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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1197<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (16 April 2014)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 7 April 2014 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 23 June 2014 in Strasbourg.

## **I. 2nd part-session of 2014 (7 – 11 April 2014)**

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

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Mr Michele Nicoletti and Mr Predrag Sekulić, Vice-Presidents with respect to Italy and Montenegro.

### **B. Personalities**

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

- Mr Sebastian KURZ, Minister of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
- Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr Heinrich FISCHER, President of Austria

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 the “**Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions**” (Resolution 1988 (2014), Doc. 13482).

### **D. Challenge of credentials**

5. On 21 March 2014 and 24 March 2014 respectively, two motions challenging the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation on substantive grounds – on “The credentials of the Russian delegation” signed by Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) and 73 others and on “The suspension of the voting rights of the Russian delegation” (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Assembly) signed by Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) and 52 others – were tabled in accordance with Rule 9 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.

6. On 7 April 2014, the Bureau took note of those two motions and decided to refer them to the Monitoring Committee for report and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for opinion.

7. On 10 April 2014, the Assembly adopted Resolution 1990 (2014) which specified that, in order to mark its condemnation and disapproval of the Russian Federation’s actions with regard to Ukraine, it resolved to suspend the following rights of the delegation of the Russian Federation until the end of the 2014 session: voting rights; rights to be represented in the Bureau of the Assembly, the Presidential Committee, the Standing Committee; rights to participate in election observation missions. The Assembly also reserved the right to annul the credentials of the Russian delegation, if the Russian Federation did not deescalate the situation and reverse the annexation of Crimea.

### **E. Events**

8. On 8 April 2014, the Assembly held the ceremony of the Award of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2014, at which it presented the award to the Baksi Museum (Turkey).

9. On 10 April 2014, the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) proposed to award the Europe prize 2014 to Slupsk in Poland and to award 9 Plaques of honour, 15 Flags of Honour and 15 European Diplomas. On the same day, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different prizes (Appendix 1).

## **F. Media coverage**

The 2014 spring session had exceptional media impact. An agenda which reflected current European political affairs led over 100 journalists, including 35 from Russia, to seek accreditation in Strasbourg. With approximately 450 press articles published (provisional figures) and 15 broadcasts via Eurovision, the coverage far exceeded the average for spring sessions in recent years.

The debates on the reconsideration of the Russian delegation's credentials and on recent developments in Ukraine, as well as the hearing organised by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on mass surveillance, in which Edward Snowden took part by video link, attracted the most media coverage.

Over 70 TV channels took the live coverage of the debates on the Russian delegation's credentials, on the situation in Ukraine and the hearing on mass surveillance. 24-hour news channel Russia Today broadcast a good part of the sittings live via satellite.

Concerning social media, the number of followers of the @PACE\_News Twitter account reached 1,130, with a 15% rise in a single week. The PACE President's new Twitter account, launched barely a month ago, already has 280 followers. Facebook posts announcing the session and on the Snowden hearing were each viewed more than 1,000 times.

The "MediaBox", a web-TV studio open to everyone in the Assembly spotlight, consolidated its relevance as an audiovisual visibility tool for members of the Assembly and journalists: ten interviews with members were recorded, as were another six with participants in side-events during the session. A further 18 interviews were conducted by representatives of the media present in Strasbourg.

## **G. Adopted texts**

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

Resolution 1983 (2014)	Prostitution, Trafficking and modern slavery in Europe (Doc. 13446)
Resolution 1984 (2014)	Request for Partner of Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic (Doc. 13461)
Resolution 1985 (2014) and Recommendation 2040 (2014)	The Situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe (Doc. 13445)
Resolution 1986 (2014) and Recommendation 2041 (2014)	Improving user protection and security in cyberspace (Doc. 13451)
Resolution 1987 (2014)	The right to Internet access (Doc. 13434)
Resolution 1988 (2014)	Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions (Doc. 13482)
Resolution 1989 (2014) and Recommendation 2042 (2014)	Access to nationality and the effective implementation of the European Convention on Nationality (Doc. 13392)
Resolution 1990 (2014)	Reconsideration on substantive grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly) (Doc. 13483)
Resolution 1991 (2014) and Recommendation 2043 (2014)	Urgent need to deal with new failures to co-operate with the European Court of Human Rights (Doc. 13435)

Resolution 1992(2014)	The protection of minors against excesses of sects (Doc. 13441)
Resolution 1993 (2014)	Decent work for all (Doc. 13456)
Resolution 1994 (2014)	Refugees and the right to work (Doc. 13462)
Resolution 1995 (2014) and Recommendation 2044 (2014)	Ending child poverty in Europe (Doc. 13458)

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

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

Monday 7 April 2014	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p><b>Hearing on the <i>Parliamentary contribution of solving the Western Sahara conflict</i>, with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Maouelainin Ben Khalihanna Maoulainin, Secretary General of the Royal Advisory Council for Saharan Affairs (CORCAS)</li> <li>• Mr Khatri Adduh, President of the Saharawi National Council</li> </ul>
Tuesday 8 April 2014	
<p><b>8 h 30 – 10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with the Council of Europe Commissioner for human rights, Nils Muižnieks</b></p> <p>► <b>The inclusion of children’s rights in national constitutions as an essential component of effective national child policies</b></p> <p>Presentation on the work of the Venice Commission in this field by Ms Herdis Thorgeirsdottir, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, Professor, Faculty of Law, Bifrost University</p>
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “The protection of media freedom in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador Jocelyne Caballero, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Mr Johann Bihl, Director, Europe and Central Asia, <i>Reporters without Borders</i></li> <li>• Mr Andrei Aliaksandrau, Belarusian Association of Journalists</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.15–10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Human Rights</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Individual applications to the European Court of Human Rights from Crimea: jurisdictional issues”</b></p> <p>with Mr Michael O’Boyle, Deputy Registrar of the Court</p>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</p>	<p><b>“Investigative journalism and the role of national parliaments in combating corruption”</b></p> <p>First meeting of the PACE anti-corruption platform, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACE President, Ms Anne Brasseur</li> <li>• Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), Vice-chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society</li> <li>• Ms Nataša Vučković, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</li> <li>• Ms Khadija Ismayilova, investigative journalist (Azerbaijan), Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty</li> <li>• Mr Paul Radu, investigative journalist (Romania), Executive Director of the <i>Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)</i></li> <li>• Mr Johann Bihl, <i>Reporters without Borders</i>, Director of the Press Desk for Europe and Central Asia</li> </ul>

<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p>	<p><b>“A threat to the human rights of minority religious groups”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Aaron Rhodes, human rights activist, university lecturer and essayist, former Executive Director of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (IHF)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p><b>Hearing on mass surveillance</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Edward Snowden(via video-link)</li> <li>• Mr Hansjörg Geiger, former Head of <i>Bundesnachrichtendienst</i> (Federal Intelligence Service), former State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice (Berlin)</li> <li>• Mr Douwe Korff, Professor of International Law, London Metropolitan University</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Joint meeting</b> of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Sexual violence against refugee children”</b></p> <p>in the framework of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Gert Westerveen, UNHCR representative to the European institutions in Strasbourg</li> <li>• Ms Sara Abbas, Head of Office for the International Organization for Migration (IOM), France</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign</b>, with Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Gabriella Battaini Dragoni</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on new trends in museum governance and practice</b></p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> <li>• Ms Hanna Pennock, General Director <i>ad interim</i> of the International Council of Museums (ICOM)</li> <li>• Mr Hüsamettin Koçan, founder of the Baksi Museum (Turkey), winner of the 2014 Council of Europe Museum Prize</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 pm</b> Palais Rohan</p>	<p><b>Presentation ceremony of the 2014 Council of Europe Museum Prize</b> to the Baksi Museum (Turkey), represented by its founder, Hüsamettin Koçan, with speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACE President Ms Anne Brasseur</li> <li>• A representative of the City of Strasbourg</li> <li>• Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday 9 April 2014</b></p>	
<p><b>2-3 pm</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views with a parliamentary delegation of the Jordanian House of Representatives, in the framework on the Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Mustapha Ibrahim Al Hamarneh, MP</li> <li>• Mr Yousef Al Qarneh, MP</li> </ul>

<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Optimum care for women with breast cancer”</b></p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) on this issue</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Alberto Costa, Scientific Director and CEO, European School of Oncology</li> <li>• Prof Nereo Segnan, Head of Department of the cancer screening and the cancer epidemiology Unit, University Hospital <i>Città della Salute e della Scienza</i>, Turin (Italy)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p><b>Theatre show “Wounded to death”, by Serena Dandini</b></p> <p>in the framework of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>”</p> <p>with the participation of (reading short stories of women who have died as a result of gender-based violence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>• Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ambassador Tatiana Pârvu, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe and former Thematic Coordinator on Gender Equality and Trafficking,</li> <li>• members of the Network</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.15–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Joint meeting</b> of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and of UNHCR</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “The need to eradicate Statelessness”</b></p> <p>in the context of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1954 Convention relating to the status of stateless persons, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Diane Goodman, Deputy Director, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva</li> <li>• Ms Luigia Contini, Senior Official of the Citizen Department, Italian Ministry of Interior</li> <li>• Ms Laura van Waas, Steering Committee member of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), Manager of the Statelessness Programme, Tilburg Law School, The Netherlands</li> <li>• Mr Mark Manly, Head of UNHCR’s Statelessness Unit, Division for International Protection, Geneva</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday 10 April 2014</b></p>	
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on the “Situation of refugees and IDPs from Crimea”,</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Olha Herasymiuk, former member of the Assembly and representative of the Civic Guard NGO</li> <li>• Ms Natalia Sevidova, member of the Bridge EU-Ukraine NGO.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Abortion legislation: developments in Spain and the rest of Europe”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Vicky Claeys, Regional Director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN);</li> <li>• Mr Régis Brillat, Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, DGI: Directorate General on Human Rights and Rule of Law; Head of the Department of the European Social Charter</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 <i>The political transition in Tunisia</i>, with the participation of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>• Mr Mohamed El Arbi Abid, 2nd Vice-President of the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia</li> <li>• Ms Hasna Marsit, Deputy Rapporteur of the Committee on rights and freedoms, National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia</li> <li>• Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission</li> </ul>

<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on “Removal of children from their families: legislation and practice”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Ms Olga Borzova (Russian Federation, EDG) on this issue</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Maria Herczog, Rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (Hungary)</li> <li>• Ms Karen Reid, Registrar of the Filtering Section, European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg)</li> </ul> <p>► Designation of the winners for the <b>Europe Prize, the Plaques of honour, the Flags of honour and the European Diplomas</b></p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?”</b></p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) on this issue with the participation of Ms Fabienne Jault-Seseke, Professor of Private Law, Versailles Saint Quentin University (France)</p>

## II. Elections

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

. At its meeting on 7 April 2014, the Bureau took note of the joint statement of the ad hoc committee together with ODIHR/OSCE and OSCE PA.

### B. **“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: presidential election (13 April and 27 April 2014) and early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014)**

. At its meeting on 7 April 2014, the Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission and approved the composition of the ad hoc committee.

. On 11 April 2014, it approved the final composition of the committee (Appendix 2).

### C. **Early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014)**

. At its meeting on 7 April 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee, decided to increase the number of members of the ad hoc committee to 52: in accordance with the D'Hondt system, SOC: 16, EPP/CD: 16, EDG: 8, ALDE: 7, UEL: 3, and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as chairperson.

. On 11 April 2014, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3).

## III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 7 and 11 April 2014)

- **Third part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 23 - 27 June 2014):** on 11 April 2014, the Bureau took note of the preliminary draft agenda (see appendix 4).

- **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:** on 11 April 2014, the Bureau approved the request of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to set up this Alliance along the lines set out in the memorandum of the Committee on the “Follow-up to Assembly Resolution 1967 (2014) - A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe”.

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 11 April 2014, the Bureau drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Armenia and Denmark, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2014:** on 11 April 2014, the Bureau approved the appointment of two representatives to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Mr Snorre Serigstad Valen (Norway, UEL) on behalf of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Mr Khalid Chaouki (Italy, SOC) on behalf of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media.
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014 – appointment of a contact parliamentarian to a preparatory group:** on 7 April 2014, the Bureau took note of the concept paper of the 2014 World Forum and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) and Ms Polonca Komar (Slovenia, ALDE) as the Assembly representatives to a preparatory group.

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

- . **7 May 2014, Athens:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, including a conference on *Freedom of religion and safety for the Christian communities in the Middle East and the Southern Mediterranean*
- . **12-13 May 2014, Istanbul,**(Turkey): *Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **12-13 May 2014, Nicosia:** *Committee on Social Affairs, health and sustainable development*
- . **13 May 2014, Nicosia:** 18<sup>th</sup> network meeting of the Contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children
- . **15-16 May 2014, Paris:** *Ad hoc sub-committee of the Monitoring Committee on the functioning of the Parliamentary monitoring procedure and Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **22 May 2014, Baku:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **22 May 2014, Baku:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **23 May 2014, Baku:** *Standing Committee*
- . **26-27 May 2014, Helsinki:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **2 June 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination*
- . **3 June 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **4 June 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **12 June 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)*
- . **22 June 2014, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*



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

### ➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro***

**Mr Kimmo Sasi** (Finland, EPP/CD) and **Mr Terry Leyden** (Ireland, ALDE), corapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro on **14-16 April 2014**.

### ➤ ***Activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)***

**Mr Tuur Elzinga** (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will participate in the OECD Forum, which will take place in Paris on **5-6 May 2014**.

### ➤ ***Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of Morocco***

**Mr Bogdan Klich** (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco, **12-16 May 2014**.

### ➤ ***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*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Berlin on **13-15 May 2014**.

### ➤ ***The activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2013-2014***

**Ms Cheryl Gillan** (United Kingdom, EDG), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Warsaw to attend the Annual Meeting of the EBRD, on **14-15 May 2014**.

### ➤ ***Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights***

**Mr Klaas de Vries** (Netherlands, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Moscow on **14 to 16 May 2014**.

### ➤ ***Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?***

**Ms Marietta Karamanli** (France, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Sweden on **28 May 2014**.

### ➤ ***The situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)***

**Mr Robert Walter** (United Kingdom, EDG), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Budapest, in **May or June 2014**.

### ➤ ***Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities***

**Mr Thierry Mariani** (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy on **4 June 2014**.

### ➤ ***Violence against Christian communities in the Middle East and the South Mediterranean and its consequences***

**Ms Theodora Bakoyannis** (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London, on **4-5 June 2014**.

### ➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia***

**Mr Axel Fischer** (Germany, EPP/CD) and **Sir Alan Meale** (United Kingdom, SOC), corapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Yerevan on **14-17 June 2014**.

10 April 2014

**Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**

***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***

**WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE 2014  
AND OF THE OTHER DISTINCTIONS  
(Plaque of honour, Flag of honour and European Diploma)**

**1. EUROPE PRIZE**

The city of **SLUPSK** (Pomorskie voivodship) in Poland

**2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR**

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, was awarded to 9 municipalities:

Cyprus	<b>Nicosia</b>
Germany	<b>Bayreuth</b> (Bavaria) <b>Borken</b> (Hessen) <b>Marktheidenfeld</b> (Bavaria) <b>Unterhaching</b> (Bavaria)
Hungary	<b>Ajka</b> (Veszprem County)
Poland	<b>Łódź</b> (Łódź voivodship)
Russia	<b>Volgograd</b> (Volgograd region)
Turkey	<b>Izmir</b> (Metropolitan Municipality)

### 3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** was awarded to 15 municipalities this year:

Cyprus	<b>Nicosia</b>
France	<b>Aix-en-Othe</b> (Aube) <b>Charleville-Mézières</b> (Ardennes) <b>Langeais</b> (Indre-et-Loire)
Germany	<b>Aspach</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Gotha</b> (Thüringen) <b>Jettingen</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Kappelrodeck</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Nauheim</b> (Hessen) <b>Pfinztal</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Ireland	<b>Cavan</b> (Co. Cavan)
Italy	<b>Farnese</b> (Prov. of Viterbo)
Poland	<b>Bielsko-Biala</b> (Śląskie voivodship) <b>Jablonka</b> (Małopolskie voivodship)
Ukraine	<b>Ternopil</b> (Ternopil region)

### 4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

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

France	<b>Creil</b> (Oise)
Germany	<b>Donaueschingen</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Ortenberg</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Roßdorf</b> (Hessen) <b>Siegburg</b> (Nordrhein-Westfalen)
Italy	<b>Drezzo</b> (Prov. of Como) <b>Roccella Jonica</b> (Prov. of Reggio di Calabria)
Lithuania	<b>Palanga</b>
Poland	<b>Bydgoszcz</b> (Cujavie-Pomorskie voivodship) <b>Wisła</b> (Śląskie voivodship)
Slovakia	<b>Svodin</b> (Nitra region)
Spain	<b>Gernika-Lumo</b> (Basque Country)
Ukraine	<b>Brovary</b> (Kiev region) <b>Pryluky</b> (Chernihiv region) <b>Truskavetz</b> (Lviv region)

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential and early parliamentary elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 and 27 April 2014) - List of members**

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

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Deniza KARADJOVA, Bulgaria  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Melita MULIĆ, Croatia  
Deniz BAYKAL, Turkey  
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia

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Werner AMON, Austria  
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA, Georgia  
Şaban DIŞLI\*\*, Turkey  
Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany  
Denis JACQUAT, France  
Yves POZZO di BORGO, France

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

André BUGNON, Switzerland  
Margus HANSON\*\*, Estonia  
Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

#### **European Democrat Group (EDG)**

Morten WOLD, Norway  
Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey  
Sir Roger GALE, United Kingdom

#### ***Substitutes***

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Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

Andrej HUNKO, Germany

#### **Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex-officio*)**

Robert WALTER\*\*, United Kingdom

#### **Venice Commission**

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## APPENDIX 3

### Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014) - List of members

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Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Bernadette BOURZAI, France  
Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany  
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Stella JANTUAN, Republic of Moldova  
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Lia QUARTAPELLE, Italy  
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John TOMLINSON, United Kingdom  
Gisela WURM, Austria

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Lolita ČIGĀNE, Latvia  
Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO, Monaco  
Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova  
Frank JENSSEN \*, Norway  
François ROCHEBLOINE, France  
Rovshan RZAYEV, Azerbaijan  
Kimmo SASI, Finland  
Tobias ZECH, Germany

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Virel Riceard BADEA, Romania  
Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey  
Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany  
Giorgi KANDELAKI, Georgia  
Jacques LEGENDRE, France  
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia

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Roger GALE, United Kingdom  
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN \*, Norway  
Edward LEIGH, United Kingdom  
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Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ, Turkey

##### *Substitutes*

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Doris FIALA, Switzerland  
Karl GARÐARSSON, Iceland  
Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Tinatin KHIDASHELI \*, Georgia  
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden  
Andrea RIGONI, Italy

### ***Substitutes***

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Emma NICHOLSON, United Kingdom  
Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania  
Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain

## **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

Andrej HUNKO, Germany  
Grigore PETRESCO, Republic of Moldova  
Nikolaj VILLUMSEN \*, Denmark

### **Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (*ex-officio*)**

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### **Venice Commission**

Srdjan DARMANOVIC, Montenegro  
Amaya ÚBEDA, Administrative Officer, Venice Commission

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Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat of the Interparliamentary cooperation unit and election observation  
Yann de BUYER, Head of the Central Division  
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation unit and election observation  
Catherine LAKBAR, Assistant, Parliamentary Assembly

\* members of the pre-election delegation

11 April 2014

## **3rd part of the 2014 Ordinary Session (23-27 June 2014)**

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

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 11 April 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

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

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### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00



**Sitting No. 19** (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 new members:
  - o (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 (Baku, 23 May 2014)**

**2. Debate**

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )

**2.2. Observation of the early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014)**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

**Sitting No. 20** (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:
  - o Mr Elmar MAMMADYAROV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]

☞ Questions

⌚ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 16 June, 11:30)

**4. Debate**

**4.1. Free debate**

☞ List of speakers

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

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**5. Elections**

**5.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

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

**6. Joint debate**

**6.1. The “left-to-die boat”: actions and reactions**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

**6.2. The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

**7.1. Mr Ilham ALIYEV, President of Azerbaijan [tbc]**

☞ Questions

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

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**8. Elections (continued)** (15:30-17:00)

**8.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

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

**9. Debate**

**9.1. Violence in and through the media**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )

○ Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

**10. Debate**

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

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

○ Mr Michael Aastrup JENSEN (Denmark, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

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**11. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections**

11.1. **Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

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

**12. Debate**

12.1. **Towards a better European democracy: facing the challenges of a federal Europe**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 June, 10:30)

⚠ Vote on ... ()

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

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

☞ Questions

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

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

14.1. **Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

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

**15. Debate**

15.1. **Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )

○ Ms Teresa BERTUZZI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 June, 16:00)

⚠ Vote on ... ()

**16. Joint debate**

16.1. **Identities and diversity within intercultural societies**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Carlos COSTA NEVES (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )

16.2. **Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?**

☐ Presentation by:

○ Ms Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 June, 16:00)

⚠ Vote on ... ()

⚠ Vote on ... ()


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

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

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

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


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


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**19. Debate**


**19.1. Challenges for the Council of Europe Development Bank**


 Presentation by:


o Mr Tuur ELZINGA (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

 Statement by:

o Mr Rolf WENZEL, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank [tbc]


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
 Vote on ... ()


**20. Debate**


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

 Presentation by:

o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. )

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 25 June, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

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**21. Debate**

**21.1. Reinforcement of the independence of the European Court of Human Rights**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

☐ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 26 June, 10:30)

🔔 Vote on ... ()

**22. Debate**

**22.1. Child-friendly juvenile justice: from rhetoric to reality**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )
  - Ms Kristien Van VAERENBERGH (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

☐ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 26 June, 16:00)

🔔 Vote on ... ()

**23. Closure of the part-session**