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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1260th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (15 June 2016)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 22 April 2016 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 5 September 2016 (Paris).

I. Decisions taken by the Bureau

A. Third part-session of 2016 (20-24 June 2016)

On 26 May 2016, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda and took note of the guest speakers to be invited to the Assembly's third part-session of 2016 (Appendix I).

The Assembly will elect the judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of United Kingdom

On Monday 20 June 2016 at 1 pm, the President of the Assembly will launch the **#NoHateNoFear** initiative in the hemicycle.

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

B. Observation of elections

➤ **Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;

➤ **Serbia: early parliamentary elections (24 April 2016):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;

➤ **“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: early parliamentary elections:** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission and of the cancellation of these elections initially scheduled for 5 June 2016;

➤ **Azerbaijan: repeat of the parliamentary elections in constituency No. 90 (18 June 2016):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to ensure presence on the occasion of these elections with a delegation composed of 3 members: Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) and the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD). On 9 June, having been consulted in writing, the Bureau approved the President's proposal that Mr Xuclà, who would be unable to participate, be replaced by Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE).

➤ **Belarus parliamentary elections (11 September 2016, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3; ALDE: 2; EC: 2; UEL: 1) as well as the rapporteur on the situation in Belarus of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy.

➤ **Russian Federation: parliamentary elections (18 September 2016, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to resume the matter at a later stage.

➤ **Morocco: parliamentary elections (7 October 2016):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3; ALDE: 2; EC: 2; UEL: 1).

➤ **Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 October 2016, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to observe these elections; constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (EPP/CD: 11; SOC: 10; ALDE: 4; EC: 3; UEL: 2) as well as the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission.

➤ **Montenegro parliamentary elections (16 October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3; ALDE: 2; EC: 2; UEL: 1) as well as the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee.

➤ **Republic of Moldova presidential election (30 October 2016):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to observe this election; constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 8; SOC: 7; ALDE: 2; EC: 2; UEL: 1) as well as the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission.

➤ **Bulgaria: presidential election (October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 26 May 2016, the Bureau decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3; ALDE: 2; EC: 2; UEL: 1) as well as the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee.

C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 26 May 2016

➤ **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece:** the Bureau took note of the draft agenda of the meeting, approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix III) and appointed Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Ms Meritxell Mateu (Andorra, ALDE) respectively as Chairperson and Rapporteur of the ad hoc committee.

➤ **2016 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2016):** the Bureau took note of the concept paper and decided to constitute an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum, composed of members to be proposed by the Assembly committees before the Bureau meeting of 24 June 2016.

➤ **Petitions:**

i. *No Maternity Traffic petition:* the Bureau took note of the memorandum by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, found that the petition was admissible and decided to transmit it to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to be taken into account in the context of the preparation of the report on *Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy*;

ii. *Petition on serious administration problems at the European Court of Human Rights concerning the case of Ms S.H.:* the Bureau took note of the memorandum by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided that the petition was not admissible.

➤ **Request for a financial allocation by a member not belonging to any political group:** the Bureau decided that a fixed amount of 679.01 euro of *per capita* allowance be granted in 2016 to Mr Alex Salmond (United Kingdom, NR) upon his request in accordance with the Assembly Rules of Procedure and Opinion No 82 (1977) after the submission to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs of proof of expenses incurred.

➤ **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2015:** the Bureau approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.

II. Standing Committee – 27 May 2016

The Standing Committee heard a welcome address by Mr Eiki Nestor, Speaker of the Riigikogu, and held exchanges of views with Ms Marina Kaljurand, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers, Mr Marin Mrčela, President of the Group of States against corruption (GRECO) and Mr Daniel Thelesklaf, Chairman of the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL).

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

Resolution 2116 (2016) Urgent need to prevent human rights violations during peaceful protests

Resolution 2117 (2016) Promoting city-to-city co-operation in the field of culture

III. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The deadline for the submission of nominations has been extended to 30 June 2016.

IV. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament will address the three following themes:

1. Migration and refugee crisis in Europe – role and responsibilities of parliaments
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

V. Activities of Committees and Networks

- On 12 May 2016, in Berlin, the **Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence** held a joint meeting.
- On 17 May 2016, in Stockholm, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**
 - held 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;
 - held a hearing and exchange of views on “A holistic approach: the Swedish way to gender equality”: with the participation of Ms Drude Dahlerup, Professor of Political science, Stockholm University, and Ms Nana Kalandadze, Programme Officer, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Stockholm.
- On 18 May 2016, in Stockholm, the **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance** held a hearing on “anti-Gypsyism in Europe” with the participation of Ms Alice Bah Kuhnke, Minister for Culture and Democracy of Sweden, Ms Soraya Post, member of the European Parliament, co-Chair of ARDI (European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup), Mr Martin Collins, additional member of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Ireland, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Dublin (Ireland), Mr Adam Weiss, Managing Director, European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest (Hungary) and Mr Christian Åhlund, Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI).
- On 19 May 2016 in The Hague, in the framework of the **Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children:**
 - a Seminar on “Alternatives to the immigration detention of children from a legal, practical and implementation perspective” was organised in cooperation with the Parliament and chaired by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC).
- On 23 May 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**
 - concerning post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey (co-rapporteurs: Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen, Norway, EC and Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC), decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on “the duties, competences and functioning” of the “criminal courts of peace” established by the Law 5235 of Turkey;
 - concerning post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC and Mr Valeriu Ghilechi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), agreed to ask the Venice Commission to adopt the already requested opinion on the amended electoral code of November 2015 at its earliest convenience;

- On 24 May 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
 - held a hearing on *Libya's future between the threats of terrorism and a democratic prospect* (Rapporteur: Mr Attila Korodi, Romania, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Muin Shreim, Director of Political Affairs of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL); Mr Lorenzo Kluzer, Desk officer for Libya, European External Action Service, European Commission; Mr Kader Abderrahim, Research fellow at the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs, Lecturer at Sciences-Po, Paris; Mr Said Barakat, member of the Council of the Nation of Algeria, and Mr Brahim Mebarki, member of The People's National Assembly of Algeria;
 - held an exchange of views on *Political developments in Iran* (rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC) with Mr Ali Ahani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in France;
 - held an exchange of views on *The political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine* (rapporteur: Ms Kristýna Zelenková, Czech Republic, ALDE) considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to change the title of the report to *The political consequences of the conflict in Ukraine*;
 - heard a statement by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), rapporteur on the *Call for a Council of Europe Summit to defend and promote democratic security in Europe* and took note of the letter to be sent to the Chairpersons of national delegations and political groups as well as to a limited number of non-governmental organisations with which the committee has had working relations on related subjects on this subject.

- On 30-31 May 2016 in Athens and Lesbos (Greece), **the ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece**:
 - was welcomed by Mr Nikolaos Voutsis, President of the Hellenic Parliament, and Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia, Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;

in Athens,

 - visited: the informal camp at Piraeus Port and the Eleonas reception centres and the Elliniko informal camps and the Skaramagas reception centres;
 - held exchanges of views with:
 - Mr Anastasios Kourakis, First Deputy Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament
 - Mr Yiannis Mouzalas, Alternate Minister for Migration Policy
 - Mr Nikolaos Toskas, Alternate Minister of Citizen Protection
 - Mr Dimitris Vitsas, Deputy Minister of National Defense
 - Mr Andreas Xanthos, Minister of Health
 - Ms Theano Fotiou, Alternate Minister of Social Solidarity
 - Rear-Admiral Antonios Vidalis, General Inspector of Hellenic Coast Guard
 - Mr Philippe Leclerc, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner (UNHCR) in Greece
 - Ms Rena Dourou, Governor of Attica Region
 - Mr Giorgos Kaminis, mayor of Athens
 - Ms Maria Stavropoulou, Director of the Asylum Service
 - Mr Vassilis Karydis, Acting Ombudsman
 - Mr George Moschos, Deputy Ombudsman for Children's Rights
 - Mr Ioannis Tafillis, Secretary General of the Ministry of National Defense
 - Mr Dimitris Christopoulos, Professor at Panteion University, Vice-President of the International Federation of Human Rights
 - Ms Angeliki Argyropoulou-Chrysochoidou, First Vice-President of the National Commission for Human Rights
 - Ms Maria Gavouneli, Professor, Chairperson of the Sub-committee on international communication and cooperation of the National Commission for Human Rights

in Lesbos,

- visited the reception centre at Kara Tepe, the ‘hotspot’ (reception and identification centre) in Moria, met with representatives of the First Reception Service, and Médecins du Monde (Greece) and visited the Silver Bay Hotel reception facility for refugee families and met with representatives of the NGOs Caritas and Boat Refugees
- held exchanges of views with:
 - Mr Spyros Galinos, Mayor of Lesbos
 - Mr Kampouris, Representative of the Governor of North Aegan region
 - Mr Stefanou, Hellenic Police Colonel of Lesbos
 - Mr Passadis, Harbour Master, port of Lesbos
 - Mr Scriban and Mr Katrakazas, representatives of the European Commission
 - Mr Pavel Representative of FRONTEx
 - Ms Epting, Representative of UNHCR
 - Ms Selaha, Representative of NGO “Angkalia”
 - Ms Andreadelli, Representative of NGO “Iliaktida”.
- On 1 June 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held 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), *Online media and journalism: challenges and accountability* (Rapporteur: Ms Adele Gambaro, Italy, ALDE), and *Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Arieu, Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:
 - . Mr Jérôme Bouvier, former Obudsman of RadioFrance and now advisor to the French Minister on Culture and Communication;
 - . Mr Ricardo Gutierrez, Secretary General of the EFJ;
 - . Ms Eloïse Lebourg, investigative journalists, manager of Mediacoop, France;
 - . Ms Marcella Smit, Ombudsman at the Dutch public broadcaster NOS, Journalism teacher at the State University of Groningen;
 - . Ms Jane Whyatt, Project Manager, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) in Leipzig.
 - *Youth against corruption* (Rapporteur: Ms Eleonora Cimbro, Italy, SOC) with:
 - . Ms Muriel Poisson, Head of Research and Development Team, International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) of the UNESCO;
 - . Mr Boris Divjak, Director, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Norway.
- On 2 June 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** held exchanges of views
 - on *“Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion”* (Rapporteur: Mr Tuur Elzinga, Netherlands, UEL), with the participation of:
 - . Ms Deborah Hardoon, Deputy Head of Research Oxfam GB, Oxford (United Kingdom)
 - . Ms Céline Thévenot, Policy Analyst in social affairs (Income distribution and Poverty Section), Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
 - on *“A European social commitment guaranteeing the rights of the elderly and their comprehensive care”* (Rapporteur: Lord George Foulkes, United Kingdom, SOC, with the participation of :
 - . Ms Katherine Hill, Policy Manager, Equality and Human Rights (Age UK)
 - . Mr Leocadio Rodriguez, Coordinator of the European Joint Action on the prevention of frailty in the elderly and Head of Department of Geriatric Medicine of Madrid’s Getafe University Hospital.

- On 3 June 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
 - held an exchange of views on *Refugees at risk in Greece* (rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC) with Ms Antigoni Angelaki, Head of Operations and Programs, METAdrasi - Action for Migration and Development, Athens, Greece;
 - held a hearing on *The humanitarian crisis in Gaza* (rapporteur: Ms Eva-Lena Jansson, Sweden, SOC) with the participation of Mr Baruch Spiegel. Former Coordinator for Government Activities in West Bank and Gaza, Former adviser of the Minister of Defence, Tel Aviv, Israel, Mr Yair Hirschfeld, Director General, Economic Co-operation Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel and Ms Nuriya Oswald, Representative of the Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights Organisation, Gaza City, Palestinian Territories and heard a statement by Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur on the “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council”.
 - held an exchange of views on “Migration and refugee challenges in Jordan” with Mr Mustafa Alhamarneh, Member of the Jordanian Partner for Democracy delegation to the Assembly.
- On 16 June 2016 in Bern, in the framework of the **Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children:**
 - a Seminar will be held on “Promoting alternatives to the immigration detention of children in Switzerland” chaired by Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Ending Immigration Detention of Children.

VI. Seminars and conferences

On 22 and 23 April 2016, an information seminar on the European Court of Human Rights and the European Social Charter, organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division for secretaries of national delegations to the Assembly, was held in Strasbourg.

VII. 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 **26 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*, carried 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*, carried 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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Armenia from **10 to 12 May 2016**.

➤ ***Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system***

Mr Bernd Fabritius (Germany, EPP/CD) rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* carried out a fact-finding visit to Romania and the Republic of Moldova from **24 to 26 May 2016**.

➤ **Refugees at risk in Greece**

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

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

Ms Birutė Vėšaitė (Lithuania, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, attended the OECD Forum, 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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan, from **31 May to 2 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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria from **8 to 9 June 2016**.

➤ **Human Rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements**

Mr Pieter Omtzigt, (Netherlands, EPP/CD) rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels and met with several representatives of the European Commission and the EP on **10 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*, carried 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 16 June 2016**.

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

Mr Stephan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and **Mr Cezar Florin Preda** (Romania, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from **15 to 17 June 2016**.

VIII. Relations with the Venice Commission

➤ **On 23 May 2016** in Paris, 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 duties, competences and functioning” of the “criminal courts of peace” established by the Law 5235 of Turkey.

➤ **55th Meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (9 June 2016)**: Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) attended the meeting.

➤ **107th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (10-11 June 2016)** : Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) attended the session.

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

On 25 and 26 April 2016, a workshop on the European Convention on Human Rights for members and staff of the Georgian Parliament, was organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division in cooperation with the Legal Affairs Committee and in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme, and held in Strasbourg.

On 18 May 2016, a round table on electoral standards and reform of the electoral legislation in Belarus, organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division in the framework of the Eastern Partnership parliamentary dimension programme, was held in Minsk (Belarus).

On 18 May 2016, in Stockholm, Ms Soraya Post, MEP, Co-chair of the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI), participated in a hearing on "Anti-gypsyism in Europe" held by the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

On 24 May 2016, in Paris, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held a hearing on *Libya's future between the threats of terrorism and a democratic prospect* (Rapporteur: Mr Attila Korodi, Romania, EPP/CD) with the participation *inter alia* of Mr Lorenzo Kluzer, Desk officer for Libya, European External Action Service, European Commission.

On 25 May 2016, in Brussels, Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC) participated in a conference on "The Righteous of Our Time against Fanatism, for Dialogue and Hospitality" organised by the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) and Socialists & Democrats at the European Parliament on the occasion of the European Day of the Righteous.

On 30 May 2016, a seminar on parliamentary democracy for members of the Jordanian Parliament, organised by the Parliamentary Project Support Division in cooperation with the Political Affairs Committee and Democracy and with the support of the EU-Council of Europe joint programme "Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean" (South Programme II).

On 10 June 2016, in Brussels, Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) Rapporteur for "Human Rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements" undertook a fact-finding visit in the framework of his report and met with several representatives of the European Commission and the European Parliament.

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

- . **12 May 2016, in Berlin:** *Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence*
- . **17 May 2016, in Stockholm:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **18 May 2016, in Stockholm:** *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*
- . **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, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*

APPENDIX I

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

Draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 28 May 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.)
- ▣ 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. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates in respect of:
 - United Kingdom (Doc. 14050)

6. Debate

6.1. Refugees at risk in Greece

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14082)
- Statements by:
 - Ms Meritxell MATEU, Rapporteur of the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece (Doc. ... Addendum ...)
 - Mr Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship [tbc]
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14082)

Address

Mr Alexis TSIPRAS, Prime Minister of Greece [tbc]

(Moved to Sitting No. 24)

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

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

7.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

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

8.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Marina KALJURAND, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)
- ⊙ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 13 June, 11:30)

9. Debate

9.1. Fighting the over-sexualisation of children

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14080)
- Statement by:
 - Ms Maud de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)
- ⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14080)

10. Debate

10.1. Women in the armed forces: promoting equality, putting an end to gender-based violence

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14073)
- ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)
- ⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14073)

Wednesday 22 June 2016

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

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

11.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

12. Debate

12.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Ingebjørg GODSKESEN (Norway, EC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14078)
- Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14078)

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

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 10:30)

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14078)

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

13.1. Mr Taavi RÕIVAS, Prime Minister of Estonia

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

▣ Questions

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

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

14.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

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

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

Speech (15:30-15:50)

Questions and replies (15:50-16:30)

▣ Questions

16. Debate

16.1. Administrative detention

□ Presentation by:

- Lord Richard BALFE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14079)

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

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

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14079)

17. Joint debate

17.1. Culture and democracy

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Vesna MARJANOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14070)

17.2. Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGNIÉ (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14069)
 - Mr Thierry MARIANI (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Mig (Doc. 14084)
- ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 June, 12:00)
- ⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 16:00)
- ⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14070)
- ⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14069)

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

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

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

19. Debate

19.1. Transparency and openness in European institutions

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14075)
 - 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)

⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14075)

20. Joint debate

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

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14077)

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

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Liliana PALIHOVICI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14076)

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

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

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14077)

⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14076)

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Friday 24 June 2016

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

21. Debate

21.1. Violence against migrants

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14066)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 19:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 June, 10:30)
- ⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14066)

22. Debate

22.1. Road safety in Europe as a public health priority

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Naira KARAPETYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14081)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 19:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 June, 10:30)
- ⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14081)

23. Progress report

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

24. Closure of the part-session

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

Monday 20 June 2016	
<p>2–3 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views with EPAS</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stanislas Frossard, Executive Secretary of EPAS, on the forthcoming Ministerial Conference on good governance in sport and updates on the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions <p>► Exchanges of views on “Education without borders”</p> <p>in the context of the exhibition of the Israeli delegation, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Gilber Roos, Honorary Consul of Israel in Strasbourg
<p>2–3 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views</p> <p>in the context of the follow-up to Resolution 2112 (2016) on “The humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war in Ukraine” (Rapporteur: Ms Nellija Kleinberga, Latvia, ALDE)</p> <p>with the participation of Ms Nadiia Savchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)</p>
Tuesday 21 June 2016	
<p>8.30 –9.15 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society</p> <p>9.15 –10 am Room 6, Palais Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on “Media freedom and safety of journalists”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Volodymyr Ariev (Ukraine, PPE/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chairpersons of the parliamentary delegations from Azerbaijan, Poland and Turkey • Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe <p>► Exchanges of views on “European Cultural Heritage Strategy for the 21st century (Strategy 21) of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) and the Council of Europe Action Plan on Building Inclusive Societies (2016-19)”</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"> • Ms Claudia Luciani, Director, Directorate of Democratic Governance, DGII, Council of Europe

Tuesday 21 June 2016

<p>8.45 –10 am Room 10 Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the Venice Commission’s “Rule of Law Checklist”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr Pedro Agramunt, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly (tbc) Mr Herdis Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, Vice-President of the Venice Commission Ms Marina Kaljurand, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chair of the Committee of Ministers Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (tbc)</p>
<p>9 –10 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on “Climate change: a framework for a global agreement”</p> <p>[Resolution 1976 (2014)]</p> <p>.Statement by the Chairperson on the follow-up to the 2015 Paris Agreement</p> <p>. with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Hakima El Hiti, Deputy Minister of Energy and Mines responsible for the Environment, Morocco (host of COP 22 in November 2016) <i>(to be confirmed)</i></p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room ..., Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on “Fighting the over-sexualisation 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> <p>.Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, United Nations Special Representative on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography</p>
<p>2.45–3.30 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Securing access of detainees to lawyers”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <p>Mr Mark Kelly, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) in respect of Ireland, Dublin Ms Heather McGill, Amnesty International, London Ms Marie-Laure Basilien-Gainche , Member of the Trans Europe Experts Network, Professor of Public Law, Jean Moulin University,Lyon 3</p>

Wednesday 22 June 2016

<p>2 –3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint hearing Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Joint hearing on “Discrimination and violence against women refugees.”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Richard Matis, Vice-Chair of Gynaecology without Borders (France); • A representative of the Women’s Refugee Commission); • A witness.
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Wednesday 22 June 2016

<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The legitimacy crisis in international sports governance”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jens Sejer Andersen, International Director, Play the Game Danish Institute for Sports Studies • Ms Deborah Unger, Project Manager, Publisher of the “Global Corruption Report – Sport”, Transparency International (via video-conference) • Ms Wendela Kuper, Chairperson of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and Co-ordinator of the Dutch Presidency in the field of sport • Mr Andreas Selliaas, freelance researcher and commentator, Norway
<p>2.15– 3.15 pm 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 Mustafa Dzhemilev, representative of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars, member of the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Mr Omer Fisher, Deputy Head of Human Rights at the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Right, Warsaw</p>

Thursday 23 June 2016

<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The concern about fiscal, social justice and public trust in our democratic system”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by <i>Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC</i>, with the participation of experts (to be confirmed):</p>
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the “Situation in Belarus”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of representatives of the Belarusian authorities and of the opposition</p>
<p>8.30 – 10 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Women’s empowerment in the economy” with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Valerie Frey, Researcher, Gender Equality team, OECD; • A representative of the Fawcett Society (United Kingdom).
<p>8.30 – 10 am Room 11, Palais 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 Thomas Markert, Director and Executive Secretary of the Venice Commission on the opinions of the Venice Commission requested by the committee on, inter alia, Poland, Spain and Turkey, as well as general trends (<i>in camera</i>)</p>
<p>2 – 3 pm Room 11, Palais Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views with the leaders of VRMO-DPMNE and SDSM parties of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (to be confirmed) (<i>in camera</i>)</p>

APPENDIX III

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

Visit to Greece (30-31 May 2016)

List of members

President of the Ad hoc committee / Président de la Commission ad hoc

Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée *

Rapporteur

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Mr Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD) *
Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) *
Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) *
Mr Paul Scully (United Kingdom, EC) *
Mr Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL) *

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Ms Petra De Sutter (SOC)	Belgium
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Mr René Rouquet (SOC)	France
Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia (UEL) *	Greece
Mr Zsolt Csenger-Zalán (EPP/CD)	Hungary
Mr Karl Garðarsson (ALDE)	Iceland
Mr Yves Cruchten (SOC)	Luxembourg
Mr Predrag Sekulić (SOC)	Montenegro
Mr Frank J. Jenssen (EPP/CD)	Norway
Mr Aleksander Pocij (EPP/CD)	Poland
Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (SOC)	Spain
Mr Alfred Heer (ALDE)	Switzerland
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Mr Serhii Kiral (EC)	Ukraine
Mr Mark Pritchard (EC)	United Kingdom

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/ membres de la délégation se rendant à Lesbos le 31 mai

Mr Mohamed Yatim (Morocco)

Partner for democracy delegation

Delegation of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons //
Délégation de la Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC)
Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE)
Ms Annette Groth (Germany, UEL)
Ms Vasiliki Katrivanou (Greece, UEL)
Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR)
Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE)
Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) *
Ms Eva-Lena Jansson (Sweden, SOC)

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Mr Wojciech Sawicki	-	Secretary General of the Assembly
Ms Sonia Sirtori	-	Head of the Secretariat of the Bureau of the Assembly //
		Head of the Office of the Secretary General of the Assembly
Mr David Milner **	-	Secretary of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
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Ms Annick Schneider	-	Assistant to the Secretary General of the Assembly
Mr Sandro Weltin**	-	Photographer

Interpreters / Interprètes

Ms Julia Tanner
Ms Ina Kang

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/ membres de la délégation se rendant à Lesbos le 31 mai

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/ membres du secrétariat se rendant à Lesbos le 31 mai