Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1237th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies¹

(7 October 2015)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 2 October 2015 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the end of the year.
I. Four part-session of 2015 (28 September – 2 October 2015)

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
   - Mr Igor Crnadak, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
   - Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
   - His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg
   - Ms Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy
   - Mr Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD
   - Mr Denis Zvizdić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
   - Mr Dean Spielmann, President of the European Court of Human Rights
   - Mr Aleksandar Vučić, Prime minister of Serbia

2. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: http://assembly.coe.int.

B. Debate under urgent procedure

3. The Assembly took note of the withdrawal, by the ALDE Group, of the request to hold an debate under urgent procedure on “Humanitarian and political response to the migration crisis in Europe”.

C. Current affairs debate

4. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe”, introduced by Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD).

D. Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

5. On 29 September 2015, the Assembly re-elected Mr Wojciech Sawicki as Secretary General of the Assembly for a five-year term which will start on 1 February 2016.

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

6. On 29 September 2015, the Assembly elected Ms Alena Poláčková as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Slovak Republic.

F. 2015 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

7. On 28 September 2015, the Assembly awarded the 2015 Václav Havel Prize to Ms Ludmilla Alexeeva (Russian Federation). Diplomas of merit were awarded to Women for Afghan Women and to Youth Initiative for Human Rights.

G. Media coverage

The 2015 autumn part-session attracted extensive media coverage from the 50 or so journalists who turned up in Strasbourg to report on the event. With around 220 articles published (provisional figures) and 106 audio and video broadcasts, the coverage was on a par with other recent sessions.

The award of the Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize to Ludmilla Alexeeva (which was reported by AFP, DW, RFE-RL, TAZ, Corriere della Sera, die Zeit, die Welt, RP, The Herald, SDA -ATS, ANSA, NTB, RBC, RBTH, Romandie Nouvelles, Prague Post, Radio Praha, CTK, etc.) attracted the most coverage but considerable attention was also given to the debate on the refugee crisis and the statements made by the guest speakers:
His Royal Highness the Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg, the President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Secretary General of the OECD (reported by DPA, RFE, Slobodna Evropa, Europeonline, Xinhua, Global Post, EFE, La Vanguardia, RAI TV, ANSA, ASCA, AGI, SIR, Luxemburger Wort, Le Quotidien, Paperjam, Nezavisne novine, FENA, SRNA, etc.).

As regards social networks, the number of followers continued to rise (by 230, taking the total figure to 4,730). The award of the Vaclav Havel Prize was retweeted 47 times. The PACE President’s Twitter account, launched a year and a half ago, already has 2,237 followers, while the PACE’s Facebook page is “liked” by 2,950 people and the “Women Free from Violence” network has 1,842 “likes”.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for Assembly members, as a way of raising the institution’s profile, and also for journalists: 13 interviews with parliamentarians were recorded, and a further 17 with participants in side-events.

H. Adopted texts

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

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### I. Hearings and side-events organised during the part-session

#### Monday 28 September 2015

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<td>• Ludmilla Alexeeva, Russian human rights activist</td>
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<td>• Dr David Nabarro, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Ebola and Special</td>
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<td>• Anand Grover, former UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the</td>
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<td>• Inger Elin Utsi, member of the Sami Parliament (Norway)</td>
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<td>• Cerasela Claudia Bâncic, <em>Centre for Advocacy and Human Rights (CAHO)</em>, (Romania)</td>
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<td>• Tove H. Malloy, member of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for</td>
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<td>the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Denmark</td>
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<td>• Jari Vilén, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of</td>
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<td>• Silke Albert, Senior expert on Trafficking in Persons, United Nations Office on</td>
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<td>• Alvaro Rodriguez Gaya, Project Manager, facilitated illegal migration area,</td>
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<td>• Jan Kleijssen, Director, Directorate of Information Society and Action against</td>
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<td>• Tim Finch, consultant and writer, former Director of Communications, Refugee Council (United Kingdom)</td>
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<td>• Yousef Kak, general practitioner, Syrian refugee living in France</td>
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<td>► Exchange of views on “Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe” in the context of the report being prepared by Gvozden Srečko Flego (Croatia, SOC), with the participation of:</td>
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<td>• Alexander Warzilek, General Secretary of the Austrian Press Council (Vienna)</td>
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<td>• Mohamed Fadel Fahmy, journalist with Al-Jazeera (Egypt, via Internet)</td>
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<td>Enlarged debate on the activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2014-2015</td>
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<td>Appeal for a solidary and humane solution of the refugee crisis in Europe</td>
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<td>with the participation of Mr Simon Matthijssen, representative of the European Ombudsman Institute (EOI) to the Council of Europe</td>
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<td>Lampedusa Beach – Theatre performance concerning the refugee survivor of a shipwreck in the Mediterranean, by Lina Prosa, author of the play, in the presence of Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy</td>
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<td>Hearing on “Manufacturing a new human species?” with the participation of:</td>
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<td>• Jean-Yves Le Déaut, General Rapporteur on science and technology assessment of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</td>
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<td>• Robin Lovell-Badge, Group Leader at the Francis Crick Institute (formerly MRC National Institute for Medical Research), United Kingdom</td>
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<td>• George M. Church, Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School and Director of personalgenomes.org (USA) – by videolink</td>
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<td>• Luigi Naldini, Director of the Division of Regenerative Medicine, Stem Cells and Gene Therapy, San Raffaele Scientific Institute (Italy)</td>
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<td>• Mark Bale, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics</td>
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<td>Moderator: Denis Durand de Bousingen, journalist specialising in health and medicine, Le Quotidien du Médecin (France)</td>
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<td>Exchange of views on “Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion” in the context of the report being prepared by Carmen Quintanilla (Spain, EPP/CD), with the participation of: Miguel Sagarra, Governing Board Member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Marie-Françoise Potereau, President of FEMIX’SPOrTS and interfederal Advisor responsible for the feminisation of sports' federations at the Ministry of City, Youth and Sports (France)</td>
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<td>9.15–10.00 am</td>
<td>Hearing on “Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States”</td>
<td>Room 10, Palais</td>
<td>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</td>
<td>Souhayr Belhassen, Honorary President, <strong>International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)</strong> (Paris) Andrew Anderson, Deputy Director, <strong>Front Line Defenders, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders</strong> (Dublin)</td>
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<td>8.30–10 am</td>
<td>Training for parliamentarians with a view to the visit of a detention centre on 18 December 2015</td>
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<td>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</td>
<td>Ms Barbara Bernath, expert from the <strong>Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)</strong></td>
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<td>Johanna Panthier, Language Policy Division, Council of Europe</td>
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<td>25th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</td>
<td>Room 7, Palais</td>
<td>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</td>
<td>with Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</td>
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<td>Exchange of views on the theme “Protecting children against sexual violence online” with the participation of:</td>
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<td>Kristof Claesen, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, <strong>Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)</strong> (United Kingdom)</td>
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II. Elections

A. Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (4 October 2015)

On 28 September 2015, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1) and took note of the appointment, by the President of the Assembly, of Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) as its Chairperson.

B. Belarus: presidential election (11 October 2015)

On 28 September 2015, the Bureau took note of the appointment, by the President of the Assembly, of Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey, EC) as Chairperson of the pre-electoral delegation, following Ms Hovhannisyan’s resignation; took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission; approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2); and appointed Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey, EC) as its Chairperson.

C. Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015)

On 28 September 2015, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee which would observe the elections as part of the electoral mission of the Congress (Appendix 3) and appointed Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as its leader.

D. Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)

On 28 September 2015, the Bureau reviewed the situation in the light of the OSCE/ODIHR decision to cancel its observation mission; confirmed its decision to observe these elections; took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 4).

E. Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)

On 28 September 2015, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 5) and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson.

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau

- Fourth part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 28 September - 2 October 2015): on 2 October 2015, the Bureau approved the proposals for the follow-up made by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

- Standing Committee (Sofia, 27 November 2015): on 2 October 2015, the Bureau took note of the preliminary draft agenda.

- First part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 25–29 January 2016): on 2 October 2015, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 6).

- Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe: on 28 September and on 2 October 2015, the Bureau took note of their communications.

- European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT): on 2 October, the Bureau endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Malta to submit a new list of candidates and approved the list of candidates in respect of the Russian Federation to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers;

- Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (2 October 2015 – 25 January 2016): on 2 October 2015, the Bureau appointed Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) as rapporteur.
World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015): on 2 October 2015, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum (see Appendix 7).

Petition for the rights of new-borns surviving their abortion: on 2 October 2015, the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and decided that the petition was inadmissible.

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:

i. Monitoring Committee: on the basis of proposals respectively by the Socialist Group, the European Conservatives Group and the UEL Group, nominated Ms Yuliya L'Ovochkina (Ukraine), Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom) and Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia (Greece), subject to ratification by the Assembly.

ii. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of a proposal by the European Conservatives Group, nominated Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey);

iii. Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Volker Ulrich (Germany) and Mr Bernd Fabritius as members; on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Ms Olena Sotnyk (Ukraine) as alternate.

IV. Activities of the committees and other meetings

- 23-24 October 2015, Kos, Greece: Meeting of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to visit reception facilities for migrants on the island of Kos
- 26-27 October 2015, Limassol, Cyprus: Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- 2 November 2015, Paris, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- 3 November 2015, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- 4 November 2015, Paris: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- 12-13 November 2015, Geneva: Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- 23 November 2015, Paris: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and its Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
- 24 November 2015, Paris: Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention, (OECD Conference Centre) (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)
- 2 December 2015, Paris: Meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- 3-4 December 2015, Paris: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- 7 December 2015, Brussels: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- 8 December 2015, Paris, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- 9 December 2015, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- 10-11 December 2015, Paris: Meeting of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, followed by a seminar on mechanisms available to national parliaments to counter corruption concerning the funding of political parties and electoral campaigns
13 December 2015, London: Presidential Committee
14 December 2015, London: Bureau of the Assembly (morning)
14 December 2015, London: Meeting of the secretaries of national delegations (afternoon)
15 December 2015, Paris: Meeting of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

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

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, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Pristina, on 5-6 October 2015.

Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council

Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Palestinian Territories, on 6-7 October 2015.

Transparency and openness in European institutions

Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, Belgium, on 12-13 October 2015.

Implementation of Resolution 2052 (2015) on the post-monitoring dialog with Monaco

On behalf of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), former rapporteur on the post-monitoring dialog with Monaco, will carry out a visit to Monaco on 12 October 2015 to assess the implementation of Resolution 2052 (2015).

Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe

Mr Gvozden Srečko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media will participate in the annual conference of the Alliance of Independent Press Councils of Europe in Vienna, on 8 and 9 October 2015 and in the Council of Europe Conference on “freedom of expression: new battlefronts” in Strasbourg, on 13 and 14 October 2015.

Freedom of speech on the internet: promoting a uniform approach

Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media will participate in the Council of Europe Conference on “freedom of expression: new battlefronts” in Strasbourg, on 13 and 14 October 2015.

The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia

Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) and Ms Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from 12 to 14 October 2015.

Violence against migrants

Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece on 14-16 October 2015.

Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine²

Ms Kristýna Zelienková (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, has been invited to hold an exchange of views on issues related to her mandate, with the EP Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, at the European Parliament in Brussels, on 15 October 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.
- **Abusive use of the Interpol system: the need for more stringent legal safeguards**

  Mr Bernd Fabritius, (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will carry out a fact-finding visit to Interpol HQ, Lyon, France on **15 October 2015**.

- **Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy**

  Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, plans to carry out fact-finding visits to the United Kingdom on **26-27 October 2015** and to Ukraine on **9-10 November 2015**.

- **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza**

  Ms Eva-Lena Jansson (Sweden, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel and Palestinian Territories including the Gaza Strip on **26-28 October 2015**.

- **The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe**

  Mr Salvador Sedó (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, intends to carry out fact-finding visits to Paris and Brussels at the **end of October 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, wishes to carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia and the area surrounding the Sarsang reservoir before the **end of October 2015** (to be confirmed).

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

  Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media will participate in the meeting of the UNESCO Education Commission in the framework of the 38th UNESCO General Conference in Paris, from **4 to 6 November 2015**.

- **How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe**

  Mr Yves Cruchten, (Luxembourg, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will carry out a fact-finding visit to Budapest, Hungary on **9-10 November 2015**.

- **Assessing the impact of measures to improve women’s political participation**

  Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will conduct a fact-finding visit to Sweden from **9 to 11 November 2015**.

- **Culture and democracy**

  Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media will participate in the 14th Assembly of experts of the Council of Europe on the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe in Wroclaw (Poland), on **12 and 13 November 2015**.

- **The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the conflict in Ukraine**

  Ms Nellija Kleinberga (Latvia, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine on **19-21 November 2015**.

- **Guaranteeing equal rights and protecting women against violence in the armed forces**

  Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will conduct a fact-finding visit to Norway (dates to be confirmed).
Systematic collection of data on violence against women

Ms Maria Edera Spadoni (Italy, NR), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will conduct a fact-finding visit to Finland (dates to be confirmed).

VI. Relations with the Venice Commission

104th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (23-24 October 2015): Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) titular representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights is foreseen to attend the session.

105th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (18-19 December 2015): Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) titular representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights is foreseen to attend the session.
Appendix 1

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan (4 October 2015) - list of members

Chairperson: Meritxell MATEU PI (Andorra, ALDE)

Socialist Group (SOC) - 7 seats
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Josette DURRIEU, France
Gisela WURM, Austria
Florin IORDACHE, Romania

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD) - 7 seats
Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium
Andres HERKEL, Estonia
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France
Attila TILKI, Hungary

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) - 3 seats
André BUGNON, Switzerland
Meritxell MATEU PI, Andorra
Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia
Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

European Conservatives Group (EC) - 2 seats
Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) - 1 seat
...

Rapporteur - Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic
...

Expert - Venice Commission
Nicolae ESANU, Moldova

Secretariat
Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Head of the Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Gaël MARTIN-MICALLEF, Administrator, Venice Commission
Appendix 2

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Belarus (11 October 2015) - list of members

Chairperson: Reha DENEMEÇ (Turkey, EC)

Socialist Group (SOC)
Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden*
Titus CORLATEAN, Romania
Luc RECORDON, Switzerland

Substitutes
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Gisela WURM, Austria
Arcadio DIAZ TEJERA, Spain
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France
Birutė VESAITE, Lithuania
Marit MAIJ, The Netherlands

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)
Thierry MARIANI, France
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

Substitutes
Ben-Oni ARDELEAN, Romania
Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
Attila KORODI, Romania
Olivia MITCHELL, Ireland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
Marieluise BECK, Germany*
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

Substitutes
Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR, Slovenia
Goran TUPONJA, Montenegro

European Conservatives Group (EC)
Robert NEILL, United Kingdom
Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey*

Substitutes
Ömer SELVI, Turkey
Richard BALFE, United Kingdom
Egemen BAĞIŞ, Turkey

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Andrej HUNKO, Germany*

Rapporteur AS/POL
Andrea RIGONI, Italy*

Secretariat
Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Head of the Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Sonia SIRTORI, Head of Secretariat of the Bureau
Franck DAESCHLER, Principal administrative assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

* members of the pre-election delegation
Appendix 3

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the local elections in Ukraine (25 October 2015) - list of members

Leader: Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)
Immer ALIU, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia
Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

Socialist Group (SOC)
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands
Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania
Sasa MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium
Ferdinand AIELLO, Italy
Arcadio DĺAZ TEJERA, Spain
Claude ADAM, Luxembourg

Substitute
Anna ASCANI, Italy

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
Krýstina ZELIENKOVÁ, Czech Republic
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden
Andrea RIGONI, Italy

Substitute
Alfred HEER, Switzerland

European Conservatives Group (EC)
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway
Vahan BABAYAN, Armenia

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Andreu HUNKO, Germany

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)
Axel FISCHER, Germany
Jordi XUCLA, Spain

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Secretariat
Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Head of the Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Appendix 4

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (1 November 2015) – list of members

Chairperson: Jordi XUCLÀ*, Spain

Socialist Group (SOC)
Franck SCHWABE, Germany
Maria GUZENINA, Finland
Silvia BONET PEROT, Andorra
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Luc RECORDON, Switzerland
Michael McNAMARA, Ireland
Arcadio DíAZ TEJERA, Spain
Attila MESTERHÁZY, Hungary
Valentina LESKAJ, Albania
Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany

Substitutes
René ROUQUET, France
Pascale CROZON, France
Ferdinando AIELLO, Italy
Josette DURRIEU, France
Ol’ga NACHTMANNOVÁ, Slovak Republic
Dana VÁHALOVÁ, Czech Republic
Milica MARKOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia
Brute VESAITE, Lithuania
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta
Florin PĂSLARU, Romania
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)
Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden
Pedro AGRAMUNT, Spain
Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ, Serbia
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy
Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI*, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Karin STRENZ, Germany
Marija OBRADOVIĆ, Serbia

Substitutes
Werner AMON, Austria
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Şaban DIŞLİ, Turkey
Nicole DURANTON, France
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
François ROCHEBLOINE, France
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia
Ionuţ-Marian STROE, Romania
Attila TILKI, Hungary
Tobias ZECH, Germany
Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium
Andrea RIGONI, Italy
Jordi XUCLÀ*, Spain
Adele GAMBARO, Italy

Substitutes
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco
Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR, Slovenia

European Conservatives Group (EC)
Brian BINLEY, United Kingdom
Roger GALE, United Kingdom
Oleksii HONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Substitutes
Margaret EATON, United Kingdom
Tüllin ERKAL KARA, Turkey
Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Ógmundur JÓNASSON, Iceland
Ioanneta KAVVADIA, Greece

Rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)
Agustín CONDE, Spain
Tadeusz IWIŃSKI, Poland

Secretariat
Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Franck DAESCHLER, Principal administrative assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

* members of the pre-election delegation
Appendix 5

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Turkey (1 November 2015) – list of members

Chairperson: Andreas GROSS* (Switzerland)

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)
Volodymyr ARIEV*, Ukraine
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Nicole DURANTON, France
Hans FRANKEN, Netherlands
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Anže LOGAR, Slovenia
Pieter OMTZIGT, Netherlands
Ion POPA, Romania
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania

Substitutes
Imer ALIU, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Ben-Oni ARDELEAN, Romania
Yves POZZO di BORGO, France
François ROCHEBLOINE, France
Attila TILKI, Hungary
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

Socialist Group (SOC)
Andreas GROSS*, Switzerland
Josette DURRIEU, France
René ROUQUET, France
Athina KYRIAKIDOU, Cyprus
Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Philippe BIES, France
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Yuliya L’OVOCHKINA, Ukraine
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

Substitute
Nicos NICOLAIDES, Cyprus

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
André BUGNON, Switzerland
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Olena SOTNYK*, Ukraine
Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra

Substitutes
Anne KALMARI, Finland
Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia

European Conservatives Group (EC)
Richard BALFE, United Kingdom
Christopher CHOPE*, United Kingdom

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Nikolaj VILLUMSEN*, Denmark
George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus

Substitute
Tiny KOX, Netherlands
Rapporteur AM/MON (ex officio)
Ms Ingebjørg GODSKESEN*, Norway
Ms Nataša VUCKOVIC*, Serbia

Venice Commission

Secretariat
Sylvie AFFHOLDER, Administrator, Parliamentary Assembly
Danièle GASTL, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Anna KOLOTOVA, Secretary of the Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

* Pre-electoral mission
06 October 2015

1st part of the 2016 Ordinary Session (25-29 January 2016)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

¹. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 2 October 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
EPP/CD: Group of the European People’s Party
SOC: Socialist Group
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EC: European Conservatives Group
UEN: Group of the Unified European Left
NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols
- Presentation, statement
- Deadline for tabling documents
- Lists (speakers, questions)
- Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Bureau of the Assembly
Monday: 08:00-09:30
Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees
Monday: 14:00-15:00
Tuesday: 08:30-10:00
Tuesday: 14:00-15:30
Wednesday: 14:00-15:30
Thursday: 08:30-10:00
Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups
Monday: 09:30-11:30
Monday: 17:00-19:00
Wednesday: 08:30-10:00
Monday 25 January 2016

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

1. Opening of the part-session
   1.1. Examination of the credentials
       □ List of delegations:
           o (Doc.)
   1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly
   1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
   1.4. Appointment of members of committees
   1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
   1.6. Adoption of the agenda
   1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Sofia, 27 November 2015)

2. Debate
   2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
       □ Presentation by:
           o Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur As/Bur (Doc.)
       ● List of speakers
       □ [possibly] Vote

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

3. Address (15:00-16:00)
   3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
       □ Presentation by:
           o Mr Daniel MITOV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]
       ● Questions
       ○ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 January, 11:30)

4. Debate
   4.1. Free debate
       ● List of speakers
Tuesday 26 January 2016

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

5. [Possibly] Election (10:00-13:00)
   5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
      □ List of candidates in respect of:
         ○ (Doc.)

6. Debate
   6.1. Foreign fighters in Syria
      □ Presentation by:
         ○ Mr Dirk Van der MAELEN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
         ○ Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

   List of speakers
   Amendements (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
   Vote on ... ()

7. Address (12:00-13:00)
   7.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

   Questions

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

8. [Possibly] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

9. Address (15:30-16:30)
   9.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
      □ Presentation by:
         ○ Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND

   Questions

10. Debate
    10.1. Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan
           □ Presentation by:
              ○ Ms Josette DURRIEU (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
              ○ Mr James CLAPPISON (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
              ○ Mr Valeriu GIILETCI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

           List of speakers
           Amendements (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
           Vote on ... ()
11. Debate

11.1. Human rights and the ethical issues related to surrogacy

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
  - Mr Pavlo UNGURYAN (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

- List of speakers
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
- Vote on... ()
Wednesday 27 January 2016

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

12. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (10:00-13:00)
   12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
       List of candidates in respect of:

13. Joint debate
   13.1. The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration
       Presentation by:
       o Ms Daphné DUMERY (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
   13.2. Organised crime and migrants
       Presentation by:
       o Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (Georgia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

List of speakers
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 January, 10:30)
Vote on ... ()
Vote on ... ()

14. Address (12:00-13:00)
   14.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Questions

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

15. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16. Joint debate
   16.1. Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States
       Presentation by:
       o Ms MaiLis REPS (Estonia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
   16.2. How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe?
       Presentation by:
       o Mr Yves CRUCHTEN (Luxembourg, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

List of speakers
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 January, 16:00)
Vote on ... ()
Vote on ... ()
17. **Debate**

17.1. Judicial corruption: urgent need to implement the Assembly's proposals

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Kimmo SASI (Finland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13824)

- List of speakers
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 January, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13824)
Thursday 28 January 2016

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

18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate\(^2\)

19. Address (12:00-13:00)
   19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]
   19.2. Questions

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

20. Debate
   20.1. The situation in Kosovo\(^3\) and the role of the Council of Europe
   - Presentation by:
     - Mr Agustín CONDE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
   - List of speakers
   - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 January, 16:00)
   - Vote on ...

21. Debate
   21.1. Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians
   - Presentation by:
     - Mr Arcadio DíAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)
   - List of speakers
   - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 January, 16:00)
   - Vote on ...

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
3. *All reference 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.*
Sitting No. 9 (10:00-13:00)

22. Debate
   22.1. Access to school and education for all children
      □ Presentation by:
         o Mr Gvozden Srečko FLEGO (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)
      ◼ List of speakers
      ◼ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 28 January, 10:30)
      ◼ Vote on ... ()

23. Debate
   23.1. ...

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

25. Constitution of the Standing Committee

26. Closure of the part-session
Appendix 7

Ad hoc committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 18-20 November 2015 in Strasbourg

List of members

Chairperson
Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE)

Presidential Committee
Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD)
Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)
Mr Jordi Xucà (Spain, ALDE)
Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC)
Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey, EC)
Mr Gábor Harangozó (Hungary, SOC)
Mr Attila Mesterházy (Hungary, SOC)
Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EPP/CD)
Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC)
Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE)
Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
Mr Sergio Divina (Italy, NR)
Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE)
Mr Valeriu Ghiletchi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD)
Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
Mr Raphaël Comte (Suisse, ALDE)
Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC)
Mr Claudio Fazzone (Italy, EPP-CD)
Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE)
Mr Francesco Maria Giro (Italy, EPP/CD)
Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE)
Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia (Greece, UEL)
Mr Yves Le Borgn' (France, SOC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC)
Mr Saša Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)
Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs
Ms Chiora Taktakishvili (Georgia, ALDE)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee)