

## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1235<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (16 September 2015)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 31 August 2015 (Paris) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 28 September 2015 (Strasbourg).

## **I. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 31 August 2015**

### **A. Fourth part-session of 2015 (28 September – 2 October 2015)**

On 31 August 2015, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1). It took note of a request by the ALDE Group for the Assembly to hold a debate on *Humanitarian and political response to the migration crisis in Europe*.

On 9 September 2015, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, proposed to the Assembly to devote a whole sitting during the forthcoming part-session to a current affairs debate on *A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe* followed by a joint debate on *Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges* (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC) and on *After Dublin – the urgent need for a real European asylum system* (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC).

The award ceremony of the 2015 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize will be held on Monday 28 September at 12.40 pm.

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

### **B. Observation of elections**

At its meetings, the Bureau took the following decisions:

- **Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (4 October 2015):** approved the updated composition of the ad hoc committee and agreed to leave it to the President of the Assembly to appoint its Chairperson;
- **Belarus: presidential election (11 October 2015):** approved the updated composition of the ad hoc committee;
- **Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015):** decided to set up an ad hoc committee to observe these elections as part of the Congress delegation, composed of 20 members (SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 7; ALDE: 3; EC: 2 and UEL: 1) as well as the co-rapporteurs on Ukraine of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) and Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE);
- **Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):** reviewed the situation in the light of the OSCE/ODIHR having been invited to deploy a long-term observation mission and of a letter by Mr Ogtay Asadov, Speaker of the Milli Mejlis, on the issue of access to the territory of Azerbaijan for some members of the ad hoc committee; and approved the updated composition of the ad hoc committee;
- **Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):** decided to observe these elections; constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose, composed of 30 members (SOC: 11; EPP/CD: 10; ALDE: 4; EC: 3; UEL: 2) and of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee on post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey, Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen (Norway, EC) and Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC); and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
- **Schedule of elections for 2015:** took note of the elections calendar for 2015 as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

### **C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 31 August 2015**

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau took note of the three candidates shortlisted by the Selection Panel of the Prize at its meeting in Prague on 25 August 2015 (in alphabetical order): Ms Ludmilla Alexeeva, Women for Afghan Women, Youth Initiative for Human Rights;
- **Visit of French parliamentarians to Crimea:** the Bureau held an exchange of views and decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to prepare an opinion on *Challenges to the co-operation of member States with the Assembly as regards the free movement of Assembly members*;

- **Interview of the candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Assembly:** the Bureau interviewed the candidates *in camera*.

## II. Activities of Committees and Networks

- On 1 September 2015, at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**
  - . held an exchange of views with Ms Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, and other OECD representatives;
  - . held a hearing in the framework of the preparation of a report on *Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress* by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) with the participation of Mr Giovanni Kessler, Director General of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) of the European Commission, Mr Bálint Magyar, Researcher and strategic consultant at Financial Research Plc., Hungary, and Ms Kathryn Gordon, Senior Economist, OECD Anti-Corruption Division;
  - . held an exchange of views on “the geopolitical consequences of the conflict in Ukraine”, in the framework of the preparation of a report on *The political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine* by Ms Kristýna Zelenková (Czech Republic, ALDE);
- On 3 and 4 September 2015 in Sarajevo, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**
  - . held a hearing on “The Dayton Constitution: 20 years later” with the participation of Ambassador Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Thomas Markert, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Ms Ermira Mehmeti Devaja, Member of Parliament of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Members of Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and NGO representatives;
  - . Ukraine (co-rapporteurs: Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, France EPP/CD and Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE): agreed to seize the Venice Commission for an opinion on the law on “The condemnation of the communist and Nazi totalitarian regimes”;
- On 9 September 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . held an exchange of views on “the possibilities of financial support for countries” confronted with the mass arrival of migrants, in particular countries of transit with Mr Rolf Wenzel, Governor of the Development Bank and Mr Dominique Lamiot, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Development Bank;
  - . held an exchange of views on *The humanitarian crisis in Gaza* with Mr Matthias Burchard, Director, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Representative Office to the EU, Brussels, Belgium and Ms Celine Touboul, Deputy Director General, Economic Cooperation Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- On 10 September 2015, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**
  - . held an exchange of views on “Assessing the impact of measures to improve women’s political representation” with the participation of Ms Maria del Carmen Alanis Figueroa, member of the Venice Commission, Judge of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Mexico and Ms Zeina Hilal, Programme Officer, Gender Partnership Programme, Interparliamentary Union;
  - . held an “Interactive discussion on the sociological aspects and realities of gender” led by Ms Céline Petrovic, Doctor of Sciences in Education, lecturer on “Gender and Education”, University of Strasbourg and Mr Stéphane Galas, specialised instructor on gender issues.
- On 11 September 2015, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**, held a hearing on *Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy* (Rapporteur: Ms de Sutter, Belgium, SOC).

### **III. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports**

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

**Mr Jonathan Evans** (United Kingdom, EC) and **Mr Andrej Hunko** (Germany, UEL), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Albania from **29 to 30 June 2015**.

#### ➤ ***Violence against migrants***

**Mr Andrea Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Germany on **2 and 3 July 2015**.

#### ➤ ***The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration***

**Ms Daphné Dumery** (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Italy on **6, 7 and 8 July 2015**.

#### ➤ ***The situation in Kosovo\* and the role of the Council of Europe***

**Mr Agustín Conde** (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Serbia, on **24-25 August 2015**.

#### ➤ ***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 **24-28 August 2015**.

#### ➤ ***The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration***

**Ms Daphné Dumery** (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Frontex Headquarters (Poland) on **28 August 2015**.

#### ➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina***

**Mr Egidijus Vareikis** (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and **Sir Roger Gale** (United Kingdom, EDG), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina from **7 to 8 September 2015**.

#### ➤ ***The political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine***

**Ms Kristýna Zeličková** (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine, from **7 to 11 September 2015**.

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

**Ms Josette Durrieu** (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Jordan, from **13 to 16 September 2015**.

#### ➤ ***Escalation of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh and the other occupied territories of Azerbaijan***

**Mr Robert Walter** (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the area of the line of contact in the Nagorno-Karabakh region from the side under control of the Azeri authorities, on **15-16 September 2015**. A visit on the other side of the line of contact is foreseen in the near future.

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

**Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey on **17-18 September 2015**.

\* 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.

➤ **Female genital mutilation in Europe**

**Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo** (Monaco, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Institut en Santé Génésique (Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France) on **18 September 2015**.

➤ **Culture and democracy**

**Ms Vesna Marjanović** (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* will participate in the Conference on addressing radicalisation and extremism through education in Strasbourg, on **24 and 25 September 2015**.

➤ **Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe**

**Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego** (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will participate in the Conference on public service media at the Croatian Parliament in Zagreb, on **24 and 25 September 2015**.

#### **IV. Co-operation with European Union/European Parliament**

On **16 September 2015** in Brussels, the **Presidential Committee** and the **Conference of Presidents** of the EP will held a joint meeting. The proposed topics for discussion are: conflict in Ukraine, relations with the Russian Federation, migrations/refugees questions and Turkey.

On **23 September 2015**, **Mr Tuur Elzinga** (Netherlands, UEL), **Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), and **Mr Michele Nicoletti** (Italy, SOC) will participate in the meeting of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament, in Brussels.

V. **List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

- . **30 August 2015, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **31 August 2015, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **1 September 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **3 – 4 September 2015, Sarajevo:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **9 September 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **10 September 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **11 September 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **16 September 2015, Brussels:** *Joint meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament*
- . **17 September 2015, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **21 September 2015, Vienna:** *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)*

## APPENDIX I



COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

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14 September 2015

### **4th part of the 2015 Ordinary Session (28 September-2 October 2015)**

Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 31 August 2015.

## Legends and abbreviations

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### 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

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### 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: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00



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## Monday 28 September 2015

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### Sitting No. 28 (11:30-13:10)

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

##### 1.1. Statement by the President

##### 1.2. Examination of credentials

##### 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees

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

1.4.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Humanitarian and political response to the migration crisis in Europe"

1.4.2. Current affairs debate: "A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe"

##### 1.5. Adoption of the agenda

#### 2. Address (11:50-12:40)

##### 2.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

###### ☐ Presentation by:

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

###### 📅 Questions

⌚ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 21 September, 11:30)

#### 3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:40-13:10)

##### 3.1. Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>2</sup>

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

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#### 4. Debate

##### 4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

###### ☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )

###### 📅 List of speakers

🗳 [possibly] Vote

#### 5. Debate

##### 5.1. Free debate

###### 📅 List of speakers

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

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## Tuesday 29 September 2015

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

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

##### 6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

##### 6.2. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

- ☐ List of candidates:
  - (Doc. 13853)

#### 7. Debate

##### 7.1. Public health and the interests of the pharmaceutical industry: how to guarantee the primacy of public health interests?

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13869)
- 📖 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 28 September, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13869)

#### 8. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 8.1. His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg

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

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

##### 9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

##### 9.2. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

#### 10. Debate

##### 10.1. After Dublin – the urgent need for a real European asylum system

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Michele NICOLETTI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13866)
  - Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )
- ☐ Statement by:
  - Ms Laura BOLDRINI, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy
- 📖 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 28 September, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13866)

#### 11. Question time

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

- 📖 Questions

#### 12. Debate

##### 12.1. Abuse of pretrial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13863)
- 📖 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 28 September, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13863)

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## Wednesday 30 September 2015

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

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

13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

13.2. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

#### 14. Debate

14.1. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2014-2015

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Tuur ELZINGA (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13865)

☐ Statement by:

○ Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary General of the OECD

📄 List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 29 September, 10:30)

⚠ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13865)

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

15.1. Mr Denis ZVIZDIĆ, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

📄 Questions

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

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

16.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16.2. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

#### 17. Debate

17.1. Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Klaas de VRIES (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13864)

☐ Statement by:

○ Mr Dean SPIELMANN, President of the European Court of Human Rights

📄 List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 29 September, 16:00)

⚠ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13864)

#### 18. Debate

18.1. Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 13851)

○ Sir Edward LEIGH (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

○ Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

📄 List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 29 September, 16:00)

⚠ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13851)

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## Thursday 1 October 2015

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

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#### 19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>3</sup>

#### 20. Address (12:00-13:00)

20.1. Mr Aleksandar VUČIĆ, Prime Minister of Serbia


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


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
#### 21. Debate


##### 21.1. Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges

 Presentation by:

o Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 13867](#))


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
 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 13867](#))


#### 22. Debate


##### 22.1. Progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (October 2014 - August 2015)

 Presentation by:

o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 13868 Part 1](#),  
[Doc. 13868 Part 2](#), [Doc. 13868 Part 3](#), [Doc. 13868 Part 4](#), [Doc. 13868 Part 5](#))

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 30 September, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 13868 Part 1](#))

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3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

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**23. Debate**

**23.1. Equality and shared parental responsibility: the role of fathers**

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Françoise HETTO-GAASCH (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 13870)
  - o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 1 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13870)

**24. Debate**

**24.1. Rethinking the anti-doping strategy**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr André SCHNEIDER (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 13852)

📄 List of speakers

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 1 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13852)

**25. Progress report (continued)**

**26. Closure of the part-session**

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

Monday 28 September 2015	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Handling international public health emergencies</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Silvia Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC with the participation (by videolink) of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. David Nabarro, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Ebola and Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition. United Nations. New York.</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Public health and the interests of the pharmaceutical industry: how to guarantee the primacy of public health interests?”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC with the participation (by videolink) of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Anand Grover (India), former UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “The situation of women belonging to minorities”</b></p> <p>Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities and the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality</p>
<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Manufacturing a new human species?”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut, General Rapporteur on science and technology assessment of the Parliamentary Assembly</li> </ul> <p>Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Robin Lovell-Badge, FRS, FMedSci, The Francis Crick Institute (formerly the MRC National Institute for Medical Research) London, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Mr Luigi Naldini, M.D., Ph.D, Director, Division of Regenerative Medicine, Stem Cells and Gene Therapy San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milano, Italy</li> <li>• Prof. George M. Church (by video conference), Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School and MIT. USA (To be confirmed)</li> <li>• DH-BIO participation (to be confirmed) Moderated by a journalist (to be confirmed))</li> </ul>
Tuesday 29 September 2015	
<p><b>8.15-10am</b> <b>Human Rights Building, seminar room</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Visit to the European Court of Human Rights</b></p>

Tuesday 29 September 2015	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Organised crime and migrants”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Silke Albert, Senior expert on Trafficking in Persons, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</li> <li>• Mr Alvaro Rodriguez Gaya, Project Manager, Europol</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>No Hate Parliamentary Alliance</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Refugees not welcome”</b>: exchange of views on the political reactions to the current refugee and migrant crisis, with the participation of Mr Tim Finch, consultant and writer, former Head of communication, Refugee Council (United Kingdom)</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with Ms Manizha Naderi, Executive Director of the organisation Women for Afghan Women, candidate for the Vaclav Havel Prize</b></p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Platform for the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, Croatia (SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Alexander Warzilek, General Secretary of the Austrian Press Council, Vienna</li> <li>• Mr Lutz Tillmanns, General Secretary of the German Press Council, Berlin</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Joint hearing on the Rule of law and democracy in Russia today</b></p> <p>with the participation of Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky, <i>Open Russia (tbc)</i></p>
<p><b>2.45– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Lampedusa Beach - Performance concerning the refugee survivor of a shipwreck in the Mediterranean by Lina Prosa, author of the play with the presence of Ms Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) on "The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration"</p>
Wednesday 30 September 2015	
<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with Ms Samira Meraii, Minister for Women, Family and Children of Tunisia</b></p>

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<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Promoting alternatives for immigration detention of children</b></p> <p>in the context of the Global Campaign on “Ending Immigration Detention of Children” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Lana Petö Kujundžić, Judge for minors, President of department for juveniles, District Court of Zagreb, Croatia</li><li>• Mr Kerry L. Neal, Child protection Specialist, UNICEF</li></ul>
<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Culture and democracy”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia (SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Amila Ramovic, Executive Director of Ars Aevi, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sarajevo</li></ul>

**Thursday 1 October 2015**

<p><b>8.30 – 9.30 am</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Spain (EPP/CD), with the participation of experts</p>
<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing “Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Souhayr Belhassen, Honorary President, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Paris</li><li>• Mr Andrew Henderson, Deputy Director, Front Line Defenders, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Dublin</li></ul>
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Training for parliamentarians with a view to the visit of a detention centre on 18 December 2015</b></p> <p>in the context of the International Migrants’ Day (18 December 2015), with the participation of an expert from the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)</p>



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<p><b>2 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Access to school and education for all children”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego, Croatia (SOC), with the participation of an expert</p> <p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Intellectual property rights in the digital era”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Axel E. Fischer, Germany (EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Silke von Lewinski, Max Planck Institute, Munich (tbc)</li></ul>
<p><b>2 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• with Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li></ul> <p>Exchange of views on the theme “Protecting children against sexual violence online” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Jutta Croll, Executive Director, Online Child Protection Centre (I-KIZ), Germany</li><li>• Mr Kristof Claesen, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), United Kingdom</li></ul>