

## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1190<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (5 February 2014)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 27 January 2014 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 6 March 2014 (Paris).

## **I. 1st part-session of 2014 (27 January – 31 January 2014)**

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

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Ms Anne Brasseur as its President.

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

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

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

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

### **D. Election of a judge of the European Court of Human Rights**

4. On 28 January 2014, the Assembly elected Jon Fridrik Kjølbro as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Denmark.

### **E. Personalities**

5. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
  - Mr Sebastian KURZ, Minister of Integration Issues, European and International Affairs of Austria, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
  - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
  - Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament
  - Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Mr Werner FAYMANN, Federal Chancellor of Austria
6. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

### **F. Debate under urgent procedure**

7. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on the “**The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine**” (Resolution 1974 (2014), Recommendation 2035 (2014), Doc. 13405).

### **G. Media coverage**

The January 2014 session had a considerable media impact. In short, with some 270 published articles (provisional figures) and 34 TV news items, the coverage was on a par with the winter sessions of the past few years.

The bulk of the media coverage focused on the election of Anne Brasseur as President of the Assembly, the hearing on the circumcision of young boys, the debates on refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky and the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine, and the speeches by the Federal Chancellor of Austria and the President of the European Parliament.

The “MediaBox”, a TV-web studio open to all those who making the headlines during Assembly week, once again proved its usefulness as an audiovisual tool for raising the institution’s profile. The 50 interviews recorded represented an increase of 25% compared to the January 2013 session and 150% compared to the figures for January 2012. In addition to the 19 interviews on the subjects considered to have the greatest

media impact, which were prepared by the Communication Division and published on the Assembly's website and on Youtube, 31 other interviews were made for or by parliamentarians and journalists.

The new PACE website, presented in October 2013, now guarantees improved visibility of the plenary sessions, including the activities of the PACE committees. Consequently, with the assistance of the multimedia section of the Equipments Division, all debates and contributions and a large number of side-events are available in video format.

Lastly, the Communication Division is continuing its strategy of making increasing use of social networks. There were 130 tweets or retweets, including 5 photos and some twenty videos. The @PACE-news Twitter account now has 800 followers, an increase of 25% compared to the October 2013 session. There was also a rise in the number of Facebook followers now approaching 500. There were 360 views for the election of the new PACE President and 123 comments on the hearing on the circumcision of young boys.

## **H Adopted texts**

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

Resolution 1966 (2014) and Recommendation 2031 (2014)	Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky (Doc. 13356)
Resolution 1967 (2014) and Recommendation 2032 (2014)	A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe (Doc. 13385)
Resolution 1968 (2014)	Tackling racism in the police (Doc. 13384)
Resolution 1969 (2014)	Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council (Doc. 13382)
Resolution 1970 (2014) and Recommendation 2033 (2014)	Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy (Doc. 13386)
Resolution 1971 (2014)	Syrian refugees: how to organise and support international assistance? (Doc. 13372)
Resolution 1972 (2014)	Migrants: ensuring they are a benefit for European host societies (Doc. 13367)
Resolution 1973 (2014) and Recommendation 2034 (2014)	Integration tests: helping or hindering integration (Doc. 13361)
Resolution 1974 (2014) and Recommendation 2035 (2014)	The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine (Doc. 13405)
Resolution 1975(2014)	Stepping up action against global inequalities: Europe's contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) process (Doc. 13368)
Resolution 1976 (2014)	Climate change: a framework for a global agreement in 2015 (Doc. 13362)
Resolution 1977 (2014)	Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development (Doc. 13366)
Resolution 1978 (2014) and Recommendation 2036 (2014)	Revision of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (Doc. 13383)
Resolution 1979 (2014) and Recommendation 2037 (2014)	Accountability of international organisations for human rights violations (Doc. 13370)

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

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

Monday 27 January 2014	
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p>	<p><b>Side-event on “Why Europe needs a Magnitsky Law – The PACE position?”</b>, sponsored by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD)</li> <li>• Lord John Tomlinson (United Kingdom, SOC)</li> <li>• Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE)</li> <li>• Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD)</li> </ul> <p>and organised in the context of the plenary debate on “<i>Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky</i>” (Rapporteur: Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) , with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natalia Magnitskaya, the mother of Sergei Magnitsky</li> <li>• William Browder, former employer of Mr Magnitsky</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views in the framework of the report prepared by Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) entitled “The ‘left-to-die boat’: actions and reactions”</b>, 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><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Recent legal developments on prostitution in France”</b>, in the framework of the report prepared by José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) on “<i>Prostitution and trafficking in human beings in Europe</i>”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a representative of the Association <i>Mouvement du Nid</i> (Paris, France)</li> <li>• a representative of the NGO <i>Médecins du Monde</i> (Paris, France)</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Hearing on “The impact of the crisis on equality and the work of national human rights institutions”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL) on “<i>Equality and the crisis</i>” and of the report by Katherine Zappone (Ireland, NR) on “<i>Improving co-operation between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Parliaments in addressing Equality and Non-Discrimination Issues</i>”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Des Hogan, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Dublin, Ireland)</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states”</b></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><b>9.15–10 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p><b>Hearing on “The Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the EU – evaluation 5 years later”</b></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"> <li>• Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Ambassador of the EU to the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p><b>Children’s right to physical integrity – Hearing of experts on the circumcision of young boys</b>, 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"> <li>• Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC), former rapporteur on this issue</li> <li>• Prof. Bernard Lobel, urologist, Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of Rennes (France), member of the French Academy of Surgeons</li> <li>• Assistant Professor Mesrur Selçuk Silay, paediatric urologist, Bezmialem Vakif University, Faculty of Medicine ( Istanbul, Turkey)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Wolfram Hartmann, paediatrician and President of the Professional Federation of Paediatricians and Youth Doctors (Germany)</li> <li>• Ronald Goldman, researcher and Director of the <i>Circumcision Resource Center</i> (Boston, USA)</li> </ul>
<b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b> Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination	<b>Exchange of views</b> with Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• violence against women</li> <li>• discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity</li> </ul>
<b>2.45– 3.15 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b> Sub-Committee on External Relations	<b>Exchange of views with a delegation from the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ in the framework of the request for partner for democracy status with PACE, submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, namely, Asya Sasykbaeva, Vice-Speaker of the Parliament and Bakhadyr Syleymenov, Member of Parliament, Ata-Jurt party (opposition); in view of the report prepared by Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) on this subject</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 29 January 2014</b>	
<b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b>	<b>Side-event on “Promoting the Council of Europe Anti-trafficking Convention. The role of parliamentarians in the fight against human trafficking”</b> , sponsored by Jose Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicolas Le Coz, President of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</li> <li>• Ambassador Pekka Hyvönen (Finland), Chair of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings</li> </ul>
<b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b> <b>Joint meeting</b> of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination	<b>Exchange of views on “Sexual exploitation of girls”</b> , in the framework of the 16 <sup>th</sup> 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> ”), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renée Römkens, Director of the National Institute on Gender Equality and Women’s history (Amsterdam, Netherlands)</li> <li>• Livia Aninosanu, Programmes Director of the NGO <i>Center for Partnership and Equality</i> (Bucharest, Romania)</li> </ul>
<b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b> Monitoring Committee	<b>Hearing on “The misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes”</b> with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Department</li> <li>• Pierre Garrone, Venice Commission, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b> Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	<b>Hearing on “Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict”</b> 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
<b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b> Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<b>Exchange of views on the “Follow-up to the situation of migrants and refugees in Morocco: a new approach”</b> with the participation of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driss El Yazami, President of the National Council of Human Rights</li> <li>• Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.</li> </ul>
<b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b> Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	<b>Exchange of views on “Good governance and enhanced quality in education”</b> 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)

Thursday 30 January 2014	
<p><b>8.30–9.20 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Joint meeting</b> of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, and of UNHCR</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?”</b></p> <p>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>► <b>Exchange of views on “Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities”</b></p> <p>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><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Monitoring Committee</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views</b> with Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the situation in Ukraine</p>
<p><b>9–10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy</p>	<p><b>Hearing on national climate change legislation</b></p> <p>with the participation of representatives of the GLOBE International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adam Matthew, Secretary General of the Global Legislators' Organisation</li> <li>• Danny Stevens, Director of the GLOBE UK</li> </ul>
<p><b>9–10 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions”</b></p> <p>with the participation of Ambassador Manuel Jacoangeli, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on external relations</p>
<p><b>9.15–10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Joint meeting</b> of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and of the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination</p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity –implementation of Strasbourg Court judgments”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• André Potocki, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of France</li> <li>• Nigel Warner, ILGA–Europe Council of Europe advisor</li> </ul>

## II. Elections

### A. Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees for the observation of elections (29 January 2014)

The fourth meeting of Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees for the observation of elections, which took place on 29 January 2014, addressed issues relating to election observation in 2013 and the reinforcement of inter-institutional co-operation with partners in International Election Observation Missions (IEOMs). The meeting took note of proposed amendments to the PACE Guidelines for Election Observation and decided to ask the Bureau to consider them at one of its forthcoming meetings.

### B. Early parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014)

At its meeting on 27 January 2014, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 22 members: SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 6; ALDE: 3; EDG: 3; UEL: 1, including the two co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission. At its meeting on 31 January 2014, it approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) as Chairperson (Appendix 3).

C. **Presidential election in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 April and 27 April 2014)**

At its meeting on 31 January 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as Chairperson (Appendix 4).

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

- **First part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 27 – 31 January 2014):** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly for follow-up to texts adopted by the Assembly.
- **Standing Committee (Paris, 7 March 2014):** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.
- **Second part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 7 – 11 April 2014):** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau took note of the preliminary draft agenda (see appendix 5).
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 January – 6 April 2014):** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau appointed Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC) as rapporteur.
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Liechtenstein, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** on 27 January 2014, the Bureau took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the “elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community” entitled to sit in the Assembly, namely Mr Tahsin Ertuğruoğlu (National Unity Party) and Mr Mehmet Çaglar (Republican Turkish Party).
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on 27 and 31 January 2014, on the basis of proposals from the political groups, the Bureau nominated members of these two committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2014:** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau approved the proposals for the institutional representation of the Assembly in 2014.
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** on 31 January 2014, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, which outlined the schedule of the selection procedure in 2014 as follows:

30 April	:	Deadline for reception of candidatures
26 August	:	First meeting of the Selection Panel in Prague
1 September	:	Meeting of the Bureau of the Assembly (which will take note of the 3 shortlisted candidates)
28 September	:	Second meeting of the Selection Panel in Strasbourg
29 September	:	Award Ceremony in the plenary session of the Assembly
tbc	:	Conference in Prague
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** the Bureau, on 31 January 2014, appointed Ms Doris Barnett (Germany, SOC), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 13<sup>th</sup> winter meeting, in Vienna, 21-22 February 2014 and Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), general rapporteur on violence against women, to participate in the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women which will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2014

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

- On 30 January 2014, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held an exchange of views with Ambassador Manuel Jacoangeli, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on external relations.

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

- . **3-4 February 2014, EBRD, London:** *Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD* of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- . **27-28 February 2014, St Julians, Malta:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **3 March 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **4 March 2014, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (to be confirmed)*
- . **4-5 March 2014, Vienna:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination* (4 March: meeting of the Parliamentary Network "*Women Free from Violence*").
- . **6 March 2014, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **6 March 2014, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **7 March 2014, Paris:** *Standing Committee*
- . **10-11 March 2014, Moscow:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **11-12 March 2014, Stockholm:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **13 March 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **14 March 2014, Paris:** *Committee in Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*

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

- ***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 for the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **10 and 11 February 2014**.
- ***The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries***  
**Mr Christopher Chope** (United Kingdom, EDG), rapporteur for the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy on **10-13 February 2014**.
- ***Challenges of a federal Europe***  
**Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur for the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Oxford (European Studies Centre) on **11 February 2014**.



➤ ***Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria***

**Mr Frano Matušić** (Croatia, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria from **12 to 13 February 2014**.

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

**Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur for the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit the country on **24-25 February 2014**.

## APPENDIX 1



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PACE 013 (2014)

### PACE elects its Vice-Presidents

27.01.2014 - At the opening of its Winter plenary session today, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) elected its Vice-Presidents. The seat for the Vice-President in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina remains vacant.

### L'APCE élit ses Vice-Présidents

27.01.2014 - A l'ouverture de sa Session plénière d'hiver, l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe (APCE) a élu aujourd'hui ses Vice-Présidents. Le siège de Vice-Président au titre de la Bosnie-Herzégovine reste vacant.

Jean-Charles Allavena (Monaco)  
José Maria Beneyto (Spain / Espagne)  
Reha Denemeç (Turkey / Turquie)  
Doris Fiala (Switzerland / Suisse)  
Axel Fischer (Germany / Allemagne)  
Gerardo Giovagnoli (San Marino / Saint-Marin)  
Sandro Gozi (Italy / Italie)  
Philippe Mahoux (Belgium / Belgique)  
Ivan Popescu (Ukraine)  
Alexey Pushkov (Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie)  
René Rouquet (France)  
Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan)  
Gvozden Srecko Flego (Croatia / Croatie)  
Yanaki Stoilov (Bulgaria / Bulgarie)  
Romana Tomc (Slovenia / Slovénie)  
Dana Váhalová (Czech Republic / République tchèque)  
Zoran Vukčević (Montenegro / Monténégro)  
Robert Walter (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni)  
Gisela Wurm (Austria / Autriche)  
... (Bosnia and Herzegovina, vacant seat / Bosnie-Herzégovine, siège vacant)



The Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.  
President: Anne Brasseur (ALDE) - Secretary General of the Assembly: Wojciech Sawicki.  
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).

## Appendix 2 - Chairmanships and Vice-Chairmanships of committees

### Présidences et Vice-présidences de commissions

Committees / Commissions	Chairperson / Président	Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-présidents	
<b>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy /</b> <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i> 84 seats / sièges	Theodora BAKOYANNIS, Greece <b>EPP/CD</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Mike HANCOCK, United Kingdom, <b>ALDE</b> Tadeusz IWINSKI, Poland, <b>SOC</b> Miloš ALIGRUDIĆ, Serbia, <b>EDG</b>
<b>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights /</b> <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i> 84 seats / sièges	James CLAPPISON, United Kingdom, <b>EDG</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Michael McNAMARA, Ireland, <b>SOC</b> Mailis REPS, Estonia, <b>ALDE</b> Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Sweden, <b>EPP/CD</b>
<b>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development /</b> <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i> 84 seats / sièges	Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova, <b>EPP/CD</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Andrej HUNKO, Germany, <b>UJEL</b> Jose MENDES BOTA, Portugal, <b>EPP/DC</b> Igor KOLMAN, Croatia, <b>ALDE</b>
<b>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons /</b> <i>Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées</i> 84 seats / sièges	Thierry MARIANI, France, <b>EPP/CD</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Tülin ERKAL KARA, Turkey, <b>EDG</b> René ROUQUET, France, <b>SOC</b> Anne-Marie VIROLAINEN, Finland, <b>EPP/CD</b>
<b>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media /</b> <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i> 84 seats / sièges	Ana GUȚU, Republic of Moldova, <b>ALDE</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Piotr WACH, Poland, <b>EPP/CD</b> Mogens JENSEN, Denmark, <b>SOC</b> ..., <b>EDG</b>
<b>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination /</b> <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i> 84 seats / sièges	Gisela WURM, Austria, <b>SOC</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Ismeta DERVOZ, Bosnia and Herzegovina, <b>EPP/CD</b> ..., <b>SOC</b> Carmen QUINTANILLA, Spain, <b>EPP/CD</b>
<b>Monitoring Committee /</b> <i>Commission de suivi</i> 84 seats / sièges	Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria, <b>SOC</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", <b>EPP/CD</b> Yuliya L'OVCHKINA, Ukraine, <b>EDG</b> Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia, <b>SOC</b>
<b>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs /</b> <i>Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles</i> 37 seats / sièges	Natasia VUČKOVIĆ, Serbia, <b>SOC</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>er</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2 <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> /3 <sup>e</sup>	Hans FRANKEN, Netherlands, <b>EPP/CD</b> Haluk KOÇ, Turkey, <b>SOC</b> Armen RUSTAMYAN, Armenia, <b>SOC</b>

### Appendix 3

#### *List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the Presidential election in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (13 and 27 April 2014)*

**Stefan SCHENNACH** (Austria, SOC)\*\*, **Head of the delegation**

#### **Socialist Group (SOC) / Groupe socialiste (SOC)**

Andreas GROSS	Switzerland / Suisse
Josette DURRIEU	France
Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / Suisse
Damian DRĂGHICI	Romania / Roumanie
Deniza KARADJOVA	Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Maryvonne BLONDIN	France

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants**

Joe BENTON	United Kingdom / Royaume Uni
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#### **Group of the European People's Party EPP/CD)**

#### **Groupe du parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Şaban DİŞLİ	Turkey / Turquie
Bernd FABRITIUS	Germany / Allemagne
Attila GRUBER	Hungary / Hongrie
Yves POZZO di BORGIO	France
Cesar Florin PREDA**	Romania / Roumanie

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Werner AMON	Austria / Autriche
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA	Georgia / Géorgie
Deirdre CLUNE	Ireland / Irlande
Denis JACQUAT	France
Giorgi KANDELAKI	Georgia / Géorgie

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

#### **Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

André BUGNON	Switzerland / Suisse
Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU	Romania / Roumanie
Margus HANSON**	Estonia / Estonie

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI	Georgia / Géorgie
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#### **European Democratic Group (EDG)**

#### **Groupe des démocrates européens (GDE)**

Sir Roger GALE	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Alexander SIDYAKIN	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie
Reha DENEMEÇ **	Turkey / Turquie

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Brian BINLEY	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Tülin ERKAL KARA	Turkey / Turquie
Morten WOLD	Norway / Norvège
Ganira PASHAYEVA	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**  
**Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Vassiliy LIKHACHEV \*\*

Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

**Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex-officio*)<sup>2</sup>**

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**Venice Commission**

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**Secretariat**

Mr Vladimir DRONOV, Head of Secretariat, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation unit

Mr Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation unit

Mr Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant

\*\* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

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<sup>2</sup> The rapporteur will be appointed by the monitoring committee / Le rapporteur sera nommé par la commission de suivi.

## Appendix 4

### *List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014)*

**Pedro AGRAMUNT** (Spain, EPP/CD)\*\*, **Head of the delegation**

#### **Socialist Group / Groupe Socialiste (SOC)**

Ferdinando AIELLO	Italy / Italie
Maria GIANNAKAKI	Greece / Grèce
Igor IVANOVSKI**	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"
Josip JURATOVIC	Germany / Allemagne
Florin PÂSLARU	Romania / Roumanie
Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / Suisse
Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS	Greece / Grèce

#### **Group of the European people's party (EPP/CD) Groupe du parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Viorel BADEA	Romania / Roumanie
Giuseppe GALATI	Italy / Italie
Foteini PIPILI	Greece / Grèce
Kimmo SASI	Finlande / Finlande

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants**

Werner AMON	Austria / Autriche
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA	Georgia / Géorgie
Deirdre CLUNE	Ireland / Irlande
Bernd FABRITIUS	Germany / Allemagne
Giorgi KANDELAKI	Georgia / Géorgie
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Andrea RIGONI	Italy / Italie
Hirakli CHIKOVANI **	Georgia / Géorgie
Ionuț-Marian STROE	Romania / Roumanie

#### **Substitute / Suppléant**

Theodor-Cătălin NICOLESCU	Romania / Roumanie
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#### **European Democratic Group (EDG) Groupe des démocrates européens (GDE)**

Reha DENEMEÇ **	Turkey / Turquie
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN	Norway / Norvège
Igor MOROZOV	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Grigore PETRENCO **	Moldova
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**Co-rapporteurs AS/MON:**

Indrek SAAR\*\*

Estonia / Estonie

Davit HARUTYUNYAN\*\*

Armenia / Arménie

**Venice Commission**

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**Secretariat**

Mr Vladimir DRONOV, Head of Secretariat, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

Mr Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat of the interparliamentary cooperation unit

Ms Daniele GASTL, Assistant

\*\* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale



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4 February 2014

## **2nd part of the 2014 Ordinary Session (7-11 April 2014)**

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



## 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

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

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### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 7 April 2014

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

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

##### 1.1. Statement by the President

##### 1.2. Examination of credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
  - (Doc. )

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

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

##### 1.5. Adoption of the agenda

##### 1.6. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Paris, 7 March 2014)

#### 2. Debate

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )

📄 List of speakers

🗳 [possibly] Vote

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

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#### 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 31 March, 11:30)

#### 4. Debate

##### 4.1. Free debate

📄 List of speakers

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

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**5. [Possibly] Election**

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

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
  - Serbia, Slovak Republic, (Doc. ) (Doc. )

**6. Debate**

**6.1. Prostitution and human trafficking in Europe**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr José MENDES BOTA (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

☞ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

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

**7.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]**

☞ Questions

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

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

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

**9. Address** (15:30-16:30)

**9.1. Annual activity report 2013 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (CommDH(2014...))**

- ☐ Statement by:
  - Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

☞ Questions

**10. Debate**

**10.1. Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )
  - Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )
  - Ms Bernadette BOURZAI (France, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

## 11. Debate

### 11.1. The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe

📄 Presentation by:

- o Mr Ferenc KALMÁR (Hungary, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

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

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

- List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Serbia, Slovak Republic, (Doc. ) (Doc. )

**13. Joint debate**

**13.1. Improving user protection and security in cyberspace**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Axel E. FISCHER (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )
  - o Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

**13.2. The right to Internet access**

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Jaana PELKONEN (Finland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )
  - o Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 10:30)

Vote on ... ()

Vote on ... ()

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

**14.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]**

Questions

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

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

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

**16. Debate**

**16.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )
  - o Mr Michael Aastrup JENSEN (Denmark, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

**17. Debate**

**17.1. Urgent need to deal with new failures to co-operate with the European Court of Human Rights**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Kimmo SASI (Finland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 16:00)

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

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#### 18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>2</sup>

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

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


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
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
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
##### 20.1. Access to nationality and the effective implementation of the European Convention on Nationality

 Presentation by:

- o Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13392)
- o Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )


 List of speakers

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
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
#### 21. Debate


##### 21.1. The protection of minors against sectarian influence

 Presentation by:

- o Mr Rudy SALLES (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )
- o Mr André BUGNON (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 9 April, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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**Friday 11 April 2014**

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

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## **22. Joint debate**

### **22.1. The right to work for refugees**

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

### **22.2. Resettlement of refugees: an efficient tool for greater solidarity in Europe**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Eric VORUZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

📖 List of speakers

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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## **23. Debate**

### **23.1. Decent work for all**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Roel DESEYN (Belgium, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )
  - Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

📖 List of speakers

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

## **24. Closure of the part-session**