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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1231st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (17 June 2015)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 24 April 2015 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 22 June 2015 (Strasbourg).

I. Decisions taken by the Bureau

A. **Third part-session of 2015 (22-26 June 2015)**

On 21 May 2015, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda and took note of the guest speakers to be invited to the Assembly's third part-session of 2015 (Appendix I).

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 25 June 2015 from 3.30 pm to 4 pm (room 5).

The Assembly will elect the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The Assembly will also elect judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Latvia, Luxembourg and Monaco.

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

B. **Observation of elections**

➤ **Turkey: parliamentary elections (7 June 2015):** on 21 May 2015, the Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral delegation. The approval of the report of the Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections is on the agenda of the Bureau meeting of 22 June 2015.

C. **Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 21 May 2015**

➤ **Standing Committee** (Sarajevo, 22 May 2015): the Bureau decided to propose that the Standing Committee hold a current affairs debate on *The situation in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"* and appointed Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EC) as first speaker.

➤ **Joint Committee** (Strasbourg, Thursday 25 June 2015, from 3.30 to 4 pm): the Bureau took note of the draft agenda of the next meeting and, subject to the transmission of candidatures by the Committee of Ministers, decided to invite the candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Assembly for an interview to be held by the Bureau at its meeting in Paris on 31 August 2015.

➤ **World Forum for Democracy** (Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015): the Bureau decided to constitute an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum, composed of members to be proposed by the Assembly committees before the Bureau meeting of 26 June 2015.

➤ **Written declaration No. 593 (2015) on The attempt at undemocratic seizure of power in Macedonia:** following a request submitted by the Permanent Representative of Greece to change the title, the Bureau decided to add in the title, after the word "Macedonia", a footnote with the following text: *"According to Resolution (95) 23 of the Committee of Ministers, for all purposes within the Council of Europe, this State is provisionally referred to as "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" pending settlement of the difference which has arisen over the name of this State"*.

➤ **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** the Bureau interviewed the candidate, Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni (*in camera*).

II. Standing Committee – 22 May 2015

The Standing Committee heard welcome addresses by Mr Šefik Džaferović, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Mr Bariša Čolak, Speaker of the House of Peoples, and held an exchange of views with Mr Igor Crnadak, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers;

- held a current affairs debate on "The situation in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";
- following debates, adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2056 (2015)	The inclusion of children's rights in national constitutions as an essential component of effective national child policies
Resolution 2057 (2015)	Cultural heritage in crisis and post-crisis situations
Recommendation 2071 (2015)	Cultural heritage in crisis and post-crisis situations
Resolution 2058 (2015)	The allocation of seats in the Parliamentary Assembly with respect to Turkey
Recommendation 2072 (2015)	The allocation of seats in the Parliamentary Assembly with respect to Turkey
Resolution 2059 (2015)	Criminalisation of irregular migrants: a crime without victim

III. Activities of Committees

- On 18 May 2015 in Chisinau, the **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter** (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) held a parliamentary seminar on "*Fostering social rights in the Eastern Partnership area: focus on the European Social Charter*" with the participation of Ms Csilla Kollonay Lehoczky, Professor of Law at the Central European University in Budapest and former member of the ECSR, Mr Tim Tregenza, Head of International Relations and Network Manager at EU-OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work) and Ms Jarna Petman, Professor in International Law at the University of Helsinki and former member of the ECSR.
- On 19 May 2015 in Chisinau, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** held:
 - . an exchange of views on "*The need for a citizenship income*", (Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR) with the participation of Mr Fintan Farrell, Project Officer, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), Brussels.
 - . a hearing on "*Improving children's access to child-friendly health and social services*", (Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Vadim Pistrinciu, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Committee for social protection, health and family, Republic of Moldova, Mr Iñaki Gonzalez, Advisor to the Ombudsman of Andalusia, Spain and Ms Charikleia Tziouvara, Paediatrician, Doctors of the World, Greece.
- On 19 May 2015, in Yerevan, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held hearings on
 - . "*Abusive use of the Interpol system: the need for more stringent legal safeguards*" (Rapporteur: Mr Bernd Fabritius, Germany, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Yaron Gottlieb, Assistant Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Interpol, Lyon, France; Mr Alex Tinsley, Law Reform Officer, Fair Trials International, Brussels and Ms Anna Koj, Head of the EU Office, Open Dialog Foundation, Brussels.
 - . "*Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system*" (Rapporteur: Mr Bernd Fabritius, Germany, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Zdravka Kalaydjieva, former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Sofia, Bulgaria and Ms Cristina Guseth, Director, Freedom House, Bucharest.
- On 20 May 2015, in Yerevan, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held a hearing on "*Human Rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to Resolution 1738 (2010)?*" (Rapporteur: Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC) with the participation of Mr Kirill Koroteev, Legal Director, Human Rights, Centre "Memorial", Moscow, and Ms Vanessa Kogan, Stichting Russian Justice Initiative, Moscow.
- On 20 May 2015 in Chisinau, at its 23rd meeting, the **PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children** of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held an exchange of views on the theme "*Strategies and mechanisms to protect children from sexual abuse, trafficking and sexual exploitation*" with the participation of Ms Tatiana Țurcanu, Head of the Directorate for European Integration, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of

Moldova, member of the Lanzarote Committee (Republic of Moldova), Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, General Rapporteur on Children of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mr Johan van den Hout, Thematic Spokesperson on Children of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Ms Daniela Sîmboteanu, President of the National Center for Child Abuse Prevention (NCCAP) (Republic of Moldova), Ms Sigrid Richter-Unger, Executive board member of the German Society for Prevention and Intervention in cases of Child Abuse and Neglect (DGfPI) (Germany), Ms Frauke de Kort, Chief of Child Protection Section, UNICEF Moldova, Ms Bharti Patel, Chief Executive Officer of ECPAT (End child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking of children for sexual purposes) (United Kingdom), Ms Daniela Misail-Nichitin, Executive Director, International Women Rights Protection and Promotion Center “La Strada” (Republic of Moldova).

- On 28 May 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group on *the implementation of the peace plan in the east of Ukraine* and with Sir Nicolas Bratza, Chair of the International Advisory Panel on Ukraine.
- On 1 June 2015, in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** held a hearing on *“Guaranteeing equal rights and protecting women against violence in the armed forces”* with the participation of Ms Françoise Gaudin, Senior administrative officer in equality of rights at the Ministry of Defence in Paris.
- On 2 June 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held hearings and exchanges of views on:
 - . *“Rethinking the anti-doping strategy”* (Rapporteur: Mr André Schneider, France, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Martin Gibbs, Director General of the *Union Cycliste internationale* (UCI), Mr Olivier Niggli, Legal Director of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Dr Richard Budgett, Medical and Scientific Director, International Olympic Committee (IOC), Colonel Nicolas Duvinage, Deputy Head to the Central Office on the Fight against Threats to Environmental and Public Health (*Office Central de Lutte contre les Atteintes à l'Environnement et à la Santé Publique – OCLAESP*), France.
 - . *“Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad”* (Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', France, SOC) with the participation of Mr Hermano Sanches Ruivo, Delegate Counsellor to the Deputy Mayor responsible for European Affairs, Paris 14th district, Ms Gabriela Puchwein, Vice-President of the Association *“Entraide Allemande en France”*, Ms Gül Ilbay-Leclerc, Vice-President of the Turkish association *“A Ta Turquie”*.
 - . *“Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion”* (Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Spain, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Virginie Rozière (France, S&D), Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the European Parliament Sport Intergroup, and Mr Mickaël Heidmann, PhD in Sports Science at the University of Strasbourg, author of the background report.
 - . *“Culture and democracy”* (Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC) with the participation of the graffiti artist, Shuck One, Paris.
- On 2 June 2015 in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held an international Conference on *“Migration Challenges in Central Asia”* with the participation, inter alia, of high representatives of the Government of Kyrgyzstan, Mr Asylbek Jeenbekov, Speaker of the Parliament, Ms Asiya Sasykbaeva, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament and Chairperson of the Kyrgyz Partner of Democracy Delegation to the PACE, Mr Ravshan Rajabov, and Mr Jamshed Murtazaquilov, Members of the Parliament of Tajikistan, Mr Rashit Akimov, Member of the Parliament of Kazakhstan and experts.
- On 3 June 2015 in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held an exchange of views on the *“Possible ways to improve the emergency refugee’s situations funding”* with Mr Bernard Doyle, Regional Representative of the UNHCR in Kazakhstan.

- On 4 June 2015 in Rome, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
 - . held an exchange of views with Ms Maria Elena Boschi, Minister for Constitutional reforms and relations with the Parliament, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in the Chair;
 - . participated in the parliamentary seminar organised by the Italian Chamber of Deputies on “*Towards a code of conduct for parliamentarians: a comparison of national and international experience*” chaired by Ms Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies.
- On 5 June 2015 in Rome, the **Sub-Committee on External Relations** and the **Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World** (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy):
 - . held a joint meeting – with the support of the EU-Council of Europe joint programme “Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean” (South Programme II) – on *Current political challenges and opportunities in the Mediterranean region* and took stock of political developments and trends in the region four years after the “Arab Spring”, with particular focus on the difficulties of democracy-building, security issues linked with the emergence of the terrorist entity known as “Islamic State”, and ways to address the humanitarian disaster resulting from the unprecedented rise of irregular migratory flow.
 - . paid special attention to the current situation in Libya and, without undermining the importance of international mediation efforts, stressed the need for a Libyan-led political process, and drew attention to the risk of imminent economic collapse in Libya regardless of any political developments. Mr Pietro Grasso, President of the Italian Senate, Mr Benedetto Della Vedova, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Italy), Ambassador Luca Giansanti, Director General of Political Affairs and Security, and a number of invited guests including Ms Hala Mustafa, a political scientist from Egypt and Mr Abdul Rahman Al Ageli, co-founder of the Libyan Youth Forum, were amongst those to address parliamentarians. Ms Gabriela Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission, provided details on what the Council of Europe was already doing, and could do in addition, to contribute to this purpose.
 - . held a general discussion was held with the participation of parliamentarians from the region, including from the Jordanian House of Representatives, the Moroccan House of Representatives and House of Councillors, and the Palestinian National Council.
- On 12 June 2015 in Kyiv, the **Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society** (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) held a regional conference on the safety of journalists and hear: Mr Anton Yanchuk, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine, representatives of the national parliamentary committees dealing with media issues from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, as well as Mr Oliver Money-Kyrle, Assistant General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists, Ms Gudrun Gutt, Vice-President, News Group, European Broadcasting Union and Ms Sara Halfpenny, BBC Bureau Chief in Moscow.

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

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

Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC), General Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, attended the meeting of the directors of EPTA in Pont à Mousson (France) on **27-29 April 2015**.

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

Ms Kristýna Zeličková (Czech Republic, ALDE) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* attended the *International Support for Ukraine Conference*, in Kyiv on **28 April 2015**.

➤ ***Post-monitoring dialogue with “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”***

A delegation of the *Monitoring Committee*, composed of **Mr Stephan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), Chairperson of the *Monitoring Committee*, **Mr Robert Walter** (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee* and **Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson of the Socialist Group carried out a fact-finding visit to “*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*” on **28-29 April 2015**.

➤ ***Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey***

Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Turkey from **30 April to 4 May 2015**.

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

Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC), General Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, attended the meeting of the DH-BIO International Conference on Emerging Technologies and Human Rights in Strasbourg, on **4-5 May 2015**.

➤ ***Systematic collection of data on violence against women***

Ms Maria Edera Spadoni (Italy, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Spain on **6-7 May 2015**.

➤ ***Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad***

Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, attended the meeting of the Conference on the “role of Diasporas” in Riga on **11-12 May 2015**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova***

Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) and **Mr Piotr Wach** (Poland, EPP/CD), co-Rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova on **13-16 May 2015**.

➤ ***Libraries and Museums in times of change and Council of Europe Museum Prize***

Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur on the Council of Europe Museum Prize and **Lady Diana Eccles** (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, attended the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) Ceremony organised by the European Museum Forum in Glasgow, United Kingdom, on **15-16 May 2015**.

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

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and **Mr Jean-Claude Mignon** (France, EPP/CD), co-Rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine on **18-22 May 2015**.

➤ ***Organised crime and migrants***

Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Rome on **20 May 2015**.

➤ ***The fate of critically ill detainees in Europe***

Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro and Romania on **25-26 May 2015**.

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

Mr Frano Matušić (Croatia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria on **2 to 5 June 2015**.

➤ ***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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Armenia on **9 to 12 June 2015**.

➤ ***Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges***

Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons* carried out a fact-finding visit to Rabat (Morocco) on **10 June 2015**.

➤ ***Europa Nostra***

Mr Nicos Nicolaides (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson of the *Sub Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage* (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) attended the annual Congress of the Europa Nostra in Oslo, on **11-12 June 2015**.

➤ ***Protection of the safety of journalists and of media freedom in Europe***

Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, attended the meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) in Strasbourg on **16 June 2015**.

V. Co-operation with European Union/European Parliament

On 18 May 2015, the regional parliamentary seminar “Fostering social rights in the Eastern Partnership area: Focus on the European Social Charter” organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division in conjunction with a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme, was held in Chisinau. It held an exchange of views on “Social rights in legislation and practice” with the participation of Mr Tim Tregenza, Head of International Relations and Network Manager at EU-OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work).

On 28-29 May 2015, Mr Pieter Omtzigt (*Netherlands, EPP/CD*), made a presentation of his “Mass Surveillance” report at the EP/LIBE conference on “Democratic Oversight”.

On 4-5 June 2015, the “parliamentary Conference on implementation of the right to free elections: the challenge of applying election legislation and the Council of Europe standards” organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division and the Election Observation Division in co-operation with the Venice Commission and in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme, was held in Paris.

On 5 June 2015, the Sub-Committee on External Relations and the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) held a joint meeting, in Rome, on the *Current political challenges and opportunities in the Mediterranean region*, with the participation of parliamentarians from the region and experts, with the support of the EU-Council of Europe joint programme “Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean” (South Programme II).

On 12 June 2015, the regional conference on awareness raising about the safety of journalists organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division in conjunction with a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society and in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme, was held in Kyiv.

VI. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

➤ On 5 June 2015 in Rome, the **Sub-Committee on External Relations** and the **Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World** (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) heard a statement by Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission, on the occasion of their joint hearing on *Current political challenges and opportunities in the Mediterranean region*.

- **103rd Plenary session of the Venice Commission (19-20 June 2015):** Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, is due to attend the session.

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

- . **18 May, Chisinau:** *Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Parliamentary seminar organised in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Programme*
- . **19-20 May, Chisinau:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **19-20 May, Yerevan:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **20 May, Chisinau:** *Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **21 May, Sarajevo:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **21 May, Sarajevo:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **22 May, Sarajevo:** *Standing Committee*
- . **27 May, Paris:** *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **28 May, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **1 June, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **2 June, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **2-3 June, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan):** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **4-5 June, Rome:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy including a joint meeting of its Sub-Committee on External Relations and Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World*
- . **9-10 June, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **12 June, Kyiv:** *Sub-committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **14-16 June, Istanbul and Gaziantep:** *Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey*
- . **21 June, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **22 June, Strasbourg:** *Bureau of the Assembly*



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3rd part of the 2015 Ordinary Session (22-26 June 2015)

Draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 21 May 2015
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

Joint Committee

Thursday: 15:30-16:00

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: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:30-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 22 June 2015

Sitting No. 19 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

- List of delegations:
 - o (Doc.)

1.3. [Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly]

1.4. Changes in the membership of committees

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

- 1.5.1. Current affairs debate: "The need for a common European response to migration challenges"

1.6. Adoption of the agenda

1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Sarajevo, 22 May 2015)

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

2.1. Ms Marie Louise COLEIRO PRECA, President of Malta

- Questions

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

3. Ceremony (15:00-15:30)

3.1. 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize²

4. Debate

4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Adele GAMBARO (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

4.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Turkey (7 June 2015)

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

- List of speakers

- [possibly] Vote

5. Address (16:30-17:30)

5.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Igor CRNADAK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers

- Questions

- Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 15 June, 11:30)

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

Tuesday 23 June 2015


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

6. Elections (10:00-13:00)

- 6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- 6.2. Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

7. Address (10:00-11:00)

- 7.1. Mr BAN Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

 Questions

8. Debate

8.1. Improving the protection of whistle-blowers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13791)
-  List of speakers
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 June, 16:00)
-  Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13791)

Address

Ms Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission


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

9. Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

- 9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- 9.2. Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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

- 10.1. **Questions to Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

 Questions




Debate (continued)

Improving the protection of whistle-blowers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur

11. Debate

11.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13807)
 - o Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - o Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
-  List of speakers
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 June, 16:00)
-  Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13807)

12. Debate

12.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 13801](#))
 - Mr Tadeusz IWIŃSKI (Poland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 13801](#))
- 📄 List of speakers
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 13801](#))

Wednesday 24 June 2015

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

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

13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

14. Debate

14.1. Consideration of the annulment of the previously ratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation (follow-up to paragraph 16 of Resolution 2034 (2015))

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 13800)
 - Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)

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🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 June, 10:30)

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

15.1. Mr Mladen IVANIĆ, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

📖 Questions

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

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

16.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

~~Question time~~

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

17. Debate (continued)

17.1. Consideration of the annulment of the previous ratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation (follow-up to paragraph 16 of Resolution 2034 (2015))

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13800)
 - Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)

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🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 June, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13800)

18. Debate

18.1. Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13806)
 - Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)

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🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13806)

19. Joint debate

19.1. Increasing transparency of media ownership

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN (Turkey, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 13747](#))

19.2. Media responsibility and ethics in a changing media environment

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Volodymyr ARIEV (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 13803](#))

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

🔔 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 13747](#))


🔔 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 13803](#))

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

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


21. Free debate (12:00-13:00)

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
Sitting No. 26 (16:00-20:00)


22. Debate


22.1. Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine

 Presentation by:

o Mr Jim SHERIDAN (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 13808](#))


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


 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 13808](#))


23. Debate


23.1. Towards a new European Social Model

 Presentation by:

o Ms Maria de Belém ROSEIRA (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 13795](#))

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

 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 13795](#))

3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

24. Debate

24.1. Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Hans FRANKEN (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 13802](#))

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⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 25 June, 10:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 13802](#))

25. Debate

25.1. Recognising and preventing neo-racism

☐ Presentation by:

○ Ms Milena SANTERINI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 13809](#))

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⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 25 June, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 13809](#))

26. Progress report (continued)

27. Closure of the part-session

APPENDIX II – List of events linked to the part-session

Monday 22 June 2015	
<p>11.10–4 pm Room 1 and 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>11.10 am Opening of the exhibition dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize (Assembly lobby)</p> <p>Opening and presentation by Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</p> <p>2 pm Debate on “Living together in multicultural societies: respect, dialogue, interaction” chaired by Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (Room 1)</p> <p>Introduction by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Dirk Hilbert, acting Mayor of Dresden (Germany) ▪ Mr Fredrik Nelander, Mayor of Vara (Sweden) ▪ and Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe <p><i>Discussion moderated by Ms Rene Wyndham (Journalist, United Kingdom)</i></p> <p>3 pm Official ceremony for the 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize (Assembly Chamber)</p> <p>3.05 pm - Opening and speech by Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</p> <p>3.10 pm - Speech by Mr Jean-Claude Frécon, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities</p> <p>3.15 pm - Speech by Councillor Michael Hammon, Lord Mayor of Coventry</p> <p>3.20 pm - Symbolic award of the Europe Prize to the Mayors of the 2015 winning towns, Dresden (Germany) and Vara (Sweden) by Mr Axel E. Fischer, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize</p> <p>3.25 pm [The European Anthem performed by the Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra (<i>to be confirmed</i>)]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>4 pm Award ceremony for the European diplomas (Room 5)</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Access to justice and the Internet: potential and challenges”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Iveta Havlova, Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) expert, Strategic Alliances Director at “Youstice”, Czech Republic</p>
Tuesday 23 June 2015	
<p>8.30 –9.15 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on Systematic collection of data on violence against women</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Maria Edera Spadoni, Italy (NR), with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Sylvia Walby, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University</p> <p>Ms Therese Murphy, Head of Operations, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), Vilnius, Lithuania</p>

Tuesday 23 June 2015	
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jacques Legendre, France, EPP/CD, with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>8.30 –10 am 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 context of the report prepared by Mr Irakli Chikovani, Georgia, ALDE with the participation of:</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Urgent need to prevent human rights violations during peaceful protests”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Antti Kaikkonen, Finland, ALDE, with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr John Dalhuisen, Director for Europe and Central Asia, Amnesty International</p> <p>Dr Michael Boyle, Chief Executive, The Northern Ireland Police Fund, Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p>Meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, jointly organised with the Committee on Social Questions, Health and Sustainable Development.</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Preventing Islamophobia while combating radicalisation” with the participation of:</p> <p>Professor Tahir Abbas, Department of Sociology, Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey (<i>to be confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Mr Bernard De Vos, General Delegate for Children’s rights of the Wallonie-Brussels Federation, Belgium;</p> <p>Dr Francesco Ragazzi, Lecturer of International Relations, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, the Netherlands</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Joint meeting with the “No Hate Parliamentary Alliance” of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p>Hearing on “Preventing Islamophobia while combating radicalisation of young people” with the participation of:</p> <p>Professor Tahir Abbas, Department of Sociology, Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey (to be confirmed);</p> <p>Mr Bernard De Vos, Ombudsman for Children’s Rights of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels;</p> <p>Dr Francesco Ragazzi, Lecturer of International Relations, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, Netherlands.</p>
Wednesday 24 June 2015	
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► Hearing on “female genital mutilation” with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Director of FORWARD (United Kingdom) and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the European Network End FGM, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Dr Pierre Foldes, surgeon, and Ms Frédérique Martz, Director, Institut en santé génésique, St-Germain-en-Laye, France</p>

<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm 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 prepared by Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, Croatia, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of the Education Department and Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation <i>ad interim</i>, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy (DG II)</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Platform for the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists”</p> <p>with the participation Mr Matjaž Gruden, Policy Planning Director of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Hearing on “For a Europe without detained immigrant children”</p> <p>in the context of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on “Ending immigration detention of children” (Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Georgia Spyropoulou, Special Advisor of the alternate Minister for Migration Policy of Greece</p> <p>Mr Jan Jařab, Regional representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for Europe (tbc)</p> <p>Ms Marie Huberlant, representative of the Detention Focal Point, UNHCR (tbc)</p> <p>Victim of violence (tbc)</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Rights of migrant workers”</p> <p>in the context of the consideration of the UN International Convention on the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families, with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr Pietro Marcenaro, member of the Italian Senate, President of the Centre of African Studies</p>
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► “Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry”</p> <p>Hearing in the context of the report prepared by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr Kees de Joncheere, Director, Essential Medicines and Health Products, World Health Organization (WHO) (<i>to be confirmed</i>);</p> <p>NN, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) (<i>to be confirmed</i>);</p> <p>Mr Patrick Durisch, Health Programme Coordinator, Berne Declaration (member of Health Action International Network)</p>

Thursday 25 June 2015

<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 10 Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Transparency and openness in European institutions”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC, by with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr Francesco Maiani, Associate professor, <i>Institut de hautes études en administration publique</i>, IDHEAP, Lausanne, Switzerland</p> <p>Mr Olivier Hoedeman, Research and Campaigns Coordinator, Corporate Europe Observatory, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Ms Marta Hirsch-Ziembinska, Head of Unit, Office of the European Ombudsman, Strasbourg</p>
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad”</p> <p>in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn’, France, SOC, with the participation of</p> <p>Ms Sarah Mastantuoni, Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, Bern, Switzerland (<i>to be confirmed</i>)</p> <p>NN, GGG Ausländerberatung Basel, Switzerland (<i>to be confirmed</i>)</p>
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The ‘Left-to-die’ boat: actions and reactions” and “The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores”</p> <p>in the context of the replies from the Committee of Ministers to texts adopted by the Assembly presented by the Committee, with the participation of:</p> <p>A representative of the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) of the Committee on Ministers (tbc)</p>
<p>9 – 10.00 a Room 7, Palais</p> <p>24th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► 24th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>Exchange of views on the theme “Treatment of child sex offenders” with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Eleni Karayianni, PsyD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Training Coordinator, Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus (Cyprus)</p>
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Culture and democracy”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance and Cultural Diversity, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy (DG II)</p>