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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1209th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (8 October 2014)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 3 October 2014 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the end of the year.

I. Four part-session of 2014 (29 September – 3 October 2014)

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
 - Mr Olemic THOMMESSEN, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament
 - Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary General of the OECD
 - Mr Nils MUIZNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Mr Elmar MAMMADYAROV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
 - Sir Suma CHAKRABARTI, President of the EBRD
2. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

B. Debate under urgent procedure

3. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on "*Threats against humanity posed by the terrorist group known as 'IS': violence against Christians and other religious or ethnic communities.*(Resolution 2015 (2014)).

C. Current affairs debate

4. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on "*The crisis in Ukraine*", introduced by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) with statement by Mr Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.

D. Election of a Vice-President

5. On 29 September 2014, the Assembly elected Ms Ksenija Korenjak Kramar as a new Vice-President in respect of Slovenia.

E. Events

6. On 29 September 2014, the Assembly awarded the 2014 Václav Havel Prize to Mr Anar Mammadli, Chairman of the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre (EMDS) (Azerbaijan), currently in prison. The award was delivered to his father, Mr Asaf Mammadov. Diplomas of merit were awarded to B'Tselem (Israel) and the Jesuit Refugee Service (Malta).

F. Media coverage

The PACE autumn session 2014 generated substantial coverage in key national and international media, with a focus on the award of PACE's annual Václav Havel Human Rights Prize to jailed Azerbaijani human rights activist Anar Mammadli and the debate on counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and right-wing extremism with the participation of the Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament.

The debate on the functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia, the current affairs debate on the crisis in Ukraine, as well as the urgent debate on "threats against humanity posed by the terrorist group known as "IS": violence against Christians and other religious or ethnic communities" also received considerable coverage.

All five of these topics were carried on major television and news agency TV channels, some of them live.

Following her press conference, speeches, statements and individual interviews, the PACE President was also widely quoted in the media on a series of subjects, including the situation in Ukraine, PACE relations with the Russian Federation, her recent visit to Azerbaijan and the “sad record of lives lost in the Mediterranean in 2014”.

On social media, some “side-events” – such as the “no hate, no extremism” Living Library – generated greater interest than plenary events, since many on social media do not make this distinction. Re-postings of Mediabox interviews with the human “books” continue to “go viral” on Twitter, Youtube and Facebook. The Tweet announcing the winner of the Havel Prize was retweeted 17 times, going to around 30,000 people.

G. Adopted texts

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

Resolution 2011 (2014) Recommendation 2052 (2014)	Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and right-wing extremism (Doc. 13593)
Resolution 2012 (2014) Recommendation 2053 (2014)	Women’s rights and projects for Euro-Mediterranean co-operation (Doc. 13596)
Resolution 2013 (2014) Recommendation 2054 (2014)	Good governance and enhanced quality in education (Doc. 13585)
Resolution 2014 (2014)	Raising the status of vocational education and training (Doc. 13590)
Resolution 2015 (2014)	The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia (Doc. 13588)
Resolution 2016 (2014) Recommendation 2055 (2014)	Threats against humanity posed by the terrorist group known as “IS”: violence against Christians and other religious or ethnic communities (Doc. 13618)
Resolution 2017 (2014)	The activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2013-2014 (Doc.
Resolution 2018 (2014)	The progress of the Assembly’s monitoring procedure (October 2013 – September 2014) (Doc. 13595)
Resolution 2019 (2014)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania (Doc. 13586)
Resolution 2020 (2014) Recommendation 2056 (2014)	The alternatives to immigration detention of children (Doc. 13597)
Resolution 2021 (2014)	Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe (Doc. 13572)

8. 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 29 September 2014	
<p>12.30 pm Chamber</p>	<p>Award ceremony for the 2014 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Threats against humanity posed by the terrorist group known as “IS”: violence against Christians and other religious or ethnic communities</i> (Rapporteur: Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gert Westerveen, Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to the European Institutions in Strasbourg • Salih Muslim Muhammad, Chairman of the Democratic Union Party of Syria <p>in the context of the preparation of the debate under urgent procedure</p>
Tuesday 30 September 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Hearing on the situation of refugees and internally displaced persons in Ukraine in the context of the report prepared by Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) on the subject, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg • Svetlana Gannushkina, Head of the Civic Assistance Committee, Moscow • Natali Sevidova, Head of the NGO “Bridge Ukraine-EU” • Aleksey Prelov, Ukrainian refugee, City of Krasnodon, Luhansk region <p>► Hearing on “European standards and guidelines for guardians to address gaps in the protection of unaccompanied children in Europe”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martine Goeman, Programme Manager, Defence for Children • Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek, Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) of the Ministers’ Deputies
Tuesday 30 September 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Hearing on the protection of the right to bargain collectively in the context of the report prepared by Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) on this issue, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klaus Lörcher, former Legal Adviser to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and former Legal Secretary to the EU Civil Service Tribunal (Germany)
<p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on: “ Freedom of religion and religious practices” in the context of the report being prepared Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabbi Moché Lewin, Executive Director of the Conference of European Rabbis • Mag Elizabeta Kitanović, Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Communication of the Church and Society Commission Conference of European Churches (CEC) <p>► Exchange of views on “The reform of football governance” in the context of the report being prepared by Mr Michael Connarty, United Kingdom, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jonathan Calvert, Insight Editor, The Sunday Times, and • Ms Heidi Blake, Assistant Editor, The Sunday Times

Tuesday 30 September 2014	
<p>9–10 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Enlarged debate on the Activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</p> <p>Exchange of views with the participation of the delegations of the national Parliaments of OECD member States which are not members of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>1–5.30 pm and 1 October 10am-5.30pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais</p>	<p>► Living Library - “No Hate, No Extremism”</p> <p>The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held, in cooperation with the Council of Europe Youth Department, a Living Library “No hate, no extremism”. The Living Library started right after the debate on the report on “Counteractions to manifestations of neo-Nazism and right-wing extremism” and aimed at raising awareness on the need to combat and prevent hate speech and extremism. “Books” participating in the Living Library had themselves suffered from discrimination, hate speech, hate crime or were former neo-Nazis. They shared their personal experience with the members of the Assembly (or others interested) who borrowed them.</p>
<p>2.15 –3.15 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Arcadio Diaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) on this subject, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Emmerson, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism • Irmina Pacho, Head of Strategic Litigation Programme, Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Warsaw) • Markus Wagner, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Miami, Florida (USA)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on sexual violence against women in armed conflicts</p> <p>in the framework of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monika Hauser, Director of Medecine Mondiale and recipient of the 2012 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe (Germany) • Hana Ayele, member of Survivor speak Out (United-Kingdom) • April Pham, GenCap Advisor at the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (Switzerland);
Wednesday 1 October 2014	
<p>10– 5.30 pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais</p>	<p>In the context of breast cancer awareness month and the report by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) on “Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe”, an exhibition stand, with the participation of representatives of advocacy group <i>Europa Donna</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Benn, Head of Public Affairs • Roswitha Britz, Vice-President • Nicole Zernik, Board member (France)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Gender dimensions of corruption”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Kopetzky, member of the Board of Institute Internal Audit, Leader of the Anti-Fraud Study Group (Austria) • Helena Lišuchová, GRECO Gender Equality Rapporteur and Bureau member, Head of International Co-operation Department, Ministry of Justice (Czech Republic)

Wednesday 1 October 2014	
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on organised crime and migrants</p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Julia Falzoi, Head of Migration Management Unit, International Organization for Migration (IOM) <p>► Exchange of views on the follow-up to PACE Resolution 2000 (2014) on “The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores”, in the context of the report prepared by Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg • John Dalhuisen, Programme Director, Europe and Central Asia Programme, Amnesty International
Wednesday 1 October 2014	
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Increasing transparency of media ownership”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Peggy Valcke, University of Leuven (Belgium) <p>► Exchange of views on student mobility</p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Christian Barilaro (Monaco, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Emanuel Alfranseder, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
<p>2-3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>External relations</p> <p>► Exchange of views with Ambassador Manuel Jacoangeli, Permanent Representative of Italy, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations (GR-EXT) of the Committee of Ministers</p> <p>► Preparation of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on External Relations at the United Nations in New York from 19 to 21 November 2014, with the participation of Mr Zoltan Taubner, Director of External Relations of the Council of Europe</p>
Thursday 2 October 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The over-sexualisation of children in society”, in the framework of the 20th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Emmerson, coordinator, <i>Sex Education Forum</i> (United Kingdom) • Nadine Schirtz, chief editor and project manager, BEE SECURE, National Youth Service, Luxembourg <p>► Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign with Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>1. 30–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, and of the the Committee of Experts on the rights of people with disabilities</p>	<p>► Hearing entitled “One of us? The right of persons with disabilities to live in the community”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe • Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, University of Galway (Ireland) • Karina Chupina, Senior Trainer for the European Youth Centre, former President of the Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Hearing on the humanitarian situation in Ashraf/Liberty refugee camps with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dowlat Nowrouzi, NCRI UK Representative • Elaheh Azimfar, NCRI Representative for International Organisations • Hossein Abedini, Member of the NCRI Foreign Affairs Committee • Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg

<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views “Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue” in the context of the report prepared by Gérard Terrier (France, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Kerr, Citizenship Foundation (United Kingdom)• Pascale Mompoin-Gaillard, representative of the ad hoc group on Competences for Democratic Culture and Intercultural Dialogue (CDCID) <p>► Exchange of views on “Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture” in the framework of the report prepared by Alexander the Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philip Wood, expert in local community development and cultural relations, United Kingdom
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on breast cancer services across Europe in the context of the report prepared by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen Benn, Head of Public Affairs for the breast cancer advocacy group <i>Europa Donna</i>

II. Elections

A. **Turkey: presidential election (10 August 2014)**

. On 29 September 2014, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc Committee, as amended.

B. **Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (5 October 2014)**

. On 29 September 2014, the Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral delegation and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee.

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

. On 29 September 2014, the Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral delegation.

D. **Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (26 October 2014)**

. On 29 September 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC) as Chairperson of the delegation.

. On 3 October 2014, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee.

E. **Tunisia: parliamentary elections (26 October 2014) and presidential election (23 November 2014)**

. On 29 September 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committees and appointed respectively Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD) as Chairpersons.

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

. On 3 October 2014, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee.

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 29 September and 3 October 2014)

- **Fourth part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 29 September - 3 October 2014):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up.
- **Standing Committee (Brussels, 18 November 2014):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.
- **Enlarged Standing Committee (Strasbourg, 25 November 2014):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly concerning the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Council of Europe and took note of the draft agenda.
- **First part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26–30 January 2015):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix).
- **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Slovak Republic:** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of judges which has assessed the qualifications of the three candidates to the post of judge to the Court in respect of the Slovak Republic and decided to transmit the report to the Assembly for ratification.
- **Communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau took note of the communication.
- **European Conservative Group (EC):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau took note of the change of the title of the European Democrat Group (EDG) to European Conservative Group (EC) and the election of Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom) as its Chairperson.
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (3 October 2014 – 26 January 2014):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC) as rapporteur.
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014):** on 3 October 2014, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum.

IV. Activities of the committees and other meetings

- **10-11 October 2014, Rome:** participation of Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC) in the 100th Plenary session of the Venice Commission
- **23-24 October 2014, Rabat, Morocco:** *Sub-Committee on Cooperation with non-European countries of origin and transit* (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)
- **30 October 2014, Madrid:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- **31 October 2014, Madrid:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* participation in the Seminar on the role of national parliaments in the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division)
- **3 November 2014, Strasbourg:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* (to be confirmed)
- **6 November 2014, London:** *Workshop for British parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers*
- **13-14 November 2014, Calais, France:** *Workshop for French parliamentarians on visiting places of detention for irregular migrants and asylum seekers*
- **14 November 2014, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee).*

- **19-21 November 2014, UN, New-York:** *Sub-Committee on External Relations* (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) (dates to be confirmed)
- **25 November, Strasbourg:** *Enlarged Standing Committee convened on the occasion of the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Council of Europe*
- **27-28 November 2014, Bucharest:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- **28-30 November 2014, Israel and Palestinian Territories:** *Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World* (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)
- **1 December 2014, Berlin (dates to be confirmed):** *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on "Russia's Neighbourhood Policy"* (of the Monitoring Committee)
- **3 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- **8 December 2014, Senate, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- **9 December 2014, London:** *Sub-Committee on gender equality* (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) and Parliamentary Network "Women Free Violence"
- **10 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- **11 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe* (Monitoring Committee)
- **12 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- **14 December 2014, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- **15 December 2014, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly (morning)*
- **15 December 2014, Paris:** *Meeting of the secretaries of national delegations (afternoon)*

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

➤ ***Council of Europe Museum Prize***

Ms Vesna Marjanovic (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur for the Council of Europe Museum Prize of the *Committee on Culture, Education, Education and Media*, participated at "The Best in Heritage" event in Dubrovnik (Croatia), on **25-27 September 2014**.

➤ ***Situation in Belarus***

Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, will participate in the Nordic Council/Baltic Assembly seminar on Belarus in Vilnius, Lithuania, on **15 October 2014**.

➤ ***Science and Technology Impact Assessment***

Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment of the *Committee on Culture, Education, Education and Media*, will participate at the EPTA conference and Council meeting, in Oslo, on **27-28 October 2014**.

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

Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia, SOC) and **Mr Samad Seyidov** (Azerbaijan, EC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Serbia from **27 to 28 October 2014 (to be confirmed)**.

➤ ***Access to school and education for all children***

Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Education, Education and Media*, will participate at the conference on Regional Support for Inclusive Education, in Zagreb, on **28-29 October 2014**.

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

Mr Axel E. Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) and **Mr Alan Meale** (United Kingdom, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia from **3 to 7 November 2014**.

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco***

Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Monaco from **6 to 7 November 2014**.

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

Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD) and **Mr Terry Leyden** (Ireland, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro **in November 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

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

Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) and **Ms Theodora Bakoyannis** (Greece, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation **in November 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

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

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and **Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin** (Sweden, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine **in November 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

➤ ***Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian national Council***

Mr Jordi Xuclà, (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Palestinian Territories, **2-3 December 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

➤ ***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 Poland on **3-5 December 2014**.

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

Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE) and **Mr Boriss Cilevičs** (Latvia, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from **3 to 5 December 2014**.

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

Mr Grigore Petrenco (Republic of Moldova, UEL) and **Mr Jonathan Evans** (United Kingdom, EC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Albania **in December 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

- ***Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan***

Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on political affairs on democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan by the **end of 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

- ***Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic***

Ms Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on political affairs on democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Kyrgyz Republic by the **end of 2014** (*dates to be confirmed*).

07 October 2014

1st part of the 2015 Ordinary Session (26-30 January 2015)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 3 October 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





EC: European Conservative 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

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

Monday 26 January 2015

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

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Examination of the credentials

- List of delegations:
 - o (Doc.)

1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly

1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

1.4. Appointment of members of committees

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

1.6. Adoption of the agenda

1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Brussels, 18 November 2014)

2. Debate

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

2.2. Observation of the presidential election in Tunisia (23 November 2014)

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Jean-Marie BOCKEL (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

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[possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 2 (15:00-17:00)

3. Address

3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o ..., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]

Questions

Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 19 January, 11:30)

4. Debate

4.1. Free debate

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

5. [Possibly] Election (10:00-13:00)

5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
 - (Doc.)

6. Debate

6.1. Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

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⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

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

7.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

☞ Questions

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

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

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

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND

☞ Questions

10. Debate

10.1. The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Kerstin LUNDGREN (Sweden, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)

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⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

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11. Debate

11.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Kimmo SASI (Finland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
 - Mr Terry LEYDEN (Ireland, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

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

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

12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

13. Debate

13.1. Protection of media freedom in Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

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⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 10:30)

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

14.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

☒ Questions

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

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

15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16. Joint debate

16.1. Equality and the crisis

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN (Denmark, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

16.2. Protection of the right to bargain collectively

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
- ☐ Statement by:
 - o Mr Guy RYDER, Director-General of the International Labour Organization [tbc]

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17. Debate

17.1. Witness protection as an indispensable tool in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

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

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


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
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
20. Debate

20.1. The post-electoral shifting in members' political affiliation and its repercussion on the composition of a national delegation

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


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
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
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21. Debate

21.1. Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christianity

-  Presentation by:
 - o Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

22. Debate

22.1. Democratic participation for migrant diaspora

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig

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⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 29 January, 10:30)

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23. Debate

23.1. Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

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⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 29 January, 10:30)

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24. Progress report (continued)

25. Constitution of the Standing Committee

26. Closure of the part-session