

Information documents

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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1218th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (4 February 2015)

¹ This document covers past and planned activities of the Assembly from 26 January 2015 (Bureau meeting in Strasbourg) to 5 March 2015 (Bureau meeting in Paris).

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

A. Election of the President of the Assembly

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

B. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

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

C. Election of bureaux of the Committees of the Assembly

3. The Assembly Committees elected/re-elected their Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons (Appendix 2).

D. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

4. On 27-28 January 2015, the Assembly elected Mr Yonko Grozev and Mr Branko Lubarda as judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Bulgaria and Serbia respectively.

E. Personalities

5. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
 - Mr Didier REYNDERS, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Belgium, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
 - Mr Nils MUIZNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Mr Michael D. HIGGINS, President of Ireland
 - Mr Guy RYDER, Director-General of the International Labour Organization
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
6. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

F. Debate under urgent procedure

7. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on “**Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response**”, following which it adopted Resolution 2031 (2015) and Recommendation 2061 (2015).

G. Challenge of credentials

8. On 28 January 2015, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2034 (2015) which specified that:

“14. In order to foster the dialogue with the Russian Federation, the Assembly for now resolves to ratify the credentials of the Russian delegation. But, at the same time, as a clear expression of its condemnation of the continuing grave violations of international law in respect of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, including the Statute of the Council of Europe and Russia’s accession commitments to this Organisation, the Assembly resolves to suspend the following rights of the Russian delegation for the duration of the 2015 session of the Assembly:

14.1. the right to be appointed rapporteur;

14.2. the right to be member of an ad hoc committee on observation of elections;

14.3. *the right to represent the Assembly in Council of Europe bodies as well as external institutions and organisations, both institutionally and on an occasional basis.*

15. *In addition to the sanctions outlined in paragraphs 14.1 to 14.3, the Assembly resolves to suspend the voting rights and the right to be represented in the Bureau of the Assembly, the Presidential Committee and the Standing Committee of the Russian delegation to the Assembly. However, it resolves to return to this issue, with a view to reinstating these two rights at its April 2015 part-session if Russia has made marked and measurable progress towards implementing the demands of the Assembly formulated in this resolution in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.9, paragraph 11 and paragraphs 12.1 to 12.4; and has given its full co-operation to the working group mentioned in paragraph 17 of this resolution.*

16. *The Assembly resolves to annul the credentials of the Russian delegation at its June 2015 part-session if no progress is made with regard to the implementation of the Minsk protocols and memorandum as well as the demands and recommendations of the Assembly as expressed in this resolution, in particular with regard to the immediate withdrawal of Russian military troops from eastern Ukraine.”*

H. Special event

9. On 26 January, the Assembly held a commemoration ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, with an opening speech by the President of the Assembly, Anne Brasseur, followed by a testimony by Ida Grinspan, Holocaust survivor, and a speech by Jane Braden-Golay, President of the European Union of Jewish Students.

10. After the Chamber, the ceremony continued on the forecourt of the Palais.

I. Media coverage

11. The recent part-session has generated the most important media coverage since January 2012.

12. The challenge of the Russian credentials, statements by the President of the Assembly and the Duma Speaker, the debate on the humanitarian situation of the Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons, together with repeated calls for the release of Nadiia Savchenko generated the most important coverage. Google News research for four of the working languages alone (English, French, German, Italian), not taking into account Russian language coverage, provides links to some 2000 news, including leading major TV stations and print media. The President alone generated some 250 articles.

13. Another highlight, although not on the plenary session agenda, was the adoption of the report on the reform of football governance by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media. The report, calling on FIFA to hold a new vote on the 2022 World Cup, received approximately the same high news coverage (including specialised press). It was particularly interesting to see that even media, including yellow press, which would normally not cover Assembly sessions, covered FIFA and continued covering other Assembly debates throughout the session.

14. The third most important topic to generate considerable media attention (including Le Monde, The Guardian, Der Spiegel) was the adoption of the report on mass surveillance by the Committee on Legal Affairs on Human Rights. The report stressed that the mass surveillance practices disclosed by US whistleblower Edward Snowden endangered fundamental human rights and diverted resources that might prevent terrorist attacks.

15. Speeches by the Irish President, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly by the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Belgium and the hearing on terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response also received good coverage. As for the Auschwitz-Birkenau commemoration ceremony, the speech by Holocaust survivor Ida Grinspan received most reactions (808) via Facebook.

16. The Communication Division produced a record number of 45 web files, 26 media box interviews posted on YouTube, 10 posts on Facebook, and some 300 tweets.

J. Adopted texts

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

Resolution 2028 (2015)	The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons (Doc. 13651)
Resolution 2029 (2015) Recommendation 2060 (2015)	The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union (Doc. 13655)
Resolution 2030 (2015)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro (Doc. 13665)
Resolution 2031 (2015) Recommendation 2061 (2015)	Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response (Doc. 13684)
Resolution 2032 (2015)	Equality and the crisis (Doc. 13661)
Resolution 2033 (2015)	Protection of the right to bargain collectively, including the right to strike (Doc. 13663)
Resolution 2034(2015)	Challenge of the still unratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation (Doc. 13685)
Resolution 2035 (2015) Recommendation 2062 (2015)	Protection of media freedom in Europe (Doc. 13664)
Resolution 2036 (2015)	Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christians (Doc. 13660)
Resolution 2037 (2015)	Post-electoral shifting in members' political affiliation and its repercussions on the composition of national delegations (Doc. 13666)
Resolution 2038 (2015) Recommendation 2063 (2015)	Witness protection as an indispensable tool in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in Europe (Doc. 13647)
Resolution 2039 (2015) Recommendation 2064 (2015)	Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities (Doc.13650)

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

K. Hearings and side-events organised during the part-session

Monday 26 January 2015	
<p>2–3 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Migration, security, terrorism: what links, what challenges?</p> <p>Exchange of views with Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Human Rights, DG I Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe</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” in the framework of the preparation of the same named urgent debate, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Fourest, journalist • Driss Ajbali, sociologist

<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: 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>
<p>8 h 30 – 10 h 00 Room 9, Palais</p> <p>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), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members of 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), with the participation of Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>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</p> <p>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) • Anka Krug, Psychologist, “<i>Wildwasser</i>” NGO (Germany) <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 – 2.45 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>► 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
<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 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</p> <p>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 Adrian Zeqiri, Executive Director of the European Centre for Minority issues in Kosovo (ECMI)</p> <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>8.30 – 9.40 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>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 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</p> <p>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-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>► Exchange of views on combating anti-Semitism in Europe</p> <p>with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maurice Sosnowski, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Jewish Organisations in Belgium • Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe • Jane Braden-Golay, President of the European Association of Jewish Students
<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, reading out a statement by John Kiriakou, former CIA agent (by video-link) • Maria Bamieh, former UK Prosecutor at EULEX and whistleblower
<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 • Matjaz Gruden, Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe • Ahmet Sik, journalist, Turkey • Marc Gruber, journalist, representative of the European Federation of Journalists, Strasbourg

II. Elections

A. Tunisia: presidential election (23 November and 21 December 2014)

. On 26 January, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee.

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

. On 26 January, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee.

III. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 30 January, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, which

outlined the schedule of the selection procedure in 2015 as follows:

15 January:	Call for candidates
30 April:	Deadline for reception of candidatures
30 June:	Secretariat sends out compilation of candidatures to Selection Panel
25 August:	First meeting of the Selection Panel in Prague
31 August:	Meeting of the Bureau of the Assembly, taking note of the 3 shortlisted candidates
27 September:	Second meeting of the Selection Panel in Strasbourg
28 September:	Award Ceremony in the Council of Europe

called for candidatures for the vacant seat(s) in the Selection Panel, to be subsequently appointed by the Bureau on 21 May 2015 (deadline for submission: 15 April 2015)

IV. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (26 January and 30 January 2015)

- **First part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26 - 30 January 2015):** on 30 January, the Bureau approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly for follow-up to texts adopted by the Assembly.
- **Status of Ms Nadiia Savchenko with regard to Council of Europe immunity:** on 26 January, the Bureau decided to ask the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on the status of Ms Savchenko with regard to Council of Europe immunity. On 30 January, it took note of the opinion of the Committee and decided to declassify it.
- **Standing Committee (Paris, 6 March 2015):** on 30 January, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.
- **Second part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 20 - 24 April 2015):** on 30 January, the Bureau took note of the preliminary draft agenda (see appendix 3).
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (30 January – 20 April 2015):** on 30 January, the Bureau appointed Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) as rapporteur.
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 30 January, the Bureau drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Slovenia, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.
- **The adoption of declarations by committees:** on 30 January, the Bureau took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and decided to come back to the issue at its next meeting with a view to approving the guidelines contained therein, to be subsequently submitted for ratification by the Assembly.
- **Fair representation of the opposition in national delegations:** on 30 January, the Bureau took note of the letter by the (former) Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:** on 30 January, the Bureau considered and approved the proposals contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly which was subsequently transmitted to the Committee of Ministers by the President of the Assembly.
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** on 26 January, the Bureau took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the “elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community” entitled to sit in the Assembly, namely Mr Tahsin Ertuğruoğlu (National Unity Party) and Mr Mehmet Çağlar (Republican Turkish Party).

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:** on 26 and 30 January, on the basis of proposals from the political groups, the Bureau nominated members of these committees, subsequently ratified the Assembly for ratification.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015:** on 30 January, the Bureau approved the proposals for the institutional representation of the Assembly in 2015.
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2016-2019):** on 30 January, the Bureau considered and revised a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to come back to the issue at its next meeting, after having consulted national delegations on the proposed dates.
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** on 30 January, the Bureau appointed:
 - . Mr Cesar Florin Preda, to participate in the annual 2015 session of the Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organisation, organised jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the European Parliament in Geneva (Switzerland) on 16-17 February 2015;
 - . Ms Doris Barnett (Germany, SOC) to participate at the Winter meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Vienna on 18-20 February 2015, at no cost to the Assembly;
 - . Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EC) to participate at the 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Hanoi (Viet Nam) on 28 March-1 April 2015, at no cost to the Assembly.

V. Activities of the Committees and other meetings

- . **25-26 February 2015, OECD, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD* (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)
- . **5 March 2015, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **5 March 2015, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **6 March 2015, Paris:** *Standing Committee*
- . **11-12 March 2015, The Hague (Netherlands):** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **16 March 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **17 March 2015, Paris:** *Monitoring Committee*
- . **18 March 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **20 March 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **23 March 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **24 March 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **26-27 March 2015, Istanbul (Turkey):** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **30-31 March 2015, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **30-31 March 2015, Lagos (Portugal):** *Sub-committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit* (Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)
- . **19 April 2015, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **20 April 2015, Strasbourg:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

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

➤ ***Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine***

Ms Kristýna Zeličková (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Ukraine, from **15 to 18 February 2015**.

➤ ***Situation in Belarus***

Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Belarus, from **24 to 27 February 2015**.

➤ ***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, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **26-27 February 2015**.

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

Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, GUE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the OECD headquarters, in Paris, on **27 February 2015**.

➤ ***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 at the **end of February 2015 (date to be confirmed)**.

➤ ***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 in **March 2015** (date to be confirmed).

➤ ***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, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia in **April** (dates to be confirmed).

APPENDIX 1

Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly Vice-Présidents de l'Assemblée parlementaire

In order of precedence / par ordre de préséance

Mr Piotr WACH	Poland / Pologne
Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO	Croatia / Croatie
Mr Tedo JAPARIDZE	Georgia / Géorgie
Mr René ROUQUET	France
Mr Robert WALTER	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms Valentina LESKAJ	Albania / Albanie
Ms Dora BAKOYANNIS	Greece / Grèce
Mr Alexey PUSHKOV	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie
Mr Michele NICOLETTI	Italy / Italie
Mr Reha DENEMEÇ	Turkey / Turquie
Mr Jacob LUND	Denmark / Danemark
Mr Axel E. FISCHER	Germany / Allemagne
Ms Dana VÁHALOVÁ	Czech Republic / République tchèque
Ms Maria GUZENINA	Finland / Finlande
Ms Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR	Slovenia / Slovénie
Mr Volodymyr ARIEV	Ukraine
Ms Dzhema GROZDANOVA	Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Mr Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI	San Marino / Saint-Marin
Mr Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI	«The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia» / «L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine»
Vacant seat / Siège vacant	Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine

APPENDIX 2

Chairmanships and Vice-Chairmanships of committees

Committees / Commissions	Chairpersons / <i>Président</i>	Vice-Chairpersons / <i>Vice-présidents</i>	
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i> 84 seats / sièges	Theodora BAKOYANNIS, Greece EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Tinatin KHIDASHELI, Georgia, ALDE Tadeusz IWINSKI, Poland, SOC Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom, EC
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i> 84 seats / sièges	James CLAPPISON, United Kingdom, EC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Michael McNAMARA, Ireland, SOC Mailis REPS, Estonia, ALDE Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey, EPP/CD
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i> 84 seats / sièges	Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Andrej HUNKO, Germany, UEL Jean-Charles ALLAVENA, Monaco, EPP/DC Igor KOLMAN, Croatia, ALDE
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / <i>Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées</i> 84 seats / sièges	Thierry MARIANI, France, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Tülin ERKAL KARA, Turkey, EC René ROUQUET, France, SOC Anne-Marie VIROLAINEN, Finland, EPP/CD
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i> 84 seats / sièges	Adele GAMBARO, Italy, ALDE	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Piotr WACH, Poland, EPP/CD Vesna MARJANOVIĆ, Serbia, SOC Diana ECCLES, United Kingdom, EC
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i> 84 seats / sièges	Gülsün BİLGEHAN, Turkey, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Carmen QUINTANILLA, Spain, EPP/CD Jonas GUNARSSON, Sweden, SOC Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia, EPP/CD
Monitoring Committee / <i>Commission de suivi</i> 84 seats / sièges	Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", EPP/CD Yuliya L'OVCHKINA, Ukraine, EC Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia, SOC
Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / <i>Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles</i> 37 seats / sièges	Haluk KOÇ, Turkey, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Hans FRANKEN, Netherlands, EPP/CD Philippe MAHOUX, Belgium, SOC George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus, UEL
Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / <i>Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme</i>	Klaas de VRIES, Netherlands, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Rait MARUSTE, Estonia, ALDE Alina Ştefania GORGHIU, Romania, EPP/CD Nataša VUČKOVIĆ, Serbia, SOC

02 February 2015

2nd part of the 2015 Ordinary Session (20-24 April 2015)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 30 January 2015.

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

Joint Committee

Wednesday: 15:30-16:30

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
 - (Doc.)

1.3. Changes in the membership of committees

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

1.5. Adoption of the agenda

1.6. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Paris, 6 March 2015)

2. Debate

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

☐ List of speakers

🔔 [possibly] Vote

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

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

3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

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

☐ Questions

⊕ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 13 April, 11:30)

4. Debate

4.1. Free debate

☐ List of speakers

Sitting No. 12 (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:
 - o (Doc.)

6. Debate

6.1. Mass Surveillance

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - o Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

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

7.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

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

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

8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

9. Question time (15:30-16:00)

9.1. Questions to Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Questions

10. Joint debate

10.1. Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2016-2017

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Rudy SALLES (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)

10.2. Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2016-2017

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Rudy SALLES (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

Vote on ... ()

11. Debate

11.1. Humanitarian consequences of the actions of the terrorist group called "Islamic State"

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

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

Sitting No. 14 (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 (Doc.)

13. Debate

13.1. Reconsideration of sanctions in respect of the delegation of the Russian Federation to the Parliamentary Assembly (follow-up to paragraph 15 of Resolution 2034 (2015))

- Presentation by:
 - o Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 10:30)

Vote on ... ()

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

14.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Questions

Sitting No. 15 (16:30-20:00)

15. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued) (16:30-18:00)

15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16. Debate

16.1. Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Olga BORZOVA (Russian Federation, NR), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
 - o Mr Volodymyr PYLYPENKO (Ukraine), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 17:00)

Vote on ... ()

17. Debate

17.1. Discrimination against transgender people in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Deborah SCHEMBRI (Malta, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

List of speakers

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 17:00)

Vote on ... ()


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

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

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

19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

 Questions


Sitting No. 17 (15:30-20:00)

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

20.1. Annual activity report 2014 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights


 Presentation by:

- o Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner


 Questions


21. Debate


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

 Presentation by:

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


 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)


 Vote on ... ()


22. Debate


22.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco

 Presentation by:

- o Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

23. Debate

23.1. Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice

- 📄 Presentation by:
 - o Mr Viorel Riceard BADEA (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

- 📄 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 April, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

24. Debate

24.1. The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights: the Brighton declaration and beyond

- 📄 Presentation by:
 - o Mr Yves POZZO DI BORGO (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

- 📄 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 April, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

25. Progress report (continued)

26. Closure of the part-session