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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1247th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (10 February 2016)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 25 January 2016 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 3 March 2016 (Paris).

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

A. Election of the President of the Assembly

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) as its 28th President.

B. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

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

C. Election of the bureaux of the Committees of the Assembly

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

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

4. On 26 January 2016, the Assembly elected Mr Georgios A. Serghides as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Cyprus.

On 29 January 2016, the Assembly, on the basis of the recommendation of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, decided to reject the list of the three candidates to the post of judge to the Court in respect of Azerbaijan.

E. Personalities

5. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

Mr Daniel MITOV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

Mr Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of Bulgaria

Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Atef TARAWNEH, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan

Mr Harlem DESIR, Minister of State for European Affairs of France

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

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

F. Debate under urgent procedure

7. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure, respectively on “Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values” (Resolution 2090 (2016)) and on “Recent attacks against women in European cities – the need for a comprehensive response” (Resolution 2093 (2016) with the title “Recent attacks against women: the need for honest reporting and a comprehensive response”.

G. Challenge of credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Moldova

8. On 27 January 2016, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2092 (2016) which specified that:

3. *The Assembly decides to ratify the Moldovan parliamentary delegation's credentials and requests that the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova present the updated list of the delegation's composition, in line with Rule 6.2.a. of the Rules of Procedure, before the beginning of the Assembly's part-session in April 2016.*

4. *It invites the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) and the co-rapporteurs concerned to ensure, within the framework of dialogue with the Moldovan authorities, that the Moldovan Parliament is properly informed of the requirements laid down in the Assembly's Rules of Procedure and that it will take due account of them in subsequent changes to the composition of its parliamentary delegation, particularly when filling the three remaining vacant seats on the delegation.*

H. Media coverage

The media coverage of the first part-session was on a par with other recent ones, with around 355 articles published (provisional figures), 42 hours of audio recordings and 15 video broadcasts.

The election of the new President of the Assembly attracted the most media coverage (Agencia EFE, Europapress, RTVE, ABC, Las Provincias, Novinite), together with the urgent debate on *Recent attacks against women in European cities - the need for a comprehensive response* (DPA, FAZ, EFE, Xinhua, Sputnik). Considerable attention was also given to the debates on *The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration* and on *Organised crime and migrants*, as well as to the address by the President of Bulgaria, and the Communication by the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers (BTA, Dnevnik, Novinite, Sofia News Agency).

The non-submission of credentials by the Russian parliament received extensive media coverage (Itar-Tass, Interfax, Sputnik, RIA Novosti, Rossiyskaya gazeta, Vzglyad, Kommersant).

Activity on social media largely followed the same pattern, the election of the new President and the non-submission of credentials by the Russian parliament generating the most interest. There was a record jump in followers of the main @PACE_News account (445 new followers across the session) while the two new specialised Twitter accounts (@PACE_Migration and @PACE_Equality) continued to increase their followers.

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: 46 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded.

I. Adopted texts

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

Resolution 2085 (2016)	Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water (Doc. 13931)
Resolution 2086 (2016)	Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan (Doc. 13655)
Resolution 2087 (2016) Recommendation 2083 (2016)	Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians (Doc. 13944)
Resolution 2088 (2016)	The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration (Doc. 13942)
Resolution 2089 (2016)	Organised crime and migrants (Doc. 13941)
Resolution 2090 (2016)	Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values (Doc. 13958)
Resolution 2091 (2016) and Recommendation 2084 (2016)	Foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq (Doc. 13937)
Resolution 2092 (2016)	Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Moldova (Doc. 13962)
Resolution 2093 (2016)	Recent attacks against women – the need for honest reporting and a comprehensive response (Doc 13961)
Resolution 2094 (2016)	The situation in Kosovo ^{*2} and the role of the Council of Europe (Doc. 13939)
Resolution 2095 (2016) Recommendation 2085 (2016)	Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States (Doc 13943)
Resolution 2096 (2016) Recommendation 2086 (2016)	How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe (Doc. 13940)
Resolution 2097 (2016)	Access to school education for all children (Doc. 13934)
Resolution 2098 (2016) and Recommendation 2087 (2016)	Judicial corruption: urgent need to implement the Assembly's proposals (Doc. 13824)

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

² * 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.

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

Monday 25 January 2016	
<p>2 – 3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report under urgent procedure</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <p>. Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p><i>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on recent developments concerning the Constitutional Court of Poland (<i>in camera</i>)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <p>. Mr Włodzimierz Bernacki, Chairperson and other members of the Polish delegation</p>
Tuesday 26 January 2016	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Presentation of ECRI’s work on Hate Speech</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <p>. Mr Mirosław Wyrzykowski, member of ECRI in respect of Poland, and . Mr Michael Whine, member of ECRI in respect of the United Kingdom;</p>
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Human rights of refugees and migrants – the situation in the Western Balkans”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <p>. Ms Chrysanthi Protogerou, Director of the Greek Council for Refugees</p>
<p>9.15 –10 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Marieluise Beck, (Germany, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <p>. Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, Coordinator, Open Russia, Moscow . Ms Svitlana Valko, Field Mission Coordinator – Ukraine, International Partnership for Human Rights, Kyiv</p>

Tuesday 26 January 2016	
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the conflict in Ukraine”</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"> . Mr Artem Khorunzhyy, former-captured soldier of the battalion “Donbas” . Mr Yurii Tandit, Official of the Security Service of Ukraine . Ms Maria Tomak, Researcher, Centre for Civil Liberties, Kyiv, Ukraine
Wednesday 27 January 2016	
<p>10.30-11.30 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Election observation and interparliamentary co-operation Division</p>	<p>► Meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections</p>
<p>1.30– 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► 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”</p>
<p>2.00– 3 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Round table on “The negative effects of immigration detention on children”</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"> . Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on “Ending immigration detention of children” . Ms Katy Robjant, Clinical Psychologist and Head of Therapies at the Helen Bamber Foundation, United Kingdom . Mr Martin Vegter, Legal Advisor on children’s rights and migration, Defence for Children, the Netherlands
Thursday 28 January 2016	
<p>8.30 – 10 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Human rights and intersex persons”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.
<p>9.00 – 10.00 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Situation in Belarus”</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"> . Mr Nikolai Samoseiko, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus . Ms Tatiana Karatkevich, presidential candidate in 2015

Thursday 28 January 2016

<p>9.15 – 10.00 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Human Rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to Resolution 1738 (2010)?”</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">. Ms Tanya Lokshina, Russia Program Director, Human Rights Watch, Moscow. Ms Olga Gnezdilova, Legal Director at Stichting Russia Justice Initiative
<p>8.30 – 10 am Room 11, Palais</p> <p><i>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on recent developments in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (<i>in camera</i>)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski, Chairperson of the national delegation of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”. Ms Renata Deskoska, member of the opposition
<p>1.30 – 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Platform of dialogue between the Council of Europe and high representatives of religions and non-confessional organisations”</p> <p>with representatives of religions and non-confessional organisations and the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Road safety in Europe as a public health priority”</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">. Mr Dinesh Sethi, Programme Manager, Violence and Injury Prevention, WHO Regional Office for Europe. Ms Maria Villegas, Policy Officer on Road safety, European Commission

II. Observation of elections

A. Armenia: referendum on constitutional reforms (6 December 2015)

- . On 25 January, the Bureau took note of the memorandum by the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee, which was submitted to the Assembly through the addendum to the Progress report.

B. Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016)

- . On 25 January, the Bureau took note that the Assembly had been invited to observe the early parliamentary elections, decided to observe them and constituted an ad hoc committee to this end composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3; ALDE: 2; EC: 2 and UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) and the rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *The relations of Council of Europe with Kazakhstan*, Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD).
- . On 29 January, the Bureau approved a list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) as the Chairperson.

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

On 25 January, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as its Chairperson. At its following meeting, it approved a revised list of members of the ad hoc committee.

D. Serbia: early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed)

On 29 January, the Bureau decided to observe these elections, subject to confirmation of date and receipt of an invitation, and to constitute an ad hoc committee to this end composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 8; SOC: 7; ALDE: 2, EC: 2 and UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) and the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee. It authorised a pre-electoral mission.

III. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 29 January, the Bureau took note of the press release of the launch of the 2016 edition of the Prize.

IV. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (25 January and 29 January 2016)

- **First part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 25-29 January):**
 - i. *Credentials of the Russian delegation for the Ordinary Session 2016*: on 25 January, the Bureau took note of the letter of 18 January jointly signed by Ms Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation, and Mr Sergey Naryshkin, Chairperson of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, explaining that the Russian parliament would not submit the credentials of a delegation, as well as of the reply by Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly.
 - ii. On 29 January, the Bureau approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up of adopted texts.
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 4 March 2016)**: on 29 January, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.
- **Second part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 18-22 April)**: on 29 January, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (appendix 3).
- **General Rapporteurs**: on 29 January, the Bureau approved the terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists (Appendix 4), to be ratified by the Assembly on the same day in the addendum to the Progress report.
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: on 29 January, the Bureau endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Azerbaijan to submit a new list of candidates and drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Malta and Romania, to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2016**: approved the appointments as set out in Appendix 5.

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

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

Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) and **Mr Axel E. Fischer** (Germany, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from **1 to 3 February 2016**.

➤ ***A stronger European response to the Syrian refugees crisis***

Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, is carrying out a fact-finding visit to Jordan and Lebanon from **8 to 12 February 2016**.

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

Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) and **Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi** (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to “*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*” from **15 to 18 February 2016**.

➤ ***Situation in Belarus***

Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, on **24 February 2016**.

➤ ***Female Genital Mutilation***

Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London from **1 to 2 March 2016**.

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

. **3 March, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*

. **3 March, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

APPENDIX 1

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

In order of precedence / par ordre de préséance

Mr Roger GALE	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr Tedo JAPARIDZE	Georgia / Géorgie
Mr René ROUQUET	France
Ms Valentina LESKAJ	Albania / Albanie
Ms Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN	Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms Ingjerd SCHOU	Norway / Norvège
Mr Włodzimierz BERNACKI	Poland / Pologne
Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN	Armenia / Arménie
Mr Talip KÜÇÜKCAN	Turkey / Turquie
Mr Zsolt NÉMETH	Hungary / Hongrie
Ms Adele GAMBARO	Italy / Italie
Ms Meritxell MATEU	Andorra / Andorre
Ms Annetta KAVVADIA	Greece / Grèce
Mr Axel E. FISCHER	Germany / Allemagne
Ms Maria GUZENINA	Finland / Finlande
Ms Liliana PALIHOVICI	Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova
Mr Michael Aastrup JENSEN	Denmark / Danemark
Mr Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"

APPENDIX 2 - Chairmanships and Vice-Chairmanships of committees // Présidences et Vice-présidences de commissions

Committees / Commissions	Chairpersons / Présidents	Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-présidents	
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i> 90 seats / sièges	Mogens JENSEN, Denmark, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, EPP/CD Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland, ALDE Maria GUZENINA, Finland, SOC
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i> 85 seats / sièges	Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium, ALDE	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany, EPP/CD Frank SCHWABE, Germany, SOC Morten WOLD, Norway, EC
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i> 85 seats / sièges	Stella KYRIAKIDES, Cyprus, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Silvia BONET, Andorra, SOC ... Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania, EPP/CD
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / <i>Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées</i> 85 seats / sièges	Sahiba GAFAROVA, Azerbaijan, EC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Zsolt CSENGER-ZALÁN, Hungary, EPP/CD Doris FIALA, Switzerland, ALDE Petra De SUTTER, Belgium, SOC
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i> 85 seats / sièges	Volodymyr ARIEV, Ukraine, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Adele GAMBARO, Italy, ALDE Alexander [The Earl of] DUNDEE, UK, EC Vesna MARJANOVIĆ, Serbia, SOC
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i> 85 seats / sièges	Elena CENTEMERO, Italy, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Marit MAIJ, Netherlands, SOC Rózsa HOFFMANN, Hungary, EPP/CD Maryvonne BLONDIN, France, SOC
Monitoring Committee / <i>Commission de suivi</i> 90 seats / sièges	Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Philippe MAHOUX, Belgique, SOC Hermine NAGHDALYAN, Armenia, EC Jean-Charles ALLAVENA, Monaco, EPP/CD
Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / <i>Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles</i> 37 seats / sièges	Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Suisse, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Liliana PALIHOVICI, Rep Moldova / Rép Moldova, EPP/CD Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey, EPP/CD George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus, UEL
Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / <i>Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme</i> 20 seats / sièges	Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine, EPP/CD Nataša VUČKOVIĆ, Serbia, SOC ...

APPENDIX 3



03 February 2016

2nd part of the 2016 Ordinary Session (18-22 April 2016)

Preliminary draft agenda¹





1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 29 January 2016.

Abbreviations

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

-  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: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 18 April 2016

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

1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
 - List of delegations:
 - (Doc.)
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.6. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Paris, 4 March 2016)

2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - Presentation by:
 - Ms Ioanneta KAVVADIA (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 18 April, 10:00)
 - 🗳 [possibly] Vote

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

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

- 3.1. Annual activity report 2015 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Presentation by:
 - Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - 📅 Questions

4. Debate

- 4.1. Free debate
 - 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 18 April, 12:00)

Tuesday 19 April 2016

Sitting No. 12 (10:00-13:00)

5. [Possibly] Election (10:00-13:00)

5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates in respect of:
 - o Slovenia [tbc], (Doc.)

6. Debate

6.1. Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Elena CENTEMERO (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- Vote on ... ()

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

7.1. Mr Ahmet DAVUTOĞLU, Prime Minister of Turkey [tbc]

- Questions

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

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

8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

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

- Questions

10. Joint debate

10.1. Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Sevinj FATALIYEVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
 - o Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)
 - o Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

10.2. Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Jacques LEGENDRE (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 19 April, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- Vote on ... ()
- Vote on ... ()

11. Debate

11.1. Evaluation of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council (follow-up to Resolution 1969 (2014))

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
 - Mr Şaban DİŞLİ (Turkey, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - Ms Marit MAIJ (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 19 April, 12:00)
- ⊖ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- ⚖ Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Sitting No. 14 (10:00-13:00)

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

12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates in respect of:
 - Slovenia [tbc], (Doc.)

13. Debate

13.1. Renewed commitment in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
 - Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 19 April, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 19 April, 10:30)
- Vote on ... ()

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

14.1. Address by Mr Heinz FISCHER, President of Austria

- Questions

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

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

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

16.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Daniel MITOV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]
- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 20 April, 12:00)
- Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 11 April, 11:30)

17. Joint debate

17.1. A stronger European response to the Syrian refugees crisis

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Annette GROTH (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

17.2. Human rights of refugees and migrants - the situation in the Western Balkans

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 20 January, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 19 April, 16:00)
- Vote on ... ()
- Vote on ... ()

18. Debate

18.1. Human rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to Resolution 1738 (2010)?

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Michael McNAMARA (Ireland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 20 January, 12:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 19 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()


Thursday 21 April 2016

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

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

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

20.1. Mr Giorgi KVIRIKASHVILI, Prime Minister of Georgia [tbc]


 Questions


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


21. Debate

21.1. The humanitarian concerns with regard to captured people during the conflict in Ukraine

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Nellija KLEINBERGA (Latvia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 21 April, 12:00)


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


 Vote on ... ()


22. Debate

22.1. The handling of international public health emergencies

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Silvia Eloisa BONET (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 21 April, 12:00)

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

 Vote on ... ()

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

23. Debate

23.1. Transparency and openness in European institutions

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
- Ms Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI (Georgia, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)

📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 21 January, 19:00)

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

24. Debate

24.1. Involuntary placement and treatment of people with psychosocial disability: need for a new paradigm

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Guguli MAGRADZE (Georgia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 21 January, 19:00)

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25. Progress report (continued)

26. Closure of the part-session

APPENDIX 4

Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists

Denomination: General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists

Term of office: One year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years.

Subject: the General Rapporteur should deal with serious violations of media freedom and the safety of journalists in Europe.

The General Rapporteur should:

- follow-up the alerts posted on the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, and report periodically on those cases to the Committee, keeping it informed on action taken, or to be taken, to deal with them;
- represent the Committee on behalf of the Assembly vis-à-vis other Council of Europe bodies and relevant external stakeholders, and cooperate with them as appropriate
- follow activities of other Assembly committees and liaise with rapporteurs dealing with related matters;
- follow-up and promote relevant Assembly resolutions and recommendations.

Appendix 5 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2016

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2016 nominations
I. Council of Europe bodies			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)	Members: Ms Brasseur, ALDE appointment by the President Mr Mahoux - SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Fabritius – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)
Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003	Members : Ms Durrieu - SOC (AS/Pol) Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Xuclà - ALDE (AS/Mon) Substitutes : Mr Frécon - SOC (AS/Pol) Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Kox - UEL (AS/Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6)	Members : Ms Günay - EC (AS/Soc) Baroness Massey – SOC (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach - SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Luís Leite Ramos – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)	Members : Mr Corlatean – SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Čilevičs - SOC (AS/Ega) Mr Önal – EC (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Korodi – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) ... (AS/Ega) ... (AS/Cult)
Group of States against Corruption GRECO	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO	Member : Mr Vlasenko – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sharma - SOC (AS/Jur)
CE Committee for Works of Art	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Members: Lady Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) Ms Marjanović – SOC (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Mr Omtzigt – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Ms Mateu - ALDE (AS/Jur)
II. Other			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Lady Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage