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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1217th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (21 January 2015)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 17 November 2014 (Brussels) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 26 January 2015 (Strasbourg).

I. Decisions taken by the Bureau

A. First part-session of 2015 (26-30 January 2015)

On 9 December 2014, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda. The appended draft agenda has been updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect the modifications to be proposed to the Bureau on 26 January 2015 (Appendix 1).

A list of side-events to be held during this part-session is appended to this communication (Appendix 2).

B. Observation of elections

➤ Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (5 October 2014)

On 17 November, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee, which was subsequently submitted to the Standing Committee on 18 November.

➤ Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (12 October 2014)

On 17 November, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee, which was subsequently submitted to the Standing Committee on 18 November.

➤ Ukraine: early-parliamentary elections (26 October 2014)

On 17 November, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee, which was subsequently submitted to the Standing Committee on 18 November.

➤ Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014)

On 9 December, the Bureau took note of the press release of the ad hoc committee.

➤ Tunisia: parliamentary (26 October 2014) and presidential elections (23 November and 21 December 2014)

On 9 December, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections and took note of the press release issued after the first round of the presidential election. The Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe the second round of this election and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3).

➤ **Schedule of elections for 2015:** On 9 December, the Bureau took note of the elections calendar for 2015.

C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meetings on 17 November and 9 December 2014

➤ **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** On 17 November, the Bureau approved the timetable for this election, which was transmitted to the Committee of Ministers on 20 November.

➤ **Deprivation or suspension of the rights of participation or representation of Assembly members in the context of a challenge or reconsideration of the credentials of a delegation under Rules 7, 8 and 9 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:** On 17 November, the Bureau took note of the position of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, clarified that the sanction decided upon by the Assembly in April 2014 to suspend the participation of the members of the Russian delegation in the meetings of the Presidential Committee, Bureau and Standing Committee, did not infringe the political groups' right of representation, and that depriving members of a delegation of their right to vote applied to all votes in the Assembly and its bodies. The decision taken by the Assembly on 10 April 2014 could not be contested, was irrevocable and not open to review.

- **Reference to committees approved by the Bureau and their contestation in plenary sitting (Rule 26 and 33 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure):** On 17 November, the Bureau took note of the position of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, which had unanimously agreed that during the sitting of 23 June 2014 the procedure laid down in Rules 26 and 33 of the Rules of Procedure had been fully complied with, and that there was no need to amend the relevant rules.
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2015 financial year:** On 9 December, the Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretary General.
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities:** On 9 December, the Bureau took note of the work plan for 2015.
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions:** On 9 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, reflecting the various joint activities and meetings (see Chapter VI of this communication).
- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2015:** On 9 December, the Bureau approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation as indicated in document AS/Bur (2014) 67 rev of 7 December 2014 and, in view of the discussions held, decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to examine Rule 19.6 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure and how it can be interpreted, and, if need be, to propose possible changes.

II. Prizes

➤ Council of Europe Museum Prize

At its meeting on 5 December 2014, in Paris, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media decided unanimously to award the 2015 Council of Europe Museum Prize to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MUCEM) in Marseille, France. The award ceremony will take place on 21 April 2015 in Palais des Rohan, Strasbourg.

➤ Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 15 January 2015, the Assembly launched a call for candidatures for the 2015 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, with an application deadline on 30 April (http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/prizes).

III. Activities of Committees and Networks

- On 19-21 November 2014 in New York (U.S.A.), the **Sub-Committee on External Relations** of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:
 - attended the IPU Parliamentary Hearing on "Ensuring a people-centred approach to the new Sustainable Development Goals: a shared responsibility";
 - held separate exchanges of views with, amongst others: Ambassador Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations; Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations; Mr Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; Mr Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel; Mr Jean-Paul Fernand Laborde, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate; Mr Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Head of the New York Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr Jens Anders Toyberg-Frandzen, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, and other officials of the Department of Political Affairs; Mr John Ging, Director of Coordination and Response Division, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; Ms Fadzai Gwaradzimba, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and UNDP officials; and Mr Daniel Seymour, Deputy Director of Programme, and Ms Begona Lasagabaster, Officer in charge, Director of Policy Division, UN Women.

- On 27 November 2014 in Bucharest, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**:
 - held a hearing on the “**Overview of migration issues in Romania**” with the participation of Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE), Chairperson of the Romanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Angel Tîlvăr, Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies and Coordinator of the Group for Combating Human Trafficking of the Romanian Parliament, Mr Radu Podgorean, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr Nelu Pop, Head of the General Inspectorate for Immigration, Police Principal Quaestor.
 - held an exchange of views on “**Criminalisation of irregular migrants: a crime without victim**” with Ms Camelia Doru, President of the ICAR Foundation and with the participation of Ms Tatiana Dabija and Ms Anca Bucur, members of the ICAR Foundation.
- On 28 November 2014 in Bucharest, **the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** visited the Detention Centre of Otopeni near Bucharest.
- On 28-30 November 2014 in the Palestinian Territories and in Israel, **the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World** of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held meetings in Ramallah and in Jerusalem, notably at the Knesset with parliamentarians, members of government, diplomats, and representatives of the civil society and of the media.
- On 2 December 2014 in Berlin, **the ad hoc Sub-Committee on Russia’s Neighbourhood Policy with regard to other Council of Europe member States** of the Monitoring Committee held an exchange of views with Mr Norbert Lammert, President of the Bundestag.
- On 3 December 2014 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**:
 - held an exchange of views on **Recognising and preventing neo-racism** (Rapporteur : Ms Milena Santerini, Italy, NR) with Ms Christine Lazerges, Chairperson of the French National Advisory Commission on Human Rights (Commission nationale consultative des droits de l’homme, France);
 - held an exchange of views **on gay to straight conversion therapy and regulation of psychotherapists** with Mr Dominic Davies, Director, Pink Therapy (United Kingdom);
 - held an exchange of views on the **employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe** with Ms Marina Manke, Regional Labour Migration and Human Development Specialist, International Organization for Migration, Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Vienna.
- On 4 December 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held a **Conference on media freedom and the security of journalists**, organised in collaboration with the French Senate.
- On 5 December 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held a hearing on **the reform of football governance** with representatives from FIFA, UEFA, ILO and UCATT.
- On 8 December 2014 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
 - heard information provided by Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, following her contacts with representatives of the European Union Institutions in Brussels (18-19 November 2014) with regard to the report on **The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union** (Rapporteur: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE) and heard statements by Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and by Ambassador Jari Vilen, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe; approved a report, amended and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - held an exchange of views on **The political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine** (Rapporteur: Ms Kristýna Zeličková, Czech Republic, ALDE) with the participation of Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and members of the Ukrainian delegation, including Ms Iryna Gerashchenko, Chairperson of the European Integration Committee of the

Ukrainian Parliament and Ukrainian President's special envoy for conflict settlement in Donetsk and Luhansk regions;

- On 9 December 2014 in London, the **Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** and the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence** held a seminar on the Istanbul Convention with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Equalities of the British Parliament.
- On 12 December 2014 in Paris, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** heard a statement by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views on **Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe 2016-2017 (budgetary sustainability)**.

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

- ***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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro from **16 to 18 November 2014**.

- ***The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons***

Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from **16 to 18 November 2014** and to the Russian Federation from **8 to 10 December 2014**.

- ***Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry***

Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Geneva (Switzerland) on **19-20 November 2014**.

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

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from **24 to 28 November 2014**.

- ***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* carried out a fact-finding visit to the Palestinian Territories on **1 December 2014**.

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

Mr Boriss Cilevics (Latvia, SOC), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from **3 to 5 December 2014**.

- ***Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called "Islamic State"***

Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Geneva (Switzerland) on **4 December 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* carried out a fact-finding visit to Warsaw from **4 to 5 December 2014**.

- ***Discrimination against transgender persons in Europe***

Ms Deborah Schembri (Malta, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom on **9 December 2014**.

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

Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation from **16 to 18 December 2014**.

➤ ***Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water***

Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan on **14 - 19 December 2014**.

➤ ***Mass Surveillance***

Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on **8 January 2015**.

➤ ***Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called "Islamic State"***

Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Turkey from **18 to 20 January 2015**.

V. Relations with the Venice Commission

➤ ***101st Plenary session of the Venice Commission (12-13 December 2014)***: Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera, Spain, Soc, Representative (substitute) of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights attended the session.

VI. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions

On 18 November in Brussels, the President of the Assembly met with Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament. It was agreed to hold regular consultations at the level of the leaders of political groups, on the basis of an agreed agenda and with the participation of outside key-note speakers, as appropriate.

On 19 November in Brussels, the President of the Assembly met with Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission. They discussed the current political and human rights challenges in Europe, including the crisis in Ukraine, relations with the Russian Federation, the human rights situation in Azerbaijan, as well as the rise of extremist movements at national and European levels and its implications for the Assembly and the European Parliament.

On the same day, the President of the Assembly also met Mr Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood policy, to discuss avenues of co-operation in Council of Europe member states covered by the Stabilisation and Association process as well as the European Union's Eastern Partnership.

On 19 November, the President met Ms Federica Mogherini in her capacity as Vice-President of the Commission and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The discussion focused on current political and human rights challenges in Europe, including the crisis in Ukraine, relations with the Russian Federation, and the human rights situation in Azerbaijan.

On 19 November in Brussels, Mr José Mendes Bota, General Rapporteur on violence against women, participated in a roundtable on "Ratifying the Istanbul Convention: European Parliament's next challenge on the fight against domestic violence" at the European Parliament.

On 20-21 November in Tirana, Mr Robert Biedroń, General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs), participated in a joint conference on "Fundamental Rights, Non-Discrimination and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups, including LGBTI", organised by Members of the Pre-Accession Countries' Parliaments and the European Parliament in cooperation with the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU and the European Commission.

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

- . **19-21 November 2014, New York (U.S.A.):** *Sub-Committee on External Relations* (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)
- . **27 and 28 November 2014, Bucharest:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **28-30 November 2014, Palestinian Territories and Israel:** *Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World* (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)
- . **2 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **2 December 2014, Berlin:** *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on "Russia's Neighbourhood Policy"* (of Monitoring Committee)
- . **3 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **4-5 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **8 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **8 December 2014, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **9 December 2014, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **9 December 2014, London:** *Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **10 December 2014, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **10 December 2014, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the 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,** *the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **20 January 2015, Paris:** *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on "Russia's Neighbourhood Policy"* (of Monitoring Committee)
- . **25 January 2015, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **26 January 2015, Strasbourg:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

APPENDIX 1



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Draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 9 December 2014.
Updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly (modifications are indicated in grey).

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

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

List of political groups

SOC: Socialist Group

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

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

EC: European Conservatives Group

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: 17:30-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Examination of the credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
 - (Doc.)

1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly

1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

1.4. Appointment of members of committees

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

1.6. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Ceremony

2.1. Commemoration ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz²

Sitting No. 2 (15:00-17:30)

3. Address (15:00-16:00)

3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Didier REYNDERS, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Belgium, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

📖 Questions

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

4. Debate

4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

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

4.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Tunisia (26 October 2014)

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 13654)

4.3. Observation of the presidential election in Tunisia (23 November and 21 December 2014)

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

4.4. Observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (30 November 2014)

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Jean-Claude MIGNON (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

📖 List of speakers

🗳 [possibly] Vote

2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2015) ...).

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:
 - Bulgaria and Serbia (Doc. 13667, Doc. 13652)

6. Debate

6.1. The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Jim SHERIDAN (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13651)
- ☐ Statement by:
 - Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- ☐ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- ⚠ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13651)

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

7.1. Mr Michael D. HIGGINS, President of Ireland

- ☐ Questions

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

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

8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

9. Debate

9.1. 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. 13655)
- ☐ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- ⚠ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13655)

10. Debate

10.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Kimmo SASI (Finland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 13665)
 - Mr Terry LEYDEN (Ireland, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 13665)
- ☐ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- ⚠ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13665)

11. Debate

11.1. Free debate

- ☐ List of speakers
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Wednesday 28 January 2015

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

- List of candidates in respect of:
 - o Bulgaria and Serbia (Doc. 13667, Doc. 13652)

13. Debate

13.1. Protection of media freedom in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 13664)
- List of speakers
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 10:30)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13664)

Address

Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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

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

14.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

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

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND

Questions

16. Joint debate

16.1. Equality and the crisis

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN (Denmark, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13661)
 - o Mr Igor KOLMAN (Croatia, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)

16.2. Protection of the right to bargain collectively, including the right to strike

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13663)
- Statement by:
 - o Mr Guy RYDER, Director-General of the International Labour Organization

- List of speakers
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13661)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13663)

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. 13647)
 - 📄 List of speakers
 - ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)
 - 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13647)
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Thursday 29 January 2015

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

18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate³

Address

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission

Sitting No. 8 (15:30-20:00)

19. Debate

19.1. Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christians

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13660)
- ☑ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 16:00)
- ⚠ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13660)

20. Debate

20.1. Post-electoral shifting in members' political affiliation and its repercussions on the composition of national delegations

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 13666)
- ☑ List of speakers
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 16:00)
- ⚠ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13666)

3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

21. Debate

21.1. Democratic participation for migrant diasporas

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13648)
- 📄 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 29 January, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13648)

22. Debate

22.1. Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13650)
- 📄 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 29 January, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13650)

23. Progress report

23.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

- 🗳️ [possibly] Vote(s)

24. Constitution of the Standing Committee

25. Closure of the part-session

APPENDIX 2 – List of side-events linked to the part-session

Monday 26 January 2015	
<p>12.00 – 1.00 pm Chamber, Forecourt of the Palais</p>	<p>Commemoration ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz</p> <p>In the Chamber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening speech by PACE President Anne Brasseur • speech by Ida Grinspan, Holocaust survivor • speech by Samuel Pisar, Holocaust survivor and Unesco Special Envoy for Holocaust Education • speech by Jane Braden-Golay , President of the European Union of Jewish Students <p>On the forecourt of the Palais (12.45 pm): wreath-laying and speeches</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>Hearing on “Terrorist attacks in Paris: Together for a democratic response”</p>
Tuesday 27 January 2015	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on “ Rethinking the anti-doping strategy” and “Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion”</p> <p>in the context of the reports being prepared by André Schneider, France (EPP/CD) and Carmen Quintanilla, Spain (EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Frossard, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe
<p>8.30–10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on access to justice</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania (EPP/CD) on “Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice”, with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stéphane Leyenberger, Secretary of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ).
<p>8 h 30 – 10 h 00 Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the “Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called ‘Islamic State’”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Jean-Marie Bockel, France ((EPP/CD) on this issue, with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mehmet Güllüoğlu, representative of the Red Crescent in Turkey <p>► Hearing on the Feasibility study on the Codification of European Immigration Detention Rules</p> <p>with the participation of Markus Jaeger, Head of Migration Coordination, Council of Europe and Professor Alberto Achermann, Centre for Migration Law, University of Berne (Switzerland)</p>

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<p>8 h 30 – 10 h 00 Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on the “Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Robert Walter, United Kingdom (EC) on this subject, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Hungarian delegation to PACE • Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe • Thomas Markert, Secretary of the Venice Commission <p>► Hearing on “The political transition in Tunisia”, in the framework of the preparation of the report by Jean-Marie Bockel, France (EPP/CD) on this issue, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE President Anne Brasseur • Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • a delegation from the Tunisian Parliament • a representative from the Venice Commission
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Volodymyr Arieiev, Ukraine (EPP/CD), with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rachel Craufurd Smith, Faculty of Law, University of Edinburgh
<p>2–3 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Supporting the recovery of survivors of sexual violence against children”</p> <p>in the framework of the 21th 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"> • Domagoj Štimac, Psychologist, Child Protection Centre (Croatia) • NN., “Wildwasser” NGO (Germany) (<i>to be confirmed</i>) <p>► Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign with Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>

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<p>1.30 – 2.45 pm Room 6, Palais Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► “Networking for Youth” initiative: an informal networking opportunity fostering contacts between young parliamentarians and Advisory Council on Youth members (reception in front of Room 6, 1:30 – 2:00 pm), followed by the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (2:00 – 3:30 pm)</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Young people as a key to conflict resolution and peace building in Europe”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Brasseur, President of the PACE • Paulo Pinheiro, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) • Matej Manevski (CID), Kumanovo, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia • Ragip Zik, Trainer and running reconciliation projects between Armenia and Turkey • Iryna Brunova-Kalisteska, Ukraine (Ukraine/Russia conflict resolution initiatives) • Tamara Gojkovic, Secretary General, Youth Exchange and Understanding
<p>2–3 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the “Protection of the right to bargain collectively including the right to strike”</p> <p>in view of the plenary debate to be held, on the basis of the report by Andrej Hunko Germany (UEL), with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

<p>2–3 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, democracy, rights and the rule of law</p> <p>Exchange of views on the subject with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geraint Davies, United Kingdom, SOC <p>► Follow-up to the High level Conference on the European Social Charter, held in Turin (Italy) on 17-18 October, 2014</p> <p>Exchange of views with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Nicoletti, General Rapporteur of the High-level Conference and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on the rights of fathers</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxemburg (EPP/CD) on “Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers”, with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Shaw, former applicant to the European Court of Human Rights in the case Shaw v. Hungary; • Grégory Thuan Dit Dieudonné, Attorney-at-Law, Strasbourg.
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Agustín Conde, Spain (EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Zeqiri, Executive Director of the European Centre for Minority issues in Kosovo (ECMI) • Father Sava Janjic, Archdeacon of the Visoki Decani Monastery in Kosovo • <p><i>*All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 29 January 2015</p>	
<p>8.30 – 9.40 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Access to school and education for all children”</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"> • Sjur Bergan, Head of Education Department, Council of Europe <p>► Exchange of views on “Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet”</p> <p>in the framework of the preparation of the report by Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Bert-Jaap Koops, Professor in technology and law, University of Tilburg (Netherlands)
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Launch of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance in the presence of Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>-statements -signature of the Charter</p> <p>► Exchange of views on combating anti-Semitism in Europe with the participation of Maurice Sosnowski, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Jewish Organisations in Belgium</p>

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<p>9– 9. 55 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Improving the protection of whistleblowers”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands (EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesselyn Radack, Attorney, former ethics adviser to the United States Department of Justice and whistleblower (by video-link)• Maria Bamieh, former UK Prosecutor at EULEX and whistleblower• John Kiriakou, former CIA agent
<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Education and Media</p>	<p>Joint hearing on the safety of journalists with the PACE Anti-Corruption Platform</p> <p>with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly• Ambassador Joselyne Caballero, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe (tbc)• Matjaz Gruden, Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe• Ahmet Sik, journalist, Turkey• Marc Gruber, journalist, representative of the European Federation of Journalists, Strasbourg

NB. This list includes non-plenary events organised or held under the auspices of Assembly committees, national delegations or political groups, or involving the Assembly’s President, rapporteurs or other members. It is not necessarily exhaustive, and may be subject to last-minute changes.

APPENDIX 3

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the second round of the presidential election in Tunisia (21 December 2014) - list of members

Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC) Chairperson

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Andreas GROSS, Switzerland

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Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey

Substitute

Bogdan KLICH, Poland

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Tinatin KHIDASHELI, Georgia

Substitute

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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Andrej HUNKO, Germany

Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary co-operation and election observation