians and Youth Doctors (Germany) • Ronald Goldman, researcher and Director of the <i>Circumcision Resource Center</i> (Boston, USA) <p>Representatives of NGOs and Jewish organisations will also attend this hearing. An excerpt of the documentary by Victor Schonfeld, "It's a Boy" will be presented.</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination</p>	<p>Exchange of views with Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • violence against women • discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
<p>2–2.45 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Middle East</p>	<p>Exchange of views with Mustapha Ibrahim Al Hamarneh and Yousef Al Qarneh, parliamentary delegation from the Jordanian House of Representatives</p> <p>in the context of the request for partner for democracy status with PACE, submitted by the Parliament of Jordan, and in view of the report prepared by Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) on this issue</p>
<p>2.45– 3.15 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on External Relations</p>	<p>Exchange of views with a delegation from the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>in the framework of the request for partner for democracy status with PACE, submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, and in view of the report prepared by Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) on this issue</p>
<p>Wednesday 29 January 2014</p>	
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p>	<p>Side-event on “Promoting the Council of Europe Anti-trafficking Convention. The role of parliamentarians in the fight against human trafficking”, sponsored by Jose Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolas Le Coz, President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) • Ambassador Pekka Hyvönen (Finland), Chair of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination</p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Sexual exploitation of girls”, in the framework of the 16th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children (joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>”)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renée Römkens, Director of the National Institute on Gender Equality and Women’s history (Amsterdam, Netherlands) • Livia Aninosanu, Programmes Director of the NGO <i>Center for Partnership and Equality</i> (Bucharest, Romania)

<p>2–3 pm Room 11, Palais Monitoring Committee</p>	<p>Hearing on “The misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beate Martin-Rozumilowicz, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Department • Pierre Garrone, Venice Commission, Council of Europe
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>Hearing on “Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict” in the context of the report prepared by Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of civil society representatives from Rabat, Laâyoune and Tindouf</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>Exchange of views with Driss El Yazami, President of the National Council of Human Rights on the “Follow-up to the situation of migrants and refugees in Morocco: a new approach</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Good governance and enhanced quality in education” in the context of the report prepared by Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC), with the participation of Michael Davidson, Head of Early Childhood and Schools Division, Directorate for Education Skills, OECD (Paris, France)</p>
<p>Thursday 30 January 2014</p>	
<p>8.30–9.20 am Room 9, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, and of UNHCR</p>	<p>► Hearing on Statelessness to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (April 2014) with the participation of: Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?” in the context of the report prepared by Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), with the participation of Lilana Keith, Programme Officer, <i>Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)</i></p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities” in the framework of the report prepared by Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), with the participation of Frank Laczko, Head of Migration Research Division, <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i></p>
<p>8.30–10 am Room 11, Palais Monitoring Committee</p>	<p>Exchange of views with Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the situation in Ukraine</p>
<p>9–10 am Room 7, Palais Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy</p>	<p>Hearing on national climate change legislation with the participation of representatives of <i>Globe International</i> (international organisation comprising parliamentarians from over 70 countries that are committed to finding legislative solutions to the challenges posed by climate change)</p>
<p>9–10 am Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions” with the participation of Ambassador Manuel Jacoangeli, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on external relations</p>

<p>9.15–10 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and of the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination</p>	<p>Hearing on “Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity –implementation of Strasbourg Court judgments”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • André Potocki, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of France • ...
<p>1–1.45 pm Room 6, Palais</p>	<p>Side-event on “Beat the Bullying – Addressing violence at school through citizenship and human rights education”, sponsored by Gvozden Srečko Flego (Croatia, SOC), PACE rapporteur on ‘Education against violence at school’, and by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), PACE General Rapporteur on Children. A Council of Europe video on this topic will be projected.</p> <p>Participants will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snežana Marković, Director General of Democracy (DGII) • victim of bullying • teacher who took part in the film • one of the child actors who took part in the film

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