

## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1253<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (13 April 2016)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 29 January 2016 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 18 April 2016 (Strasbourg).

## **I. Decisions taken by the Bureau**

### **A. Second part-session of 2016 (18-22 April 2016)**

On 3 March 2016, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda and took note of the guest speakers to be invited to the Assembly's second part-session of 2016 (Appendix I).

Subject to the results of interviews of candidates by the Committee on election of Judges to the European Court of Human, the Assembly will elect the judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Slovenia.

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

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

#### **➤ Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016)**

On 3 March 2016, the Bureau approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections.

#### **➤ Serbia: early parliamentary elections (24 April 2016)**

On 3 March 2016, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson.

#### **➤ "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": early parliamentary elections (5 June 2016)**

On 3 March 2016, the Bureau took note of the date of the early parliamentary elections.

### **C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 3 March 2016**

#### **➤ Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**

On 3 March 2016, the Bureau took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and asked the President of the Assembly to transmit it to the chairpersons of national delegations.

## **II. Standing Committee – 4 March 2016**

The Standing Committee held an exchange of views with Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

Following debates, it adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly, which are available on the Assembly website:

<b>Opinion 291 (2016)</b>	Draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention
<b>Opinion 292 (2016)</b>	Draft Council of Europe Convention on Cinematographic Co-production (revised)
<b>Resolution 2099 (2016)</b>	The need to eradicate statelessness of children
<b>Resolution 2100 (2016)</b>	The libraries and museums of Europe in times of change
<b>Resolution 2101 (2016)</b>	Systematic collection of data on violence against women
<b>Resolution 2102 (2016)</b>	Modifications to the Assembly's Rules of Procedure

### **III. Open Day – 9 May 2016**

The Parliamentary Assembly Secretariat will organise an Open Day on 9 May 2016 from 2.30 to 5 pm addressed to all those working in permanent representations. The Open Day aims at familiarising participants with the activities and working methods of the Assembly. The programme will be made available in due course. Permanent representations are kindly invited to this event.

### **IV. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament – 15-16 September 2016**

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, to which Speakers of all national parliaments have been invited, will take place on 15-16 September in Strasbourg. It will address the three following themes:

1. A current political issue (to be identified ahead of the Conference amongst those suggested by the Presidents of Parliament)
2. National Parliaments and the Council of Europe: Together promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law
3. Mobilisation of Parliaments against hate for inclusive and non- racist societies

All information is available on the website of the Conference.

[http://website-pace.net/en\\_GB/web/apce/presidents-conference](http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/presidents-conference)

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

- On 8 March 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
  - held an exchange of views on ***The state of democracy and the rule of law in Poland***, under the item “open discussion on current issues”, with the participation of Mr Dominik Tarczyński, member of the Polish delegation representing the governing majority; Mr Bogdan Klich, Senator, member of the Civic Platform and of the Committee, representing the opposition; Ms Joanna Banasiuk, Member of the Ordo Iuris Institute for Legal Culture; Ms Małgorzata Szuleka, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights; Ms Agnieszka Romaszewska-Guzy, Vice-Chairperson of the Association of the Polish Journalists; and Mr Jarosław Kurski, Deputy Editor in Chief of the newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza;
  - held an exchange of views on the ***Situation in Lebanon and challenges for regional stability and European security*** (Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Julien Barnes-Dacey, Senior Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations in London;
  - held an exchange of views on ***Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress*** (Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC) with the participation of Mr Drago Kos, Chairperson of the OECD Working Group on Bribery.
- On 9 March 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:
  - held a hearing on ***The recent developments in southeast Turkey and the resumption of the peace process*** in the framework of the Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen, Norway, EC and Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC) with the participation of: Dr Mehmet Tekinarslan, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Interior of Turkey, Mr Osman Baydemir, Member of Parliament and former Mayor of Diyarbakir, Democratic Peoples’ Party (HDP), Mr Andrew Gardner, Researcher on Turkey, Amnesty international, and members of the Turkish delegation;
  - decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the compatibility of the legal framework governing curfews in Turkey with Council of Europe standards;
  - concerning **Ukraine** (Co-rapporteurs: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE, and Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD):
    - . decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the law amending the law on the election of members of parliament (law 3700);

- concerning **the Preliminary draft reports on countries not under the monitoring procedure stricto sensu or engaged in a post-monitoring dialogue** (Rapporteur ex officio: Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): considered the preliminary draft reports on Austria, the Czech Republic and France and held an exchange of views with members of the delegations concerned; decided to transmit these reports to the authorities of the respective countries for their comments.
- On 11 March 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** held a hearing on **Women and radicalisation leading to terrorism** with the participation of:
  - Ms Véronique Roy, mother of a young man who converted, became radicalised to take part in the Jihad and died in Syria, Paris (France);
  - Ms Melanie Smith, Researcher & Coordinator at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, London (United Kingdom).
- On 11 March 2016 in Paris, the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence** held an exchange of views with Ms Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), and members of GREVIO.
- On 14 March 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held exchanges of views on:
  - **Culture and democracy** (Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC) with the participation of Ms Claudia Luciani, Director, Directorate of Democratic Governance, DGII, Council of Europe;
  - **Reform process of FIFA governance**, within the framework of Resolution 2053 (2015) on “FIFA governance” with the participation of Mr François Carrard, Chairman of the 2016 FIFA Reform Committee;
  - **Promoting Regional or Minority Languages in Central and Eastern Europe** (Rapporteur: Ms Rózsa Hoffmann, Hungary, EPP/CD) with the participation of Prof. Dr. Stefan Oeter, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML);
  - **Youth against corruption** (Rapporteur: Ms Eleonora Cimbro, Italy, SOC) with the participation of Mr Zlatko Simonovski, Centre for Research and Policy Making (“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”), member organisation of the Council of Europe Schools of Political Studies network, and Mr Renan Flumian, writer, author of “Dr. Corrupção”, lecturer at Instituto de Educação a Distância Interativa, São Paulo;
  - **New technology and the reform of education system in Turkey: the “Fatih Project”** with the participation of Mr Dinçer Ateş, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Education, Turkey, and Mr Ilker Helvacı, Vice-President of Sebit Education and Information Technologies Inc., partner of the Fatih Project, Turkey.
- On 15 March 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** held an exchange of views on:
  - **Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money** (Rapporteur Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)), with the participation of 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) and Mr Luc Recordon (Lawyer and Director at the Vaud Cantonal Bank, Switzerland).
- On 21-22 March 2016 in Tbilisi, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**:
  - held an exchange of views on **the situation of migration in Georgia** with the participation of Mr Zviad Dzidziguri, Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia, Mr Sozar Subari, Minister for IDPs, Accommodation and Refugees and Mr Paata Zakareishvili, State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality;
  - held a hearing on **Migration challenges in the South Caucasus and the region** with the participation of Mr Dennis Sammut, Executive Director of LINKS (Dialogue-Analysis-Research), London, Mr Hy Shelow, Representative *a.i.* of the UNHCR in Georgia and Ms Natia Katsitadze, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia;

- held an exchange of views on the **population situation in Georgia** with Mr Tengiz Tsekvava, Deputy Executive Director, National Statistics Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT).

## VI. Seminars and conferences

### ➤ **Seminars and conferences organised by the Parliamentary Assembly:**

On **4 April 2016** in Rome, the first national seminar organised within the framework of the **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance** was held.

On **11 April 2016** in London, the **Sub-committee on Media and Information Society** of the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** and the **Parliamentary Project Support Division** organised the *Inter-parliamentary Conference on Freedom, independence, transparency and diversity of media* in the framework of the Programmatic cooperation framework for the EU's Eastern Partnership countries.

On **13 April 2016** in The Hague, Netherlands, the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence** will holding a Regional Conference on the Istanbul Convention.

## VII. 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**.

### ➤ ***The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017***

**Ms Birutė Vėsaitė** (Lithuania, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, attended the Fourth OECD Parliamentary Days, in Paris, **3-5 February 2016**.

### ➤ ***A stronger European response to the Syrian refugee crisis***

**Ms Annette Groth** (Germany, UEL) rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Jordan and Lebanon from **7 to 13 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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” from **15 to 18 February 2016**.

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

**Ms Valentina Leskaj** (Albania, SOC) and **Mr Ögmundur Jónasson** (Iceland, UEL), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova from **22 to 23 February 2016**.

### ➤ ***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* carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on **23 February 2016**.

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

**Mr Zsolt Németh** (Hungary, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels for an exchange of views with European Commission officials dealing with matters in relation with Bulgaria on **1 March 2016**.

➤ ***Female Genital Mutilation in Europe***

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

➤ ***Situation in Belarus***

**Mr Andrea Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, on **2-3 March 2016**. He also attended an international conference on “Death penalty: Transcending the Divide”, organised by the United Nations Development Programme in Belarus, in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus and with support from the British Embassy in Minsk, on **10 March 2016**.

➤ ***Renewed commitment in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe***

**Mr Titus Corlăţean** (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, attended the German Parliamentary Conference on “Combating Anti-Semitism” in Berlin on **13-15 March 2016**.

➤ ***Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria***

**Mr René Rouquet** (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Algeria, on **21-23 March 2016**.

➤ ***The humanitarian crisis in Gaza***

**Ms Eva-Lena Jansson** (Sweden, SOC) rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Palestinian Territories and Israel from **28 to 31 March 2016**.

➤ ***Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers***

**Mr Tobias Zech** (Germany, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination* carried out a fact-finding visit to Budapest and the North-East border of Hungary from **1 to 2 April 2016**.

➤ ***Legal remedies for human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities // Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine***

**Ms Marieluise Beck** (Germany, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a joint fact-finding visit to Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Mariupol with **Ms Kristýna Zeliňková** (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, from **4 to 8 April 2016**.

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

**Mr Stephan Schennach**, (Austria, SOC), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from **5 to 9 April 2016**.

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

➤ ***Meeting of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) (9 March 2016, Paris)***: as mentioned above, the Committee decided to ask the Venice Commission for opinions on:

- . the compatibility of the legal framework governing curfews in Turkey with Council of Europe standards; and
- . the Ukraine law amending the law on the election of members of parliament (law 3700).

➤ ***54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for democratic elections of the Venice Commission (10 March 2016)***: Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) and Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) attended this meeting.

➤ ***106th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (11-12 March 2016)***: Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) and Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) attended the session.

## **IX. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions**

**Ms Milena Santerini** (Italy, SOC), *General Rapporteur on racism and intolerance of the Committee on equality and non-discrimination*, participated in the Round Table on “Combating Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Europe” organised by the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI), in Brussels, on **16 February 2016**.

**Mr Zsolt Németh** (Hungary, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee on the post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria*, had an exchange of views with European Commission officials dealing with matters in relation with Bulgaria, in Brussels on **1 March 2016**.

**Mr Andrea Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on the Situation in Belarus*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on **2-3 March 2016**. In this context, he met with Members of the European Parliament, European Commission’s officials and NGOs.

**Ms Gisela Wurm** (Austria, SOC) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migrations, Refugees and Displaced persons on Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence*, participated in the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on “Women Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the EU”, organised by the European Parliament’s Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), in Brussels, on **3 March 2016**.

As mentioned above, **Ms Eva-Lena Jansson** (Sweden, SOC) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on The humanitarian crisis in Gaza* held an exchange of views in Jerusalem with Ms Ulrike Hauer and Mr Emanuele Pitto from the Office of the European Union Representation in Jerusalem, on **30 March 2016**.

**Ms Sahiba Gafarova** (EC, Azerbaijan), **Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo** (EPP/CD, Monaco), **Ms Diva Hadamira Gastélum Bajo** (Mexico), **Ms Athina Kyriakidou** (SOC, Cyprus), **Ms Carmen Quintanilla** (EPP/CD, Spain), and **Ms Gisela Wurm** (SOC, Austria) participated in the side event on “The parliamentary dimension of combating violence against women” organised by the European Parliament’s Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations, in New York (United States of America), on **14 March 2016**.

**X. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

- . **12 January 2016, Paris**, *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **7 March 2016, Paris** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **8 March 2016, Paris**: *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **9 March 2016, Paris**: *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **10 March 2016, Paris**: *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **15 March 2016, Paris** : *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **17-18 March 2016, Turin (Italy)** : *Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **21-22 March 2016, Tbilisi**: *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **17 April 2016, Strasbourg** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*



## **APPENDIX I - Agenda of the Assembly's Second part-session of 2016**

**Doc. 13996 prov 1**  
11 April 2016

### **Second part of the 2016 Ordinary Session (18-22 April 2016)**

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

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 3 March 2016.  
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: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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# Monday 18 April 2016

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

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### 1. Opening of the part-session

#### 1.1. Statement by the President

#### 1.2. Examination of credentials

☐ List of delegations: o (Doc. )

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

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

1.4.1. [REDACTED]

1.4.2. Current affairs debate: "The recent and tragic escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict"

#### 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:

o 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)

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

#### 3.1. Annual activity report 2015 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights ([CommDH\(2016\)7](#))

☐ Presentation by:

o 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)

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## Tuesday 19 April 2016

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

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#### 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. 13982](#))

#### 6. [REDACTED] (10:00-11:00)

##### 6.1. Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission

- 📄 Questions

#### 7. Debate

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

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - o Ms Elena CENTEMERO (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 14011](#))
- 📄 Statement by:
  - o Ms Maria Elena BOSCHI, Minister of Constitutional Reforms and Relations with Parliament of Italy
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 16:00)

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

##### 8.1. Mr Ahmet DAVUTOĞLU, Prime Minister of Turkey

- 📄 Questions

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

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

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

#### 10. [REDACTED] (15:30-16:30)

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

- 📄 List of speakers
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 14011](#))

#### 11. Question time (16:30-17:00)

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

- 📄 Questions

## 12. Joint debate

### 12.1. Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - Ms Sevinj FATALIYEVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 14010](#))
  - Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc. )
  - Ms Gabriela HEINRICH (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. )

### 12.2. Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - Mr Jacques LEGENDRE (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 13992](#))
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 19 April, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 16:00)
- 🔔 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 14010](#))
- 🔔 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 13992](#))

## 13. Debate

### 13.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol ([Doc. 14002](#))
  - 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 a draft resolution ([Doc. 14002](#))

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

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

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

- 📄 List of candidates in respect of: o Slovenia  
[tbc] ([Doc. 13982](#))

#### 15. Debate

##### 15.1. Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - o Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 14008](#))
  - o 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 a draft resolution ([Doc. 14008](#))

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

##### 16.1. Mr Heinz FISCHER, President of Austria

- 📄 Questions

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

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

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

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

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

#### 19. Joint debate

##### 19.1. A stronger European response to the Syrian refugee crisis

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - o Ms Annette GROTH (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 14014](#))

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

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - o Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 14013](#))
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 20 April, 12:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 19 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 14014](#))
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 14013](#))

## 20. Debate

### 20.1. Intellectual property rights in the digital era

- 🗉 Presentation by:
  - o Mr Axel E. FISCHER (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 14009](#))
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 20 April, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 19 April, 16:00)
- 🔔 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 14009](#))

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## Thursday 21 April 2016

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

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#### 21. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>2</sup>

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

##### 22.1. Mr Giorgi KVIRIKASHVILI, Prime Minister of Georgia


 Questions

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

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#### 23. Debate


##### 23.1. The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine

 Presentation by:

o Ms Nellija KLEINBERGA (Latvia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 14015](#))

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

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

 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 14015](#))


#### 24. Debate

##### 24.1. The handling of international public health emergencies

 Presentation by:

o Ms Sílvia Eloïsa BONET (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 14012](#))

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

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

 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 14012](#))

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.



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

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#### 25. Debate

##### 25.1. Forced migration: a new challenge

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - Mr Philippe BIES (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 13983](#))
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 21 April, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 21 April, 10:30)
- 🔔 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 13983](#))

#### 26. Debate

##### 26.1. The case against a Council of Europe legal instrument on involuntary measures in psychiatry

- 📄 Presentation by:
  - Ms Guguli MAGRADZE (Georgia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 14007](#))
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 21 April, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 21 April, 10:30)
- 🔔 Vote on a draft recommendation ([Doc. 14007](#))

#### 27. Progress report (continued)

#### 28. Closure of the part-session

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

Monday 18 April 2016	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the opinion on the report by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Gilles Winckler, President of the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism Bas-Rhin (LICRA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Joint hearing on “Missing unaccompanied migrant children”</b></p> <p>with the participation of experts (tbc)</p>
Tuesday 19 April 2016	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a delegation of members of the Algerian Parliament (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on the “Fight against terrorism”</b></p> <p><b>Statements by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur for follow-up on <b>Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values</b></li> <li>• Mr Dirk Van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur for follow-up on <b>Foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq</b></li> </ul> <p>following the recent terrorist attacks in Brussels</p>
<p><b>8.50 –10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Human Rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, Switzerland</li> <li>• Dr Nikos Lavranos LL.M., Secretary General of EFILA (European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration), the Netherlands</li> <li>• Dr Peter Schneiderhan, Prosecutor, member of the Bureau of the German Association of Judges (Deutscher Richterbund) and Chairman of its Commission on European Law, Germany</li> </ul>

**Tuesday 19 April 2016**

<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room ... (tbc), Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Joint Hearing on “The conflict in Eastern Ukraine: political and human rights concerns”</b></p> <p><b>Statements on the joint fact-finding visit</b> to Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Mariupol from 4 to 8 April 2016 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on <b>Legal remedies for human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities</b></li> <li>• Ms Kristýna Zelenková (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on <b>Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Exchange of views</b> with Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Council of Europe activities on Migration”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Hearing on “The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (Norway, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Gérard-François Dumont, Professor at La Sorbonne, Paris</li> <li>• Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “The oversexualisation of children”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Nadine Schirtz, Chief Editor and Project Manager BEE SECURE, National Youth Service, Luxembourg</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Culture and Democracy”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Piotr Gliński, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland</li> <li>• Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> <li>• Mr Basil Kerski, European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2016.</li> </ul>

Tuesday 19 April 2016	
<p><b>8.30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Palais Rohan, 2 Place du Château, Strasbourg</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Presentation ceremony of the 2016 Council of Europe Museum Prize</b></p> <p>to the European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, Poland, represented by Mr Basil Kerski, director, with speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Pedro Agramunt, PACE President of the Assembly</li> <li>• Mr Piotr Gliński, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland</li> <li>• Mr Roland Ries, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg</li> <li>• Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20 April 2016	
<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Violence against women in the armed forces”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Megan Bastick, Gender and Security Fellow, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF);</li> <li>• Ms Zaida Cantera de Castro, Co-author of “No, mi General”, Member of Spanish Parliament (<i>to be confirmed</i>);</li> <li>• Lieutenant-Colonel Nevena Miteva, Chair of the Bulgarian Women in Armed Forces Association (<i>to be confirmed</i>).</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 April 2016	
<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b></p> <p><b>Room 10 (tbc), Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with the United Kingdom Parliament’s Joint Committee on Human Rights and the Justice Committee of the House of Commons</b></p>
<p><b>8.30 – 10 am</b></p> <p><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a delegation of members of the Kazakhstan Parliament</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p><b>26th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</b></p> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Presentation of the Cyprus pilot project: an example of good practice.”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Anastasios Paul Leventis, Chairman of the Board of the A.G. Leventis Foundation</li> <li>• Ms Stella Kyriakides, Contact Parliamentarian, Cyprus (<i>to be confirmed</i>)</li> <li>• Ms Anastasia Papadopoulou, expert appointed by the Council of Ministers to compile a National Strategy and member of the project Steering Group</li> <li>• Ms Leda Koursoumba, Cyprus Commissioner for Children’s Rights and member of the project Steering Group</li> </ul>

**8.30 – 10.00 am**  
**Room 6, Palais**

Sub-committee on Media and  
Information Society

► **Exchange of views on “Parliamentary Scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media”**

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), with the participation of Mr Alberto Spampinato, Director of Ossigeno per l'Informazione, Italy

► **Exchange of views on “Media freedom and safety of journalists in Europe”**

In the context of the report prepared by Mr Volodymyr Arieu, Ukraine, EPP/CD