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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1255th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (4 May 2016)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 22 April 2016 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 20 June 2016 in Strasbourg.

I. 2nd part-session of 2016 (18-22 April 2016)

A. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones as new Vice-President in respect of Spain.

B. Election of judge to the European Court of Human Rights

2. On 19 April 2016, the Assembly elected Mr Marko Bošnjak as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Slovenia.

C. Personalities

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

- Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission
- Mr Ahmet DAVUTOĞLU, Prime Minister of Turkey
- Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Heinz FISCHER, President of Austria
- Mr Daniel MITOV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
- Mr José Manuel GARCÍA-MARGALLO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain
- Ms Maria Elena BOSCHI, Minister of Constitutional Reforms and Relations with Parliament of Italy
- Mr Giorgi KVIRIKASHVILI, Prime Minister of Georgia

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

D. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debate

5. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure: on the **“The situation of refugees and migrants under the EU-Turkey Agreement of 18 March 2016”** and on **“After the Brussels attacks, urgent need to address security failures and step up counter-terrorism co-operation”**.

6. The Assembly also held a current affairs debate on **“The case of the “Panama Papers” and the concern about fiscal, social justice and public trust in our democratic system”** introduced by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC).

E. Prizes

7. On 19 April 2016, the Assembly held the ceremony of the 2016 Council of Europe Museum which was awarded to the European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, Poland.

8. On 19 April 2016, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development approved the proposals submitted by its Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize awarding the Europe Prize 2016 to Girona (Spain) as well as eight Plaques of Honour, eight Flags of Honour and twelve European Diplomas (Appendix 1).

F. Media coverage

The 2nd part-session attracted extensive media coverage from the 98 or so journalists who came to Strasbourg to cover the event. With around 360 articles published (provisional figures), 27 hours of audio and video recordings and 89 photo reports, the coverage exceeded by far the average for recent part-sessions. The Russian media published the largest number of articles concerning session news (49), followed by their counterparts from Ukraine (34), Azerbaijan (30), Georgia (28), Armenia (26) and Spain and Turkey (20).

The visits by the Prime Minister of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoğlu, and the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, attracted particular attention from the international media (Reuters, AFP, AP, The Washington Post, Euronews, BBC, ARTE, Xinhua, The Guardian, Sky News, The Daily Telegraph, The Sun, DW, DPA, France 24, L'Obs, Le Point, ZeitOnline, Tageblatt, ANSA, La Vanguardia, Anadolu, Hürriyet, Daily Sabah, TRT, etc.). There was also good coverage of the debates concerning migration in Europe (The Associated Press, The New York Times, La Libre Belgique, DPA, Al Jazeera, The Guardian, etc.). The resolution referring to the detention of PACE member Nadiya Savchenko featured prominently in the Ukrainian and Russian media (Ukraine Today, Ukrainian News, RBC-Ukraine, TV News Channel 24, Itar Tass, Vedomosti, Novaya Gazeta, Nezavisimaya Gazeta, RIA Novosti, etc.).

The speeches by the Austrian President, Heinz Fischer, and the Georgian Prime Minister, Giorgi Kvirikashvili, were also widely covered in regional media.

Activity on social media followed the same pattern. There was a further huge jump in the number of followers of the main @PACE_News account (695 new followers across the part-session). 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 means of raising the institution's visibility, and also for journalists: 56 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded.

G. Adopted texts

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

Resolution 2103 (2016)	Preventing the radicalisation of children and young people by fighting the root causes (Doc. 14010)
Resolution 2104 (2016) Recommendation 2088 (2016)	Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship (Doc. 13992)
Resolution 2105 (2016)	Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council (Doc. 14002)
Resolution 2106 (2016)	Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe (Doc. 14008)
Resolution 2107 (2016)	A stronger European response to the Syrian refugee crisis (Doc. 14014)
Resolution 2108 (2016)	Human rights of refugees and migrants – the situation in the Western Balkans (Doc. 14013)
Resolution 2109 (2016)	The situation of refugees and migrants under the EU-Turkey Agreement of 18 March 2016 (Doc. 14028)
Resolution 2110 (2016) Recommendation 2089 (2016)	Intellectual property rights in the digital era (Doc. 14009)
Resolution 2111 (2016)	Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation (Doc. 14011)
Resolution 2112 (2016) Recommendation 2090 (2016)	The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine (Doc. 14015)
Resolution 2113 (2016)	After the Brussels attacks, urgent need to address security failures and step up counter-terrorism co-operation (Doc. 14031)
Resolution 2114 (2016)	The handling of international public health emergencies (Doc. 14012)
Resolution 2115 (2016)	Forced migration: a new challenge (Doc. 13983)
Recommendation 2091 (2016)	The case against a Council of Europe legal instrument on involuntary measures in psychiatry (Doc. 14007)

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

II. 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. Permanent representations are kindly invited to this event.

III. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament – Strasbourg, 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

In view of the 2016 Conference, the Secretary General of the Assembly will invite all Permanent Representations to attend a preparatory meeting, which will take place on 2 June 2016 at 3 pm - room 6

H. Hearings and side-events organised by the committees during the part-session

Monday 18 April 2016	
2–3 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	<p>► Exchange of views on “Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe”</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">• Mr Gilles Winckler, President of the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism Bas-Rhin (LICRA)
2–3 pm Room 5, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development	<p>► Joint hearing on “Missing unaccompanied migrant children”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Jean-Claude Legrand, Regional Adviser for Child Protection, UNICEF, Geneva (Switzerland)• Ms Federica Toscano, Project Officer, Focal Point on Missing Unaccompanied Children, Missing Children Europe NGO, Brussels• Mr Gert Westerveen, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Strasbourg-based European Institutions, Strasbourg
Tuesday 19 April 2016	
8.30 –10 am Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	<p>► Exchange of views on “Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria”</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">• a delegation of members of the Algerian Parliament

<p>8.35 – 9 am Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views with Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>8.50 –10 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Human Rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements”</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"> • Mr Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, Switzerland • Dr Nikos Lavranos LL.M., Secretary General of EFILA (European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration), Netherlands • Dr Peter Schneiderhan, Prosecutor, member of the Bureau of the German Association of Judges (Deutscher Richterbunde) and Chairman of its Commission on European Law, Germany
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Joint Hearing on “The conflict in Eastern Ukraine: political and human rights concerns”</p> <p>Statements on the joint fact-finding visit to Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Mariupol from 4 to 7 April 2016 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on <i>Legal remedies for human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities</i> • Ms Kristýna Zelenková (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on <i>Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine</i> <p>Exchange of views with Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe and Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Special Advisor of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Ukraine</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies”</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"> • Mr Gérard-François Dumont, Professor at La Sorbonne, Paris • Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The oversexualisation of children”</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"> • Ms Nadine Schirtz, Chief Editor and Project Manager BEE SECURE, National Youth Service, Luxembourg

Tuesday 19 April 2016**2–3.30 pm
Room 6, Palais**Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and Media**► Exchange of views on “Culture and Democracy”**

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), with the participation of:

- Mr Piotr Gliński, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland
- Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)
- Mr Basil Kerski, European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2016.

8.30 pm**Palais Rohan, 2 Place du
Château, Strasbourg**Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and Media**► Presentation ceremony of the 2016 Council of Europe Museum Prize**

to the European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, Poland, represented by Mr Basil Kerski, director, with speeches by:

- Mr Pedro Agramunt, PACE President of the Assembly
- Mr Piotr Gliński, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland
- Ms Annick Neff, Deputy Mayor of the City of Strasbourg
- Mr Basil Kerski, European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2016.
- Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)

Wednesday 20 April 2016**2.00– 3.30 pm
Room 3, Palais**Parliamentary Network Women
Free from Violence**► Hearing on “Violence against women in the armed forces”**

with the participation of:

- Lieutenant-Colonel Nevena Miteva, Chair of the Bulgarian Women in Armed Forces Association;
- Mr Jacques Bessy, President, Adefdromil, Association for the Protection of the Rights of Military Personnel, Assistance to Victims, Paris ;
- Ms Megan Bastick, Gender and Security Fellow, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).

Thursday 21 April 2016**8.30 – 10.00 am
Room 10, Palais**Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights**► Exchange of views with the United Kingdom Parliament’s Joint Committee on Human Rights and the Justice Committee of the House of Commons****8.30 – 10 am
Room 9, Palais**Committee on Political Affairs
and Democracy**► Exchange of views on “The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan”**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- a delegation of members of the Kazakhstan Parliament

<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>26th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Presentation of the Cyprus pilot project: an example of good practice”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Anastasios Paul Leventis, Chairman of the Board of the A.G. Leventis Foundation • Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General • Ms Anastasia Papadopoulou, expert appointed by the Council of Ministers to compile a National Strategy and member of the project Steering Group • Ms Leda Koursoumba, Cyprus Commissioner for Children’s Rights and member of the project Steering Group
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-committee on Media and Information Society</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Parliamentary Scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), with the participation of Mr Alberto Spampinato, Director of Ossigeno per l’Informazione, Italy</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Media freedom and safety of journalists in Europe”</p> <p>In the context of the report prepared by Mr Volodymyr Arieu, Ukraine, EPP/CD, with the participation of Mr Emre Demir, Chief Editor of Zaman France</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Council of Europe activities on Migration”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees

II. Elections

A. **Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016)**

At its meeting on 22 April 2016, the Bureau took note of the press release.

B. **Serbia: early parliamentary elections (24 April 2016)**

At its meeting on 22 April 2016, the Bureau took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission and approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections.

C. **“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: early parliamentary elections (5 June 2016)**

At its meeting on 22 April 2016, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2).

D. **Schedule of elections for 2016**

At its meeting on 22 April 2016, 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. **Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 18 and 22 April 2016)**

- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece:** on 18 April, subject to receiving an invitation by the Greek authorities, the Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece, on 22 April, it approved composition, terms of reference and timetable of the ad hoc committee, which was subsequently ratified via the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress report (Appendix 4).
- **Third part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2016):** the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 5).
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** the Bureau drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Azerbaijan, to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau took note of the extension of the deadline for the submission of nominations to 30 June 2016.
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (22 April – 19 June 2016):** the Bureau appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC) as rapporteur.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2016:** approved the appointments of Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) as member and Mr Paolo Corsini as substitute of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre (European Centre for Global interdependence and Solidarity), as prepared by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media.
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated M. José Ramón García Hernández (Spain) to replace Mr Gabino Puche (Spain), and, on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, nominated Ms Sirkka-Liisa Anttila (Finland), which was subsequently ratified via the Assembly in the addendum of the Progress report.

IV. **Activities of Committees and Networks**

- On 12 May 2016 in Berlin, the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence and the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** will hold a joint meeting.
- On 17 May 2016 in Rome, the **Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** will hold a hearing on *Bicameral legislature: an institutional anachronism?*, with the participation of Mr Alberik Goris, Director of the Legal Department of the House of Representatives, Belgium, and Mr Javier Ballarin Iribarren, Secretariat of the Spanish Senate (tbc).
- On 17 May 2016 in Stockholm, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** will hold:
 - an exchange of views on *Equality and non-discrimination: focus on Sweden* with the participation of Ms Åsa Regnér, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden;
 - a hearing on *A holistic approach: the Swedish way to gender equality*.
- On 18 May 2016 in Stockholm, the **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance** will hold a hearing on *Anti-Gypsism*, with the participation of Ms Alice Bah Kuhnke, Minister for Culture and Democracy of Sweden.
- On 19 May 2016 in The Hague, **Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Ending Immigration Detention of Children:**

- will participate in a Seminar on *Alternatives to the immigration detention of children from a legal, practical and implementation perspective* organised in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children.
- On 24 May 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
- will hold a hearing on *Libya's future between the threats of terrorism and a democratic prospect* with the participation of representatives of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, the European External Action Service, International Crisis Group, as well as Tunisian and Algerian parliamentary delegations.
- On 1st June 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold exchanges of views on:
- *Defending the independence of the media, investigative journalism and editorial integrity* within the framework of the reports on *New methods of political influence over independent journalism* (Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC) and *Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media* (Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC) with the participation of:
 - . Mr Jérôme Bouvier, former Ombudsman of RadioFrance and now advisor to the French Minister on Culture and Communication (tbc);
 - . Mr Ricardo Gutierrez, Secretary General of the EFJ;
 - . Mr Christophe Deloire, Secretary General of Reporters without Borders, Paris;
 - . Ms Eloïse Lebourg, investigative journalist, manager of Mediacoop, France;
 - . Ms Marcella Smit, Ombudsman at the Dutch public broadcaster NOS, Journalism teacher at the State University of Groningen;
 - . Ms Michelle Trimborn, Project Manager, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) in Leipzig.
 - *Youth against corruption* (Rapporteur: Ms Eleonora Cimbro, Italy, SOC) with:
 - . Mr Jindřich Fryč, President of the Pan-European Platform for Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education (ETINED), Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE), Council of Europe (tbc) and representatives of:
 - . the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe (tbc)
 - . the OECD (tbc)
 - . the U4 Anti-Corruption Centre, Norway (tbc)
- On 2 June 2016, in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** will hold an
- Exchange of views on *Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion* with the participation of:
 - . Ms Deborah Hardoon, Deputy Director of Research, Oxfam GB, Oxford (United Kingdom)
 - . an expert, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (to be confirmed)
- On 3 June 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**:
- will hold a hearing on *The humanitarian crisis in Gaza* (rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC) with the participation of experts (tbc).
 - will hold an exchange of views with members of the PACE Partner for Democracy Jordan Delegation on *The situation of migration in Jordan*.
- On 16 June 2016 in Bern (Switzerland), **Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Ending Immigration Detention of Children**:
- will participate in a Seminar on Promoting alternatives to the immigration detention of children in Switzerland organised in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children.

V. Seminars and conferences

On 18 May 2016 in Rome, the *Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs* and the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* will organise a seminar on “Parliamentary responsibility” jointly with the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

On 18 May 2016 in Minsk (Belarus), the *Parliamentary Project Support Division* in conjunction with the *Election Observation Division* and the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* will organise a Round table on electoral standards and reform of electoral legislation in Belarus in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme.

On 30 May 2016 in Amman (Jordan), the *Parliamentary Project Support Division* and the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* will organise a Seminar on parliamentary democracy in the framework of the South programme II.

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

➤ ***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 Sofia from **25 to 27 April 2016**.

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

Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) and **Ms Kerstin Lundgren** (Sweden, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from **2 to 5 May 2016**.

➤ ***The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey***

Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen (Norway, EC) and **Ms Nataša Vučković** (Serbia, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey from **9 to 13 May 2016**.

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

Mr Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) and **Mr Giuseppe Galati** (Italy, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia from **10 to 12 May 2016**.

➤ ***Refugees at risk in Greece***

Ms Tineke Strik (The Netherlands, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece from **29 to 31 May 2016**.

➤ ***The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies***

Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (Norway, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Germany from **31 May to 1 June 2016**.

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

Ms Birutė Vésaitė (Lithuania, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will participate in the OECD Forum in Paris from **31 May to 1 June 2016**.

➤ ***The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan***

Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan from **31 May to 2 June 2016**.

➤ ***The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies***

Ms Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (Norway, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova from **6 to 7 June 2016**.

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

Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) and **Mr Zsolt Németh** (Hungary, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria from **8 to 9 June 2016**.

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

Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and **Sir Roger Gale** (United Kingdom, EDG), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina from **13 to 17 June 2016**.

➤ ***Situation in Lebanon and challenges for regional stability and European security***

Mr Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Lebanon from **15 to 17 June 2016**.

➤ ***The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe***

Mr Viorel Badea, (Romania, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Switzerland at the end of June 2016 (*date to be confirmed*)

VII. Relations with the Venice Commission

- On 21 April 2016 in Strasbourg, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the amended electoral code of November 2015 of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (on the understanding that this opinion would not be made public until after the early parliamentary elections on 5 June 2016);
- 107th **Plenary session of the Venice Commission (10-11 June 2016)**: Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) is expected to attend the session.

VIII. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **17-18 May 2016, Stockholm**: *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and No Hate Parliamentary Alliance*
- . **17-18 May 2016, Rome**: *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (including joint seminar with the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on Parliamentary Responsibility)*
- . **23 May 2016, Paris**: *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **24 May 2016, Paris**: *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **30-31 May 2016, Greece**: *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece*
- . **1 June 2016, Paris**: *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **2 June 2016, Paris**: *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **3 June 2016, Paris**: *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **19 June 2016, Strasbourg**: *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **19 June 2016, Paris**: *Presidential Committee*

APPENDIX 1

The European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk wins the 2016 Council of Europe Museum Prize

Strasbourg, 04.12.2015 – The Council of Europe Museum Prize for 2016 has been awarded to the [European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk](#) (Poland).

The museum was selected from a shortlist of three candidates by the Culture Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) at a meeting today in Paris.

According to the rapporteur on the Museum Prize, Vesna Marjanovic (Serbia, SOC), this museum is “a fascinating example of a cultural institution working to promote freedom and solidarity. The events it recounts and its programme make it a forum for modern Europe. It succeeds in making the history of the trade union *Solidarność* a powerful and moving source of inspiration for civic engagement and action. The Centre connects history with life and makes a direct link between culture and democracy.

Twenty-five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, thoughts are returning of building new walls. The European Solidarity Centre’s aim is to provide factual back-up for organisations working for the common good, freedom and human rights”.

The Council of Europe Museum Prize has been awarded annually since 1977 to a museum judged to have made a significant contribution to the understanding of European cultural heritage. The winning museum will be presented with a bronze statuette, “La femme aux beaux seins” by Joan Miró, which the museum will keep for a year, together with a diploma.

The prize is decided on the basis of a shortlist presented by a jury of the European Museum Forum, and forms part of the European Museum of the Year Awards.

Recent winners of the prize include the MUCEM in Marseille, France (2015), the Baksi Museum in Turkey (2014) and the Museum of Liverpool in the United Kingdom (2013).

[Website of the Museum prize](#)

APPENDIX 2

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (5 June 2016) – revised list of members

Chairperson: Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC)

Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)

Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Frank J. JENSSEN, Norway*
Giorgi KANDELAKI, Georgia
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
Joe O’REILLY, Ireland
Attila TILKI, Hungary

Substitutes

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey
Nicole DURANTON, France
Denis JACQUAT, France
Yves POZZO di BORGO, France
Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania

Socialist Group (SOC)

Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria*
Marit MAJ, Netherlands
Josette DURRIEU, France
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Mogens JENSEN, Denmark
Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Substitutes

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Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Doris FIALA, Switzerland
Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia*

Substitutes

Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra
Hendrik DAEMS, Belgium
Andrea RIGONI, Italy

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Tom PACKALÉN, Finland*
Dominik TARCZYNSKI, Poland

Substitutes

Mark PRITCHARD, United Kingdom
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway
Daniel MILEWSKI, Poland
Iwona ARENT, Poland

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Andrej HUNKO, Germany*

Substitutes

Ioanneta KAVVADIA, Greece

Rapporteurs AS/MON (*ex officio*)

Lise CHRISTOFFERSEN, Norway*

Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova*

Secrétariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

Amaya UBEDA DE TORRES, Administrator, Venice Commission

Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

* members of the pre-election delegation

APPENDIX 3 - Elections Calendar 2016

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATE	STATUS	REMARKS	BUREAU DECISION
Kazakhstan	Early Parliamentary elections	20 March 2016	Non-member state Cooperation agreement	Invitation received	11 members + rapporteur AS/Pol
Serbia	Early Parliamentary elections	24 April 2016	Monitoring	Invitation received	20 members + 2 co-rapporteurs AS/Mon
“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Early Parliamentary elections	5 June 2016	Post-monitoring dialogue	Invitation received	20 members + 2 co-rapporteurs AS/Mon
Belarus	Parliamentary elections	11 September 2016 (tbc)	Special guest status was suspended by the Bureau on 13/01/97	Invitation not received	
Russian Federation	Parliamentary elections	18 September 2016	Monitoring	Invitation not received	
Georgia	Parliamentary elections	8 October 2016	Monitoring	Invitation not received	
Republic of Moldova	Presidential election	30 October 2016	Monitoring	Invitation not received	
Montenegro	Parliamentary elections	31 October 2016 (tbc)	Post-monitoring dialogue	Invitation not received	
Bulgaria	Presidential election	October (tbc)	Post-monitoring dialogue	Invitation not received	
Morocco	Parliamentary elections	Date tbc	Partner for democracy	Invitation not received	

APPENDIX 4

Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece

At its meeting on 18 April 2016, the Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece under Article 44.4 c of the Rules of Procedure, subject to receiving an invitation to visit Greece by the Greek authorities. At its meeting on 22 April 2016, the Bureau approved composition, terms of reference and timetable of the ad hoc committee.

1. Composition

The ad hoc committee will be composed of the members of the Presidential Committee, the Chairpersons of national delegations or their representatives, and a delegation of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

2. Terms of reference

- Raising awareness of the challenges facing Greece in relation to the inflow of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers as well as the issues of transit and returns.

- Raising awareness of the living conditions of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece, as well as their access to international protection.

- Following the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement of 18 March 2016.

3. Timetable

The ad hoc committee should present its report to the Bureau in the course of 2016.

APPENDIX 5



26 April 2016

Third part of the 2016 Ordinary Session (20-24 June 2016)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 22 April 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: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 20 June 2016

Sitting No. 19 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.6. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Tallinn, 27 May 2016)

2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - Presentation by:
 - Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - 2.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (5 June 2016)
 - Presentation by:
 - Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 10:00)
🗳 [possibly] Vote

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

3. Question time (15:00-15:30)

- 3.1. Questions to Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - 📅 Questions

4. Debate

- 4.1. Free debate
 - 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 12:00)

Tuesday 21 June 2016

Sitting No. 21 (10:00-13:00)

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

5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

6. Debate

6.1. Refugees at risk in Greece

□ Presentation by:

○ Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

□ Statement by:

○ Mr Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship [tbc]

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

7.1. Mr Alexis TSIPRAS, Prime Minister of Greece [tbc]

📅 Questions

Sitting No. 22 (15:30-20:00)

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

8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

9.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

□ Presentation by:

○ Ms Marina KALJURAND, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)

🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 13 June, 11:30)

10. Debate

10.1. The over-sexualisation of children

□ Presentation by:

○ Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

□ Statement by:

○ Ms Maud de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, United Nations Special Representative on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography [tbc]

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

11. Debate

11.1. Guaranteeing equal rights and protecting women against violence in the armed forces

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 22 June 2016

Sitting No. 23 (10:00-13:00)

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

12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

13. Debate

13.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Ingebjørg GODSKESEN (Norway, EC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
- Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

14.1. Mr Taavi RÕIVAS, Prime Minister of Estonia [tbc]

📖 Questions

Sitting No. 24 (15:30-20:00)

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

15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16. Debate

16.1. 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 22 June, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

17. Joint debate

17.1. Culture and democracy

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Vesna MARJANOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

17.2. Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGNI' (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)
- Mr Thierry MARIANI (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Mig (Doc.)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 June, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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Thursday 23 June 2016

Sitting No. 25 (10:00-13:00)

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

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


19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

 Questions


Sitting No. 26 (15:30-20:00)


20. Debate


20.1. Transparency and openness in European institutions

 Presentation by:

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


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 June, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()


21. Joint debate

21.1. The nature of the mandate of members of the Parliamentary Assembly


 Presentation by:


- o Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)


21.2. Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly


 Presentation by:

- o Ms Liliana PALIHOVICI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 June, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

 Vote on ... ()

Friday 24 June 2016

Sitting No. 27 (10:00-13:00)

22. Debate

22.1. Violence against migrants

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 19:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 June, 10:30)

⊖ Vote on ... ()

23. Debate

23.1. Administrative detention

- Presentation by:
 - Lord Richard BALFE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 19:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 June, 10:30)

⊖ Vote on ... ()

24. Progress report

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

25. Closure of the part-session