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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1204\textsuperscript{th} meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies\textsuperscript{1}
(2 July 2014)

\textsuperscript{1} This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 27 June 2014 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 2 September 2014 in Paris.
I. Third part-session of 2014 (23-27 June 2014)

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
   - Mr Elmar MAMMADYAROV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
   - Mr Ilham ALIYEV, President of Azerbaijan
   - Mr Petro POROSHENKO, President of Ukraine
   - Mr Rolf WENTZEL, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

2. Their speeches can be found on the website of the Assembly: http://assembly.coe.int.

B. Current affairs debate

3. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on “Political and humanitarian consequences of the crisis in Ukraine”, introduced by Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), with a statement by Mr Nils Mužnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

C. Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

4. On 24 June 2014, the Assembly re-elected Mr Thorbjørn Jagland as Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term which will start on 1 October 2014.

D. Media coverage

This session was better than expected in terms of media coverage overall, with a greater number of press cuttings identified than for the equivalent session a year ago, the main highlight being extensive international coverage of the address by Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko. The speech was carried live on major international news television channels, and key points were taken up by the main news agencies.

Other items receiving significant coverage included the re-election of Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland, the speech by Azerbaijan’s President Ilham Aliyev and his responses to parliamentarians’ questions, as well as the live intervention – by video from Moscow – of US whistleblower Edward Snowden, speaking at a PACE committee hearing on protecting whistleblowers.

While the Mediabox – which allows parliamentarians and others to make short videos for the web – saw a drop in use, the ever richer content on the Assembly’s website generated increased numbers: preliminary figures show 47,000 visits to the site and around 280,000 page views. Meanwhile the Assembly’s various social media continued to see a steady increase in overall reach, with the main PACE Twitter account currently topping 1,340 followers.

E. Adopted texts

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

Resolution 1999 (2014) and The “left-to-die boat”: actions and reactions (Doc. 13532)
Recommendation 2046 (2014)

Resolution 2000 (2014) and The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores
Recommendation 2047 (2014) (Doc. 13531)
Resolution 2001 (2014) and Recommendation 2048 (2014) | Violence in and through the media (Doc. 13509)
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Resolution 2002 (2014) | Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. 13528)
Resolution 2003 (2014) | Towards a better European democracy: facing the challenges of a federal Europe (Doc. 13527)
Resolution 2004 (2014) | Parliamentary contribution to resolving the Western Sahara conflict (Doc. 13526)
Resolution 2005 (2014) and Recommendation 2049 (2014) | Identities and diversity within intercultural societies (Doc. 13522)
Resolution 2006 (2014) | Integration of migrants in Europe: the need for a proactive, long-term and global policy (Doc. 13530)
Resolution 2007 (2014) | Challenges for the Council of Europe Development Bank (Doc. 13513)
Resolution 2009 (2014) and recommendation 2051 (2014) | Reinforcement of the independence of the European Court of Human Rights (Doc. 13524)

6. All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: [http://assembly.coe.int](http://assembly.coe.int).

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

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| **1 pm** | Lobby of the Chamber | **Signature ceremony** for the granting of the status of Partner for democracy to the Kyrgyz Parliament, with:  
- Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly  
- Asilbek Jeenbekov, Speaker of the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan |
| **2–3 pm** | Room 9, Palais | **Hearing on Anti-semitism** in the context of the preparation of the report by Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) on this issue, with the participation of:  
- Gideon Botsch, Moses Mendelssohn Centre for European Jewish Studies, University of Potsdam (Germany) |
| **2-3pm** | Room 8, Palais | **Hearing on “Equality and the crisis”** in the context of the preparation of the report by Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL), with the participation of:  
- Alejandro Cercas, MEP, rapporteur on the Role and operations of the Troika with regard to the euro area programme countries – Employment and social aspects of the role and operations of the Troika  
- Nils Mužnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights |
| **2–3 pm** | Room 7, Palais | **Exchange of views on “Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue”** in the context of the report being prepared by Gérard Terrier (France, SOC) with the participation of:  
- Sjur Bergan, Head of the Education Department, Council of Europe |
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<td>- Jutta Seidel, Senior Legal Associate, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</td>
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<td>- Edward Snowden, by video-link</td>
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<td>- Anna Myers, expert on whistleblower protection, Whistleblower Information Network (WIN), London</td>
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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination | Hearing on “Violence against women with disabilities” in the framework of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence” with the participation of:  
- Gill Hague, Emeritus Professor of Violence Against Women Studies, Centre for Gender and Violence Research, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)  
- Ana Peláez Narváez, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Director of International Relations at the Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE) – by videoconference |
| **2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 9, Palais**  
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy | Exchange of views with Asilbek Jeenbekov, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, following the granting, on 8 April 2014, of the status of Partner for Democracy to the Kyrgyz Parliament – Follow-up to PACE Resolution 1984 (2014) |

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| **12.30 pm**  
**Chamber** | Commemoration ceremony of the 100th anniversary of the First World War, with speeches by:  
- Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly  
- Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
- Andreas Gross, Chairperson of the Socialist Group  
- Pedro Agramunt, Chairperson of the Group of the European People’s Party  
- Christopher Chope, acting Chairperson of the European Democrat Group  
- Jordi Xuclà, Chairperson of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe  
- Tiny Kox, Chairperson of the Group of the Unified European Left |
| **2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 11, Palais**  
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development | ► Exchange of views on “Youth participation: a means of preventing sexual exploitation”, in the framework of the 19th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children with the participation of:  
- Eugenia Maxim, youth representative for Eastern Europe and CIS region in ECPAT International Child and Youth Advisory Committee (Republic of Moldova)  
- Roma Thomas, Research fellow, International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking, University of Bedfordshire (United Kingdom)  
► Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign by Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe |
| **2–2.45 pm**  
**Room 10, Palais**  
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights | ► Exchange of views on “The long-term future of the ECHR system” in the context of the preparation of the report by Yves Pozzo di Borgo (France, EPP/CD) entitled “The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights: the Brighton declaration and beyond” with the participation of:  
- Vit Schorm, Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Government Agent to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Czech Republic  
- Morten Ruud, Chairperson of Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR), Senior Advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Justice |
| **2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 7, Palais**  
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media | Exchange of views on “Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture”, in the context of the preparation of the report by Alexander, The Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) with the participation of:  
- Philip Wood, expert in local community development and cultural relations (United Kingdom) |
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| 8.30–10 am | Room 7, Palais | Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development | ► Exchange of views on “Ensuring children with attention problems are properly cared for” in the context of the preparation of the report by Silvia Eloísa Bonet Perot (Andorra, SOC) on this matter with the participation of:  
- Celso Arango López, Head of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service, Gregorio Marañón Hospital (Madrid) |
| 9–10 am   | Room 8, Palais   | Joint meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, and of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs | Hearing on “Reporting on corruption: journalists and parliamentarians investigating together” with the participation of:  
- Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
- Claudio Fava, journalist, member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Vice-President of the Commission of inquiry into the phenomenon of the Mafia and other criminal organisations  
- Tamás Bodoky, journalist, member of the Organised crime and corruption reporting project |
| 2–3.30 pm | Room 6, Palais | Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons | Hearing on “Mass arrivals of irregular migrants on Europe’s southern shores” with the participation of:  
- Nils Mužnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights  
- Giorgos Kosmopoulos, representative of Amnesty International  
- Theofilos Zafirakos, Diplomatic Adviser to the Permanent Representation of Greece to the Council of Europe |
| 3.30–4.30 pm | Room 5, Palais | Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize | Official presentation ceremony of the European Diplomas, to the 15 mayors of the winning cities, in the presence of:  
- Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize |

II. Elections

A. Ukraine: early presidential election (25 May 2014)

- At its meeting on 23 June 2014, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee.

B. Turkey: presidential election (10 August 2014)

- On 23 June 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) as Chairperson.
- On 27 June 2014, it approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1).

C. Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (12 October 2014)

- On 23 June 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as Chairperson.
- On 27 June 2014, it approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2).

D. Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (5 October 2014, to be confirmed)

- On 23 June 2014, the Bureau decided to observe these elections (subject to the receipt of the invitation and confirmation of the date), constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members: SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 6; EDG: 3; ALDE: 3; UEL: 1, and the rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission.
On 27 June 2014, it approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and authorised the President of the Assembly to appoint the Chairperson of this ad hoc committee (Appendix 3).

E. Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014)

. On 23 June 2014, the Bureau decided to observe these elections (subject to the receipt of an invitation), to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 32 members: SOC: 10; EPP/CD: 10; EDG: 4; ALDE: 4; UEL: 2, and the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and authorise a pre-electoral mission.

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 23 and 27 June 2014)

- Third part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 23 - 27 June 2014): on 27 June 2014, the Bureau approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up.

- Fourth part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October): on 27 June 2014, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 4).

- The Situation in Iraq: on 27 June 2014, the Bureau adopted a statement on this issue (Appendix 5).

- Special Rules on Honorary Association with the Parliamentary Assembly: on 27 June 2014, the Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

- Implementation by the Council of Europe member states of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe: on 27 June 2014, the Bureau took note of the conclusions of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs in this regard.

- World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014): on 27 June 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, as Chairperson of this ad hoc committee (Appendix 6).

- Debate on the activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): on 23 June 2014, the Bureau took note of the letter from Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD giving his formal agreement to the proposals on the modalities of the OECD debates within the enlarged Assembly contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

- Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of proposals by Political Groups, the Bureau nominated, on 23 June 2014, Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) and on 27 June 2014, Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), Ms Aleksandra Djurović (Serbia, EPP/CD), Ms Hermine Naghdalyan (Armenia, EDG), Mr Zbigniew Girzyński (Poland, EDG) and Mr George Loukaides (Cyprus, UEL) to the Monitoring Committee and Mr Agustín Conde (Spain, EPP/CD), Baroness Judith Wilcox (United Kingdom, EDG) and Mr Ögmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL) to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs. These appointments were subsequently ratified by the Assembly.

- Relations with the European Parliament: on 27 June 2014, the Bureau took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

- European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Oslo, 11-12 September 2014): on 27 June 2014, the Bureau took note of the draft programme of the Conference.
IV. Activities of the committees and other meetings

- 1 July 2014, Roma: Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Seminar on the “Code of conduct for parliamentarians and prevention of corruption” (of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs)
- 2 September 2014, Paris: Presidential Committee
- 2 September 2014, Paris: Bureau of the Assembly
- 3 September 2014, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- 4 September and morning of 5 September 2014, Sénat, Paris: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- 8 September 2014, Paris: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- 9 September 2014, Paris: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- 11-12 September 2014, Oslo: European Conference of Presidents of Parliament
- 17-19 September 2014, Macolin, Switzerland: Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)
- 18 September 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) (meeting in camera)
- 18-19 September 2014, Roma: Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on “Celebrating the entry into force of the Istanbul Convention” (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)
- 19 September 2014, Vienna: Ad hoc Sub-Committee on “Russia’s Neighbourhood Policy” (of Monitoring Committee)
- 28 September 2014, Strasbourg: Presidential Committee and meeting of the President with Committee Chairpersons
- 29 September 2014, Strasbourg: Bureau of the Assembly

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

- Cultural democracy
  Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur OF the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, will participate in the Council of Europe conference on: “Creating an enabling environment for digital culture and for empowering citizens,” in Baku on 4 and 5 July 2014.
- Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco
  Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco, 5-11 July 2014.
- The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina
  Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EDG), Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 6 to 9 July 2014
The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine

Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from 8 to 11 July 2014.

Democratic participation for migrant diaspora

Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Serbia on 17-18 July 2014.

Culture heritage in crisis and post-crisis situations

Ms Ismeta Dervoz (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, will participate in the experts’ meeting organised in co-operation with the DGII, in Sarajevo on 22 and 23 July 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 28-29 July 2014.

Freedom of religion and religious practices

Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE), rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, will participate in the Council of Europe 2014 exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, in Baku on 1-2 September 2014.
APPENDIX 1

Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the Presidential election in Turkey (10 August 2014) - List of members

Meritxell MATEU PI (Andorra, ALDE), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
Gisela WURM, Austria
Tadeusz IWINSKI *, Poland
Birutė VESAITE, Lithuania
Bernadette BOURZAI, France
Ingrid ANTICEVIC-MARINOVIC, Croatia
Ermira MEHMETI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS, Greece
Florin IORDACHE, Romania
Athina KYRIAKIDOU, Cyprus

Substitutes
Carina HÄGG, Sweden
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta
Dimitris SALTOUROS, Greece
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Zsolt CSENGER-ZALÁN, Hungary
Jim D’ARCY, Ireland
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy
Foteini PIPILI, Greece
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN *, Sweden
Konstantinos TZARAS, Greece
Emanuelli ZINGERIS, Lithuania

European Democrat Group (EDG)

Robert NEILL*, United Kingdom
Robert WALTER, United Kingdom
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Mark VERHEIJEN, Netherlands
Alina Ştefania GORGHIU, Romania
Meritxell MATEU PI *, Andorra
Doris FIALA, Switzerland

Substitutes
Andrea RIGONI, Italy
Terry LEYDEN, Ireland
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Ionut STROE, Romania
Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU, Romania
Fazil MUSTAFA, Azerbaijan
Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Andrej HUNKO *, Germany
Grigore PETRENCO, Republic of Moldova

Rapporteur AS/MON (ex-officio)

Josette DURRIEU *, France

Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit
Sylvie AFFHOLDER, Secretary, Monitoring Committee
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit
Anne Godfrey, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

* members of the pre-election delegation
APPENDIX 2

Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (12 October 2014) - list of members

Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

René ROUQUET*, France
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Melita MULIĆ, Croatia
Gisela WURM, Austria
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ-MARINOVIC, Croatia
Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland
Guguli MAGRADZE, Georgia
Maria GIANNAKAKI, Greece
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta

**Substitute**
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)

David BAKRADZE, Georgia
Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey
Naira KARAPETYAN*, Armenia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Mikael OSCARSSON, Sweden
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Sweden

European Democrat Group (EDG)

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Reha DENEMEC, Turkey
Brian BINLEY, United Kingdom
Tûlin ERKAL KARA, Turkey

**Substitutes**
Omer SELVI, Turkey
Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER, United Kingdom
Mehmet Kasim GÜLPINAR, Turkey
Morten WOLD, Norway
Egemen BAĞIŞ, Turkey
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

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Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU, Romania
André BUGNON, Switzerland
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden

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Mustafa FAZIL, Azerbaijan
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Alina Stefania GORGHIU, Romania
Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Tiny KOX *, Netherlands
Nikolaj VILUMSEN, Denmark

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex-officio)

Roger GALE*, United Kingdom
Egidijus VAREIKIS*, Lithuania

Venice Commission

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Secretariat

Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat of the Interparliamentary Cooperation and election observation Unit
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* members of the pre-electoral delegation
APPENDIX 3

Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (5 October 2014 – to be confirmed) - list of members

..., Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta
Fatma PEHLIVAN, Belgium
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)

Damien ABAD, France
Şaban DIŞLİ, Turkey
Thomas FEIST, Germany
Guiseppe GALATI, Italy
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Cezar Florin PREDĂ, Romania

Substitutes
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Denis JACQUAT, France

European Democrat Group (EDG)

Reha DENEMEÇ*, Turkey
Zbigniew GIRZYŃSKI, Poland
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Doris FIALA*, Switzerland
Andrea RIGONI, Italy
Ionut STROE, Romania

Substitute
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Olga-Nantia VALAVANI *, Greece

Rapporteur AS/MON

Frano MATUŠIĆ, Croatia

Venice Commission

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Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit
Ivi-Triin ODRATS, Administrative Officer, PACE
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

* members of the pre-election delegation
30 June 2014

4th part of the 2014 Ordinary Session (29 September – 3 October 2014)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

¹. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 27 June 2014.
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

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. 09:30-10:00
Monday 29 September 2014

Sitting No. 28 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session
   1.1. Statement by the President
   1.2. Examination of credentials
   1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
   1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
   1.5. Adoption of the agenda

2. Debate
   2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
        □ Presentation by:
          o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
   2.2. Observation of the early presidential election in Turkey (10 August 2014)
        □ Presentation by:
          o Ms Meritxell MATEU PI (Andorra, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )

≥ List of speakers
△ [possibly] Vote

3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)
   3.1. Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize2

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

4. Address (15:00-16:00)
   4.1. 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 22 September, 11:30)

5. Debate
   5.1. Free debate

≥ List of speakers

2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2014) ...).
Tuesday 30 September 2014

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

6. Election
   6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights [tbc]

7. Debate
   7.1. Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia
       - Presentation by:
         o Ms Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
         o Ms Olga KAZAKOVA (Russian Federation, EDG), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
       - List of speakers
       - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 29 September, 16:00)
       - Vote on ... ()

8. Address (12:00-13:00)
   8.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]
       - Questions

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

9. Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights [tbc]

10. Debate
    10.1. The situation of women in emerging democracies following the Arab revolutions
           - Presentation by:
             o Ms Fatima SAID (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
    - List of speakers
    - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 29 September, 16:00)
    - Vote on ... ()

11. Joint debate
    11.1. Good governance and enhanced quality in education
           - Presentation by:
             o Mr Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)
    11.2. Raising the status of vocational education and training
           - Presentation by:
             o Mr Piotr WACH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)
    - List of speakers
    - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 29 September, 16:00)
    - Vote on ... ()
    - Vote on ... ()
Wednesday 1 October 2014

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

12. [Possibly 2nd round] Election
   12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights [tbc]

13. Debate
       ◼ Statement by:
         o Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary General of the OECD
   ◼ List of speakers

14. Address (12:00-13:00)
   14.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]
   ◼ Questions

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

15. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights [tbc]

16. Debate
   16.1. The progress of the Assembly’s monitoring procedure (September 2013 – September 2014)
       ◼ Presentation by:
         o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
   ◼ List of speakers
   ◼ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 30 September, 16:00)
   ◼ Vote on ... ()

17. Debate
   17.1. 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 30 September, 16:00)
   ◼ Vote on ... ()
Thursday 2 October 2014

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

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

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

19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Questions

Sitting No. 35 (15:30-20:00)

20. Debate

20.1. Activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2013-2014

Presentation by:
- Mrs Cheryl GILLAN (United Kingdom, EDG), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
- Statement by:
  - Sir Suma CHAKRABARTI, President of the EBRD [tbc]

List of speakers
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 1 October, 18:00)
Vote on ... ()

21. Debate

21.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania

Presentation by:
- Mr Grigore PETRENCO (Republic of Moldova, UEL), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
- Mr Jonathan EVANS (United Kingdom, EDG), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

List of speakers
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 1 October, 18:00)
Vote on ... ()

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3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
Friday 3 October 2014

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

22. Debate
   22.1. Immigration detention of children
         ☑ Presentation by:
            o Ms Tinatin BOKUCHAVA (Georgia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

         ☐ List of speakers
         ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 2 October, 10:30)
         ☑ Vote on ... ()

23. Debate
   23.1. Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe
         ☐ Presentation by:
            o Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

         ☑ List of speakers
         ☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 2 October, 10:30)
         ☑ Vote on ... ()

24. Closure of the part-session
APPENDIX 5

Statement on the situation in Iraq adopted by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) is deeply worried by the major humanitarian crisis developing in Iraq, where the rebels of the terrorist organisation known as “the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria” (ISIS) have seized substantial portions of the territory in the North and West of the country and are heading towards Baghdad.

The situation has quickly deteriorated over the past few days and ISIS is now reported to control several checkpoints on Iraq’s borders with Syria and the only one on the border with Jordan. It is said that ISIS’s aim is to establish a Caliphate in the area of Syria and Iraq, effacing the old border.

The Bureau is particularly concerned by reports of mass human rights violations by ISIS fighters, including summary executions of Iraqi security personnel, religious leaders and civilians, acts of violence against ethnic and religious communities, and the destruction of religious property. This is in total opposition to the values upheld by the Council of Europe and cannot be tolerated.

As a result of the massive violence, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis are fleeing from their homes seeking refuge in other areas of the country and abroad. Approximately 1 million Internally Displaced Persons and 110,000 stateless people in Iraq will be eligible for assistance from the UN Refugee Agency, including thousands of children. These are in addition to the 9 million already displaced by the civil war in Syria.

The situation is getting out of control and there is a serious risk of violence spilling over to neighbouring countries, including Jordan, whose Parliament has applied for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly. The whole region risks being further destabilised.

Europe cannot just stand by while this major crisis unfolds. Some Mediterranean countries, including some member States of the Council of Europe, are already facing a major burden trying to cope with massive arrivals of fugitives. Timely decisions on the question of European borders and on co-ordinated assistance to asylum seekers are urgent in order to share this burden.

All local, European and international actors must join forces to put an end to violence and protect the civilian population. The international community, under the auspices of the United Nations, must mobilise its resources to bring humanitarian aid to all those in need.
APPENDIX 6

Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy
on 3-5 November 2014 in Strasbourg - list of members

Chairperson
Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE)

Presidential Committee
Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC)
Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD)
Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EDG)
Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE)
Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
Mr Deniz BAYKAL (Turkey, SOC)
Mr Reha DEMENEÇ (Turkey, EDG)
Mrs Cheryl GILLAN (United Kingdom, EDG)
Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC)
Mr João Bosco MOTA AMARAL (Portugal, EPP/CD)
Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE)
Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EDG)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE)
Mr Charles KENNEDY (United Kingdom, ALDE)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee)
Mr Indrek SAAR (Estonia, SOC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ (Bosnia Herzegovina, SOC)
Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
Ms Elena CENTEMERO (Italy, EPP/CD)
Ms Maria SPADONI (Italy, NR)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
Ms Ivana DOBEŠOVÁ (Czech Republic, ALDE)
Mr Marcel OBERWEIS (Luxembourg, EPP/CD)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
Mr Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC)
Ms Adele GAMBARO (Italy, NR)
Ms Polonca KOMAR (Slovenia, ALDE)
Mr André SCHNEIDER (France, EPP/CD)
Mr Gérard TERRIER (France, SOC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs
Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE)