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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1245<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (20 January 2016)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 26 November 2015 (Sofia) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 25 January 2016 (Strasbourg).

## I. First part-session of 2016 (25-29 January)

On 14 December 2015, the Bureau updated the preliminary draft agenda. It decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values*, to be held on Wednesday 27 January in the afternoon, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for opinion.

On 14 January 2016, the chairpersons of four political groups (EPP/CD, SOC, ALDE, UEL - on behalf of their respective groups) made a request for a debate under urgent procedure on *The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland*.

The appended draft agenda has been updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect the modifications to be proposed to the Bureau on 25 January 2016 (Appendix 1). A list of events to be held during this part-session is appended to this communication (Appendix 2).

On 18 January 2016, the President of the Assembly, Anne Brasseur, received a letter signed by Ms Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of Federation of the Russian Federation, and Mr Sergey Naryshkin, Chairperson of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, informing her that “the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation does not consider it possible (...) to approach the PACE for ratification of Russian delegation credentials during the January 2016 Assembly session (...).”

## II. Observation of elections

### ➤ **Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (4 October 2015)**

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

### ➤ **Belarus: presidential election (11 October 2015)**

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

### ➤ **Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015)**

On 26 November, the Bureau took note of the press release of the international election observation mission.

### ➤ **Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)**

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

### ➤ **Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)**

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

### ➤ **Armenia: referendum on constitutional reforms (6 December 2015)**

On 26 November, the Bureau decided to observe this referendum; constituted an ad hoc committee consisting of one member per political group and the co-rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee on Armenia; appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson, and approved the composition of the ad hoc committee. On 14 December, it took note of the press release of the electoral mission.

- **“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”**: early parliamentary elections (24 April 2016, date to be confirmed)

On 14 December, subject to receiving an invitation, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 8; SOC: 7, ALDE: 2, EC: 2, UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) and the co-rapporteurs on post-monitoring dialogue. It also authorised a pre-electoral mission.

- **Schedule of elections for 2016**: on 14 December, the Bureau took note of the elections calendar for 2016 as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly (Appendix 3).

### **III. Prizes**

- **Europe Prize**

On 29 November 2015, the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development took part in the award ceremony to present the Europe Prize to the town of Vara in Sweden, a co-winner of the prize in 2015 together with the town of Dresden (Germany).

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

At its meeting on 4 December 2015, in Paris, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media decided unanimously to award the 2016 Museum Prize to the European Solidarity Centre (Gdańsk, Poland). The award ceremony will take place on 19 April 2016 in *Palais des Rohan*, Strasbourg.

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

On 14 December 2015, the Bureau approved the revised Regulations, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress Report, decided that they would apply as of the 2016 edition of the Prize and took note of the calendar for 2016.

On 15 January 2016, the Assembly launched a call for candidatures for the 2016 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, with an application deadline on 30 April.

### **IV. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament**

On 14 December, the Bureau took note of the draft programme of the Conference, which is scheduled to take place on 15-16 September 2016 in Strasbourg.

### **V. Activities of Committees and Networks**

- On 2 December 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**
  - held a hearing on **“Sexual violence in the French army”** with the participation of Ms Julia Pascual, journalist, co-author of the book *“La guerre invisible”* (The Invisible War);
  - held a hearing on **“Renewed commitment in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe”**, with the participation of:
    - Mr Henri Nickels, Head of Sector Equality, Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna (Austria);
    - Ms Cristina M. Finch, Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw (Poland);
    - Mr Vincent Tiberj, sociologist, Research Fellow at the Centre for European Studies of Sciences Po, Paris (France).

- On 3 December 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**:
  - held a hearing on **“Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media”** (Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC) with the participation of:
    - Ms Helen Darbishire, Executive Director, Access Info Europe, Madrid,
    - Ms Margo Smit, Ombudsman at the Dutch public broadcaster NOS, Journalism teacher at the State University of Groningen,
    - Mr Drew Sullivan, Editor of Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), Sarajevo and,
    - Mr Ricardo Gutierrez, General Secretary, European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Brussels.
  - held an exchange of views on **“Intellectual property rights in the digital era”** (Rapporteur: Mr Axel E. Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD) with the participation of:
    - Professor Silke von Lewinski, Max Planck Institute, Munich and,
    - Ms Francine Cunningham, Executive Director, European Newspaper Publishers’ Association (ENPA), Brussels.
  - held an exchange of views on **“Freedom of speech on the internet: promoting a uniform approach”** (Rapporteur: Ms Adele Gambaro, Italy, ALDE) with the participation of:
    - Mr Ricardo Gutierrez, General Secretary, European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Brussels, and,
    - Ms Francine Cunningham, Executive Director, European Newspaper Publishers’ Association (ENPA), Brussels.
- On 7 December 2015, in Brussels, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
  - held an exchange of views on **“Foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq”** (rapporteur Mr Dirk Van der Maelen, Belgium, SOC) with the participation of Mr Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator
  - held an exchange of views on the **“Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan”** (rapporteur Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC) with the participation of Mr Mustafa Ibrahim Al Hamarneh, member of the Jordanian House of Representatives
  - held an exchange of views on **“The political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine”** (rapporteur: Ms Kristýna Zelenková, Czech Republic, ALDE) with the participation of:
    - Mr Aldo Ferrari, Head of the Institute for International Political Studies Programme on Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, Professor at Ca’ Foscari University, Venice; and,
    - Mr Eugene Czolij, President of the Ukrainian World Congress.
- On 9 December, the Parliamentary Assembly Secretariat organised a balloon launch on the forecourt of the Council of Europe building, to mark the first European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, celebrated on 18 November by Committee of Ministers decision, following an initiative taken by the Assembly through its Recommendation 2045 (2014). A number of Parliaments organised similar events around 18 November.
- On 15 December 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**:
  - held an exchange of views on **“The need to eradicate statelessness of children”** (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR) with the participation of Ms Railya Abulkhanova, former stateless person.
  - heard a video statement by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur for the Parliamentary Campaign to “End immigration detention of children” on the occasion of the International Migration Day (18 December).

## **VI. Seminars and Conferences**

- On 10-11 December 2015 in Paris, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** organised a seminar on “**Funding of political parties and electoral campaigns: legislation and control mechanisms**”, in co-operation with the Parliamentary Project Support Division in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme (joint framework agreement between the Council of Europe and the European Union).
- On 16 December 2015 in the French National Assembly in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held a conference on “**A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe**” (organised in co-operation with the Parliamentary Project Support Division of the Parliamentary Assembly) with an opening statement by Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and panel discussions on “*Concerns and possible short/medium term solutions*” (moderated by Mr Jacques Attali, with presentations by members of the parliaments of Jordan, Greece, Serbia and Sweden) and on “*Sustainable solutions and co-operation with countries of origin and first asylum*” (moderated by Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill, with presentations by members of the parliaments of Turkey, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Denmark).

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

- ***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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from **24 to 26 November 2015**.

- ***Situation in Belarus***

**Mr Andrea Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, attended the Seminar on *Belarus and the Eastern Partnership after election in Belarus*, organised by the Nordic Council and the Baltic Assembly, which took place in Vilnius on **7 December 2015**.

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

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC) Chairperson of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova from **20 to 22 December 2015**.

- ***Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress***

**Mr Michele Nicoletti** (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, is carrying out a fact-finding visit to Kyiv, Ukraine, from **19-20 January 2016**.

## **VIII. Relations with the Venice Commission**

- ***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 attended the session.

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

- . **2 December 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **3 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 December 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **14 December 2015, London:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **14 December 2015, London:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **15-16 December 2015, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*



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

**Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>**

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 14 December 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).

## Abbreviations

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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

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

SOC: Socialist Group

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

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-  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 25 January 2016

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

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

##### 1.1. Examination of the credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
  - (Doc.)

##### 1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly

##### 1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

##### 1.4. Appointment of members of committees

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

1.5.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values"

1.5.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland"

##### 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:
  - Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.) (Doc.) (Doc.) (Doc. 13945 Addendum II)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 January, 10:00)

🗳 [possibly] Vote

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

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

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Daniel MITOV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 25 January, 12:00)

🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 January, 11:30)

#### 4. Debate

##### 4.1. Free debate

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 January, 12:00)

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

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**5. Election** (10:00-13:00)

**5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Cyprus (Doc. 13933, Doc. 13945 Addendum II)

**6. Joint debate**

**6.1. Escalation of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh and the other occupied territories of Azerbaijan**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13930)

**6.2. Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 13931)
- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13930)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13931)

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

**7.1. Mr Rossen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria**

- 📖 Questions

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

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**8. 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:
  - o 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:
  - o Ms Josette DURRIEU (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13936)
  - o Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
  - o Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
- ☐ Statement by:
  - o Mr Atef TARAWNEH, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan

- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 January, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13936)

## 11. Debate

### 11.1. Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians

- 🗉 Presentation by:
  - o Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 13944)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 January, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13944)

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## Wednesday 27 January 2016

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

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#### 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:
  - Cyprus (Doc. 13933)

#### 13. Joint debate

##### 13.1. The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Daphné DUMERY (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13942)

##### 13.2. Organised crime and migrants

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Irakli CHIKOVANI (Georgia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 13941)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 January, 19:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 January, 10:30)
- ⚖️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13942)
- ⚖️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13941)

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

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

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

#### 15. Joint debate

##### 15.1. Debate under urgent procedure<sup>2</sup>: Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Rapporteur (Doc. )

##### 15.2. Foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Dirk Van der MAELEN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13937)
  - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 January, 12:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 January, 18:00)
- ⚖️ Vote on ... ()
- ⚖️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13937)

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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## Thursday 28 January 2016

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

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

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

17.1. Ms Lorella STEFANELLI and Mr Nicola RENZI, Captains Regent of San Marino

📅 Questions

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

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#### 18. Debate

##### 18.1. The situation in Kosovo<sup>\*4</sup> and the role of the Council of Europe

📅 Presentation by:

o Mr Agustín CONDE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 13939)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13939)

#### 19. Joint debate

##### 19.1. 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. 13943)

##### 19.2. How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe?

📅 Presentation by:

o Mr Yves CRUCHTEN (Luxembourg, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13940)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13943)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13940)

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3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

4. \*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)

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**20. Debate**

**20.1. Access to school and education for all children**

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 13934)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 January, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 28 January, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13934)

**21. Debate**

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Kimmo SASI (Finland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 13824)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 January, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 28 January, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 13824)

**22. Progress report**

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

**23. Constitution of the Standing Committee**

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

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

Monday 25 January 2016	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “FIFA governance” (in camera)</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr François Carrard, Chairman of the 2016 FIFA Reform Committee</li> </ul>
<p><b>2 – 3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values”</b></p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report under urgent procedure (subject to the decision by the Assembly)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26 January 2016	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance</p>	<p>► <b>Presentation of ECRI’s work on Hate Speech</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Mirosław Wyrzykowski, member of ECRI, in respect of Poland, and</li> <li>. Mr Michael Whine, member of ECRI, in respect of the United Kingdom;</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Presentation of the Youth Campaign of the Council of Europe against hate speech (2016-2017)</b></p> <p>by Ms Antje Rothemund, Head of Youth Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe.</p>
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Luc Recordon, Switzerland, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr John Ringguth, Financial expert and former Executive Secretary of MONEYVAL (Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism)</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.15 –10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Marieluise Beck, Germany, ALDE with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, Coordinator, Open Russia, Moscow</li> <li>. Ms Svitlana Valko, Field Mission Coordinator – Ukraine, International Partnership for Human Rights, Kyiv</li> </ul>

**Tuesday 26 January 2016**

<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the conflict in Ukraine”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Nellija Kleinberga (Latvia, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Yurii Tandit, Official of the Security Service of Ukraine</li> <li>. Mr Artem Khorunzhyy, former-captured soldier of the battalion “Donbas”</li> </ul>
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**Wednesday 27 January 2016**

<p><b>10h30 -11h30</b> <b>Salle 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Election observation and interparliamentary co-operation Division</p>	<p>► <b>Meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections</b></p>
<p><b>1.30– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Informal meeting with the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) followed at 2 pm by the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport, on “Youth against corruption”</b></p>
<p><b>2.00– 3 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Round table on “The negative effects of immigration detention of children”</b></p> <p>in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign on “Ending immigration detention of children”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on “Ending immigration detention of children”</li> <li>. Mr Martin Vegter, Legal Advisor on children’s rights and migration, Defence for Children, the Netherlands</li> <li>. Ms Meltem Avcil, Campaigner, former migrant child detainee, United Kingdom</li> <li>. Ms Katy Robjant, Clinical Psychologist and Head of Therapies at the Helen Bamber Foundation, United Kingdom</li> </ul>

**Thursday 28 January 2016**

<p><b>8.30 – 9.15 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Human rights and intersex persons”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.00 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Situation in Belarus”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Andrea Rigoni, [Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. A representative of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus (tbc)</li> <li>. Ms Tatiana Karatkevich, presidential candidate 2015</li> </ul>



**Thursday 28 January 2016**

<p><b>9.15 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing of views on “Human Rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to <a href="#">Resolution 1738 (2010)</a>?”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Mr Ramazan Dzafarov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Dagestan, tbc</li><li>. Mr Nurdi Nukhadjiev, Ombudsman of the Chechen Republic, tbc</li></ul>
<p><b>1.30 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Platform of dialogue between the Council of Europe and high representatives of religions and non-confessional organisations”</b></p>
<p><b>2 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room ..., Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Road safety in Europe as a public health priority”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Naira Karapetyan, Armenia, EPP/CD, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Mr Dinesh Sethi, Programme Manager, Violence and Injury Prevention, WHO Regional Office for Europe</li><li>. Mr Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of Unit of Road Safety, European Commission</li></ul>

### Appendix 3

#### Elections calendar 2016

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATE	STATUS	REMARKS	BUREAU DECISION
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	Early parliamentary elections	24 April 2016	Post-monitoring dialogue	Invitation not received	
Russian Federation	Parliamentary elections	18 September 2016	Monitoring	Invitation not received	
Belarus	Parliamentary elections	30 September 2016	Special guest status was suspended by the Bureau on 13/01/97	Invitation not received	
Bulgaria	Presidential election	October (tbc)	Post-monitoring dialogue	Invitation not received	
Montenegro	Parliamentary elections	31 October 2016 (tbc)	Post-monitoring dialogue	Invitation not received	
Georgia	Parliamentary elections	Date tbc	Monitoring	Invitation not received	
Morocco	Parliamentary elections	Date tbc	Partner for democracy	Invitation not received	