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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1262nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (6 July 2016)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2016 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 5 September 2016 in Paris.

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

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Ioannis MOUZALAS, Alternate Minister for Migration Policy of Greece
 - Ms Marina KALJURAND, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
 - Ms Maud de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
 - Mr Taavi RÕIVAS, Prime Minister of Estonia
 - Mr Alexis TSIPRAS, Prime Minister of Greece
2. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

B. Current affairs debate

3. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on “Reaffirming the role of the Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation”, introduced by Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD).
4. On the basis of a proposal by the Presidential Committee, the Bureau adopted a declaration on *Reaffirming the role of the Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation* (Appendix 1).

C. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights

5. On 21 June 2016, the Assembly elected Mr Tim Eicke as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom.

D. #NoHateNoFear initiative

6. On 20 June 2016, the President of the Assembly, Mr Pedro Agramunt, launched the initiative #NoHateNoFear aimed to encourage all players in society to stand firm against the terrorist threat by refusing to give in to hatred or fear. He invited Assembly members to join the initiative by displaying the initiative logo and participating in the group photo, which can be found on the web site of the Assembly: http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/no-hate-no-fear. He called upon elected representatives to reassure citizens and to speak out strongly against hate and fear, and support fundamental values and freedoms.

E. Media coverage

7. The 3rd part-session was covered by 61 journalists. There are 201 articles published, and 77 photo reports. The Ukrainian and Russian media published the largest number of articles concerning session news (31 and 25), followed by their counterparts from Germany (18), international news outlets (17), Azerbaijan (16), Armenia (14), Greece (13), Italy (9) and France (6).
8. The visits by the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr Alexis Tsipras, the Prime Minister of Estonia, Mr Taavi Rõivas, and the debate on “Refugees at risk in Greece” received the larger coverage, including a number of articles focusing on the intervention of Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The debate on the functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey and the current affairs debate were well covered by the media at a regional level. The presence of Assembly member, Ms Nadiia Savchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) was also largely covered by media across Europe.
9. The launch of the initiative to counter terrorism #NoHateNoFear generated substantial Europe-wide coverage in traditional² and social media. The photographs taken in the Chamber at the launch of the

² AFP, Libération, L'Express, Euronews, Le Parisien, Courier International, La Montagne, A1, Reuters, Yahoo News, Boursorama, Mediapart, Lextimes.fr, ZeitOnline, Die Welt, Tageblatt, ANSA, SDA/ATS, EFE, La Vanguardia, El Diario,

#NoHateNoFear initiative were published in major media outlets and posted on social media, such as Twitter and YouTube. The top tweet with the picture saying “the representatives of 47 parliaments assert the values that will help to defeat [#terror](#)” alone had been seen more than 20,000 times. The announcement about this initiative was further re-tweeted by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (“we invite all NATOPA members and community to join the [#NoHateNoFear](#) initiative [@PACE_Equality](#) [@PACE_News](#)”) and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (“terrorism knows no religion and no boundaries; wherever it happens, we should stand against this hatred together.[#NoHateNoFear](#) [@PACE_President](#)”), re-tweeted by the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, which generated more than 50,000 re-tweets and likes. More than 200 Assembly members had their photograph taken with the initiative logo, and 28 delivered statements on this occasion.

10. Sixteen TV news offers were made on four subjects ([#NoHateNoFear](#); refugees at risk in Greece, Prime Minister Tsipras and the presence of Nadiia Savchenko) for Associated Press Television News (APTN), Agence France Press (AFP), European News Exchange (ENEX), Eurovision News Exchange (EVN) and Reuters, and 13 radio programmes were prepared. The MediaBox (a web-TV studio) was used to conduct 85 interviews with Assembly members and participants in side-events - an increase of 50% compared to the 2nd part-session 2016.

F. Adopted texts

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

Recommendations

- [Recommendation 2092 \(2016\)](#) Fighting the over-sexualisation of children (Doc. 14080)
- [Recommendation 2093 \(2016\)](#) Culture and democracy (Doc. 14070)
- [Recommendation 2094 \(2016\)](#) Transparency and openness in European institutions (Doc. 14075)
- [Recommendation 2095 \(2016\)](#) Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. 14076)

Resolutions

- [Resolution 2118 \(2016\)](#) Refugees in Greece: challenges and risks – A European responsibility (Doc. 14082)
- [Resolution 2119 \(2016\)](#) Fighting the over-sexualisation of children (Doc. 14080)
- [Resolution 2120 \(2016\)](#) Women in the armed forces: promoting equality, putting an end to gender-based violence (Doc. 14073)
- [Resolution 2121 \(2016\)](#) The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey (Doc. 14078)
- [Resolution 2122 \(2016\)](#) Administrative detention (Doc. 14079)
- [Resolution 2123 \(2016\)](#) Culture and democracy (Doc. 14070)
- [Resolution 2124 \(2016\)](#) Educational and cultural networks of migrant and diaspora communities (Doc. 14069)
- [Resolution 2125 \(2016\)](#) Transparency and openness in European institutions (Doc. 14075)
- [Resolution 2126 \(2016\)](#) The nature of the mandate of members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. 14077)
- [Resolution 2127 \(2016\)](#) Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. 14076)
- [Resolution 2128 \(2016\)](#) Violence against migrants (Doc. 14066)
- [Resolution 2129 \(2016\)](#) Road safety in Europe as a public health priority (Doc. 14081)

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

G. Hearings and events organised by committees during 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 the Secretariat of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (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 Joseph Moustaki, Secretary of the Knesset delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Embassy of Israel in Paris
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, 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)), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ms Nadiia Savchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)
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>► Exchanges of views on “Media freedom and safety of journalists”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Volodymyr Arieu (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>9.15 –10 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage</p>	<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
<p>8.30 – 10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan”</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"> · a delegation of the Parliament of Kazakhstan: Mr Nurlan Abdirov and Mr Kabibulla Jakupov, members of the Mazhilis; Mr Bektas Beknazarov and Mr Georgy Kim, members of the Senate; · Ms Verena Taylor, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes; · Mr Jiri Vogl, Head of Department of Relations with International Organisations and Non-Member States, Directorate of External Relations; · Mr Sergueï Kouznetsov, Head of the Neighbourhood Co-operation Division, Secretariat of the Venice Commission

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ms Marina Kaljurand, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chair of the Committee of Ministers · Ms Herdis Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, Vice-President of the Venice Commission · Ms Anne Brasseur, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly
<p>2-3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The political transition in Tunisia”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Mr Imad Daimi · Mr Ramzi Ben Fraj · Ms Sana Salhi, · and Mr Souhail El Elouini, members of the Assembly of People’s Representatives, Parliament of Tunisia
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
<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) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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

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"> · Ms Mina Jaf, Women refugees rights activist · Mr Arne Treves, protection officer, Bureau of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for Europe (UNHCR), Geneva · Dr Richard Matis, Vice-Chair of Gynaecology without Borders (France) · Ms Baldé, refugee
<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 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

Wednesday 22 June 2016**2.15– 3.15 pm
Room 10, Palais**Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights**► Hearing on “Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities”**in the context of the report prepared by : Ms Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE)
with the participation of:

- 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;
- Mr Omer Fisher, Deputy Head of Human Rights at the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Right, Warsaw

Thursday 23 June 2016**8.45 – 10.00 am
Room 10, Palais**Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights**► Hearing on the “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (9th report)”**

In the context of the report prepared by Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' (France, SOC) with the participation of :

- Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC) – Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
- Mr Giorgio Malinverni, former judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Honorary Professor at the University of Geneva
- Mr Guido Bellatti Ceccoli, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe, Rapporteur of the GR-H group of the Committee of Ministers, Strasbourg
- Ms Betsy Apple, Advocacy Director, Open Society Justice Initiative, New York

**8.30 – 10.00 am
Room 7, Palais**Committee on Social Affairs,
Health and Sustainable
Development**► Hearing on “The concern about fiscal, social justice and public trust in our democratic system”**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) with the participation of:

- Mr Boudewijn Van Looij, Tax Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**8.30 – 10.00 am
Room 9, Palais**Committee on Political Affairs
and Democracy**► Exchange of views on the “Situation in Belarus”**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) with the participation of:

- Mr Nikolai Samoseiko, member of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus
- Ms Tatiana Karatkevich, Leader of the civil campaign “Tell the Truth”; and
- Mr Pierre Garrone, Head of the Elections and Political Parties Division, Secretariat of the Venice Commission

► Exchange of views on “The political transition in Egypt”

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD)

with the participation of the members of the Egyptian House of Representatives:

- Mr Mohamed Abbasy
- Mr Belal El Nahal
- Mr Tarek Radwan

<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”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Ms Valerie Frey, Researcher, Gender Equality team, OECD;· Ms Sam Smethers, Fawcett Society (United Kingdom);· Mr Henrik Kristensen, Deputy Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe.
<p>8.30 – 10 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 Thomas Markert, Director and Executive Secretary of the Venice Commission on the opinions of the Venice Commission requested by the committee on general trends (<i>in camera</i>)</p>
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Online media and journalism: challenges and accountability”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Dr. Ben Wagner Centre for Internet & Human Rights, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany (via video-conférence)· Mr Paul Holmes, Chief Executive Officer, The Holmes Group, New York (via video-conference)· Mr Nikolaus von der Decken, Director, Burda Journalism School, Offenburg and Munic

II. Elections

- **Belarus parliamentary elections (11 September 2016):** on 20 June 2016, the Bureau authorised a pre-electoral mission; on 24 June 2016, it approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 2);
- **Jordan: early parliamentary elections (20 September 2016, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 20 June 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) and the rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan, Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC). On 24 June 2016, it approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- **Morocco: parliamentary elections (7 October 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 4);
- **Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 October 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 5);
- **Montenegro: parliamentary elections (16 October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 6);
- **Republic of Moldova: presidential election (30 October 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Ms Elisabeth Schneider-Schneiter (Switzerland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 7);
- **Bulgaria: presidential election (October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 8);
- **Azerbaijan: repeat of the parliamentary elections in constituency No. 90 (18 June 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau took note of the memorandum by the members having ensured the presence of the Assembly: Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE), Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD), and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC).

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 20 and 24 June 2016)

- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece** (Rapporteur: Ms Meritxell Mateu, Andorra, ALDE): on 20 June 2016, the Bureau approved the draft report to be submitted to the Assembly as an addendum to the Progress report.
- **Third part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 20 - 24 June 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up to adopted texts.
- **Fourth part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 10 - 14 October 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 9).
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2016):** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (Appendix 10).
- **Relations with the European Parliament et other EU institutions:** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

➤ **Procedures for the adoption of reports in committees and in plenary session:** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau considered the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs.

➤ **Procedure concerning staff appointments:** on 24 June 2016, the Bureau took note of the relevant parts of the Council of Europe staff regulations.

IV. Seminars and conferences

13. On 4 July 2016 in Berlin, the Parliamentary Project Support Division and the Sub-committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, organised, in cooperation with the Venice Commission an Inter-parliamentary conference on “**Media freedom as a cornerstone for democratic elections**”.

V. List of fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ **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 **27 to 29 June 2016**.

➤ **Promotion and protection of regional or minority languages in Europe**

Ms Rózsa Hoffmann (Hungary, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Latvia on **28-30 June** and will carry out a fact finding visit to Italy on **5-7 October 2016**.

➤ **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, carried out a fact-finding visit to Geneva, Switzerland on **29 June 2016**.

➤ **A European social commitment guaranteeing the rights of the elderly and their comprehensive care**

Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Denmark and Romania in September 2016 (*dates to be confirmed*).

➤ **Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic**

Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from **12 to 13 September 2016**.

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

Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to The Hague, Netherlands, from **19 to 20 September 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 **26 to 27 September 2016**.

VI. Relations with the Venice Commission

➤ On 21 June 2016, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights held an exchange of views on the Venice Commission’s **Rule of Law Checklist** with the participation of Ms Marina Kaljurand, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chair of the Committee of Ministers, Ms Herdis Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, and Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), former President of the Parliamentary Assembly.

- On 21 June 2016, during the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, M Sergueï Kouznetsov, Head of the Neighbourhood Co-operation Division, Secretariat of the Venice Commission, participated in an exchange of views on **The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD*).
- On 23 June 2016, during the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Mr Pierre Garrone, Head of the Elections and Political Parties Division, Secretariat of the Venice Commission participated in an exchange of views on the **Situation in Belarus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*).
- On 24 June 2016, the Bureau decided to ask for the opinion of the Venice Commission on the Turkey's draft law on the restructuring of the Court of Cassation and Council of States, as a follow-up to *paragraph 35 of Resolution 2121 (2016) on The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey*. It also decided to ask for the opinion of the Venice Commission on the suspension, by a provisional clause, of Article 83 of the Constitution of Turkey, as a follow-up to paragraph 18 of Resolution 2127 (2016) on *Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly*.

VII. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament

14. The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament will be held in Strasbourg on 15-16 September 2016 (Appendix 11: Draft Programme). The deadline for registration to the Conference is 9 September 2016. Further information appears on the Parliamentary Assembly website: http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/presidents-conference .

VIII. Parliamentary Assembly Prizes

15. On 23 June 2016, the Assembly held the ceremony of presentation of European Diplomas (Europe Prize) awarded to 12 municipalities from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and Turkey (Appendix 12).

16. **The Europe Prize 2016**, the highest distinction, goes to the city of **Girona** (Catalonia) in Spain. The award ceremony will take place in Girona on 8 July 2016.

17. The submission of nominations for the 2016 edition of the **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize** closed on 30 June 2016. On 30 August, the Selection Panel will meet in Prague to proceed with the shortlisting of three candidates. On 9 October, the Selection Panel will meet in Strasbourg to select the Prizewinner from the shortlist. The Prize Award Ceremony will take place on 10 October in Strasbourg in the Chamber of the Parliamentary Assembly during its 4th part-session.

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

- . **8 July 2016, Girona (Spain):** *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development Presentation ceremony of the 2016 Europe Prize*
- . **30 August 2016, Prague:** *Václav Havel Human Rights Prize Selection Panel*
- . **4 September, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **5 September 2016, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **6 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **12 September 2016, Paris (OECD):** *Sub-Committee on Relations with the OECD and the EBRD (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) (tbc)*
- . **15 - 16 September 2016, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee on the occasion of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament*
- . **21 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*

- . **21 September 2016 afternoon, Tirana:** *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)*
- . **22-23 September 2016, Tirana:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **22 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **26 September 2016, Reykjavik:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **29 September 2016, Lviv, Ukraine:** *Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **29-30 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights (tbc)*

Appendix 1

Declaration on Reaffirming the role of the Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation

The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe reaffirms the Assembly's role as a pan-European forum for political dialogue among democratically elected members of parliament from the Organisation's 47 member states. As a statutory organ of the Council of Europe, the Assembly promotes co-operation among parliamentarians to achieve the goals of the Organisation to unite democracies, around common values and on the basis of their common heritage.

Today, when Europe is facing numerous political challenges, both within and around its borders, and the Council of Europe witnesses a growing lack of cohesion and mutual trust among its member States, the Assembly has an indispensable role to play in overcoming and preventing new divisions in Europe through bridge-building and parliamentary diplomacy.

Dialogue and co-operation among parliamentarians, which are the very essence of parliamentary diplomacy, make a positive contribution to easing inter-state tensions, building confidence and finding feasible solutions to complex problems, namely those in the field of human rights, parliamentary democracy and the rule of law.

In this respect, the Bureau highlights the Assembly's contribution inter alia to counteracting terrorism and radical extremism, combating intolerance, hate and discrimination, protecting rights of national minorities, fostering social cohesion, as well as promoting inter-cultural dialogue. These numerous global challenges require a concerted and effective response by all the Council of Europe's 47 member States.

Against such a background, the fact that, for two consecutive years, parliamentarians from one of the Organisation's member States, the Russian Federation, have not participated in the Assembly's work limits the capacity of the Assembly to represent the rich plurality of views from across Europe. It also prevents the Assembly from contributing to shaping a unifying agenda for our Continent and the Council of Europe in order to preserve our common heritage, values and legal standards.

The Assembly has to rebuild trust among parliamentarians from all 47 member States and reaffirm its role as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary cooperation, on a basis of mutual respect. In order to do so, it should find ways to keep open the communication channels with the Russian parliament and explore all possibilities for dialogue offered by parliamentary diplomacy. Our common interests in protecting human rights, democracy and the rule of law, both at national and international level, are stronger than the issues that divide us. We must shoulder our responsibilities to address – in a frank, open and committed manner – the difficult points and disagreements that exist among us in order to work together to resolve them and to continue building a Europe without dividing lines.

Appendix 2

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Belarus (11 September 2016)

Chairperson: Gisela WURM (Austria, SOC)

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

Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO, Monaco
Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania

Substitutes

Denis JACQUAT, France
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

Socialist Group (SOC)

Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Titus CORLATEAN, Romania
Gisela WURM, Austria *

Substitutes

Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Jean-Claude FRÉCON, France
Yuliya L OVOCHKINA, Ukraine
Attila MESTERHAZY, Hungary
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Idalia SERRÃO, Portugal
Marianne MIKKO, Estonia

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco
Goran TUPONJA, Montenegro *

Substitutes

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy
Nellijs KLEINBERGA, Latvia
Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway *
Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

Substitutes

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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Soňa MARKOVÁ, Czech Republic *

Substitute

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Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on The situation in Belarus (ex officio)

Andrea RIGONI, Italy *

* membres de la délégation préélectorale

Appendix 3

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Jordan (20 September 2016, to be confirmed)

Chairperson: René ROUQUET (France, SOC)

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

Charlò BONNICI, Malta

Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia

Vladyslav GOLUB, Ukraine

Substitutes

Elena CENTEMERO, Italy

Nicole DURANTON, France

Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium

Socialist Group (SOC)

Michele NICOLETTI, Italy

René ROUQUET, France

Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania

Substitutes

Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine

Kristyna ZELIENKOVA, Czech Republic

Substitutes

Anne KALMARI, Finland

Andrea RIGONI, Italy

Eerik KROSS, Estonia

Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Suella FERNANDES, United Kingdom

Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland

Substitutes

Ingebjorg GODSKESEN, Norway

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Hişyar ÖZSOY, Turkey

Substitute

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Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan

Josette DURRIEU, France

Appendix 4

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Morocco (7 October 2016)

Chairperson: Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC)

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

Nicole DURANTON, France
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Adão SILVA, Portugal

Substitutes

Mónika BARTOS, Hungary
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Vladyslav GOLUB, Ukraine
Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania
Eduard KÖCK, Austria / Autriche
Gabriela PECKOVÁ, Czech Republic
Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia
Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland
François ROCHEBLOINE, France
Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER, Switzerland

Socialist Group (SOC)

Marietta KARAMANLI, France
George FOULKES, United Kingdom
Josette DURRIEU, France

Substitutes

Francesco VERDUCCI, Italy
Pascale CROZON, France
Eleonora CIMBRO, Italy
Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania
Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France
Catherine QUERE, France
Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland
Gisela WURM, Austria
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Idália SERRÃO, Portugal

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Andrea RIGONI, Italy
Meritxell MATEU, Andorra

Substitutes

Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco
Adele GAMBARO, Italy
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER, United Kingdom
Serhii KIRAL, Ukraine

Substitutes

Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

Substitute

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Appendix 5

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Georgia (8 October 2016)

Chairperson: Mr Emmanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

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

Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy
Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan
Andres HERKEL, Estonia
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia
Killion MUNYAMA, Poland
Karin STRENZ, Germany
Svitlana ZALISHCHUK, Ukraine
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania *

Substitutes

Damien ABAD, France
Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy

Socialist Group (SOC)

Maryvonne BLONDIN, France *
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Idália SERRÃO, Portugal
Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland
Claude ADAM, Luxembourg
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland
Florian KORNBIHLER, Italy
Gisela WURM, Austria
Catherine QUERE, France
Paolo CORSINI, Italy

Substitutes

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Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Alfred Heer, Switzerland
Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia
Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia
Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain *

Substitutes

Kristýna ZELIENKOVÁ, Czech Republic
Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine
Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra
Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco
Anne KALMARI, Finland

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway *
Mark PRITCHARD, United Kingdom
Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

Substitutes

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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Andrej HUNKO, Germany *

Substitutes

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Co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (*ex officio*)
Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia *
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden *

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* members of the pre-election delegation

Appendix 6

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Montenegro (16 October 2016)

Chairperson: Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD)

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

Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland
Gabriela PESKOVÁ, Czech Republic
Attila TILKI, Hungary

Substitutes

Damien ABAD, France
Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Denis JACQUAT, France
Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

Socialist Group (SOC)

Gülsün BILGEHAN, Turkey
Silvia BONET, Andorra
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland

Substitutes

Renata DESKOSKA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
George FOULKES, United Kingdom
Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France
Gisela WURM, Austria
Catherine QUÉRÉ, France
Idalia SERRÃO, Portugal

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Adele GAMBARO, Italy
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

Substitutes

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy
Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco
Anne KALMARI, Finland

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Erkan KANDEMİR, Turkey

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Substitutes

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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Matjaž HANŽEK, Slovenia

Substitute

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Co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (*ex officio*)
Terry LEYDEN, Ireland
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania

Appendix 7

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in the Republic of Moldova (30 October 2016)

Chairperson: Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER (Switzerland, EPP/CD)

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

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER, Switzerland
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania
Pavol UNGURYAN, Ukraine

Substitutes

Damien ABAD, France
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Denis JACQUAT, France
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia
Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland
Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland

Socialist Group (SOC)

Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria *
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Eleonora CIMBRO, Italy
Josette DURRIEU, France
Claude ADAM, Luxembourg
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland

Substitutes

Catherine QUERE, France
Idália SERRÃO, Portugal

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland
Meritxell MATEU, Andorra *

Substitutes

Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Erkan KANDEMIR, Turkey *
Mark PRITCHARD, United Kingdom

Substitutes

Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Lotta JOHNSON FORNAVE, Sweden *

Substitute

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (*ex officio*)

Valentina LESKAJ, Albanie *
Ögmundur JÓNASSON, Iceland *

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Appendix 8

List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Bulgaria (October 2016, date to be confirmed)

Chairperson: Luís LEITE RAMOS (Portugal, EPP/CD)

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

Denis JACQUAT, France

Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal

Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Substitutes

Damien ABAD, France

Giuseppe GALATI, Italy

Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France

Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia

Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland

Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland

Socialist Group (SOC)

Attila MERTERHAZY, Hungary

Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France

Renata DESKOSKA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Substitutes

Idàlia SERRÃO, Portugal

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Anne MULDER, Netherlands

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

Substitutes

Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra

Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Mark PRITCHARD, United Kingdom

Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

Substitutes

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Ertuğrul KÜRKÇÜ, Turkey

Substitute

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Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (*ex officio*)

Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary

Franck SCHWABE, Germany

28 June 2016

Fourth part of the 2016 Ordinary Session (10-14 October 2016)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 24 June 2016.

Abbreviations

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

SOC: Socialist Group





ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

EC: European Conservatives Group

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols

-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Sitting No. 28 (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
2. **Debate**
 - 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Ingrid SCHOU (Norway, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - 2.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Belarus (11 September 2016)
 - ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Gisela WURM (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - 2.3. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Jordan (20 September 2016) [tbc]
 - ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr René ROUQUET (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 10:00)
3. **Prize Award Ceremony** (12:30-13:00)
 - 3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize²

Sitting No. 29 (15:00-17:00)

4. **Address** (15:00-16:00)
 - 4.1. 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

⊙ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 3 October, 11:30)
5. **Debate (continued)**
 - 5.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - 5.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Belarus (11 September 2016)
 - 5.3. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Jordan (20 September 2016) [tbc]

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 3 October, 10:00)

⚖ [possibly] Vote

2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2016) ...).

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

6. [Possibly] Elections (10:00-13:00)

6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

7. Debate

7.1. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2015-2016

□ Statement by:

○ Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary General of the OECD

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 16:00)

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

8.1. Mr Andrzej DUDA, President of Poland [tbc]

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

▣ Questions

Sitting No. 31 (15:30-20:00)

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

9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

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

▣ Questions

11. Debate

11.1. The need for fiscal and social justice, and public trust in our democratic, financial and tax system

□ Presentation by:

○ Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

○ Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)

○ Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)

⊖ Vote on ... ()

12. Debate

12.1. ...

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Sitting No. 32 (10:00-13:00)

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

13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

14. Debate

14.1. Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

- Statement by:
 - Mr Thomas BACH, President of the International Olympic Committee

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 19:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 10:30)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

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

15.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 33 (15:30-20:00)

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

16.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

17. Joint debate

17.1. Political consequences of the conflict in Ukraine

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Kristýna ZELIENKOVÁ (Czech Republic, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)

17.2. Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Marieluise BECK (Germany, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 16:00)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

⚖ Vote on ... ()

18. Debate

18.1. Harmonising the protection of unaccompanied minors in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (Italy, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
 - Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 16:00)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

Sitting No. 34 (10:00-13:00)

19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate³

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

20.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 35 (15:30-20:00)

21. Debate

21.1. Female genital mutilation in Europe

□ Presentation by:

- o Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
- o Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

22. Debate

22.1. Co-operation with the International Criminal Court: towards a concrete and expanded commitment

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr Alain DESTEXHE (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

■ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Sitting No. 36 (10:00-13:00)

23. Debate

23.1. The impact of European populations dynamics on migration policies

□ Presentation by:

○ Ms Kristin Ørmen JOHNSEN (Norway, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)

⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 13 October, 10:30)

Ⓐ Vote on ... ()

24. Debate

24.1. Free debate

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)

25. Progress report (continued)

26. Closure of the part-session

Appendix 10

List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2016 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November)

Chairperson

Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly

Presidential Committee

Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD)

Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC)

Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE)

Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC)

Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Mr Deniz Baykal (Turkey, SOC)

Mr Senad Šepić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Mr Sergio Divina (Italy, NR)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)

Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)

Mr Mikayel Melkumyan (Armenia, EC)

Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD)

Ms Nadiia Savchenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Mr Christian Barilaro (Monaco, EPP/CD)

Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC)

Mr Claudio Fazzino (Italy, EPP/CD)

Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE)

Mr Francesco Giro (Italy, EPP/CD)

Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE)

Ms Gabriela Pecková (Czech Republic, EPP/CD)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Ms Elena Centemero, (Italy, EPP/CD)

Mr Sasa Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14 September

4 -6 pm Possibility of advance registration and collection of badges at the Council of Europe

Thursday 15 September

8.30-11 am Registration of participants (the registration desk will be open until 7 pm)

9 -10 am *Meeting of secretaries of national delegations*

11-11.30 am Opening (plenary session)

Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

11.30 am-12.45 pm **Theme 1: Migration and refugee crisis in Europe – role and responsibilities of parliaments**

Presentation by:

Mr Nikolaos Voutsis, Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament

Mr László Kövér, Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary

Debate

12.55 pm *Family photo*

1.10-3.00 pm *Lunch*

3.00-4.30 pm Continuation of the debate on theme 1

4.30-4.45 pm *Break*

4.45-7.00 pm **Theme 2: National Parliaments and the Council of Europe: Together promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law**

Presentation by:

Mr Eiki Nestor, President of the Riigikogu, Estonia

Ms Maja Gojković, Speaker of the National Assembly, Serbia

Debate

7.00 pm Summing up of the first day

7.30 pm Dinner reception offered by Mr Roland Ries, Mayor of Strasbourg (Pavillon Josephine)

Friday 16 September

8.30-10.00 am *Meeting of the Secretaries General*

10.00 am *Family photo*

10.00 am **Theme 3: Mobilisation of Parliaments against hate for inclusive and non-racist societies**

Presentation by:

Mr Norbert Lammert, President of the Bundestag, Germany

Ms Anne Brasseur, Ambassador of the Council of Europe “No Hate Movement”

Debate

12.15 pm Concluding session

12.30 pm End of the conference

12.30-1.30 pm *Good-bye cocktail (in the Assembly lobby)*

**WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE,
THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR
AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA
FOR 2016**

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize 2016**, the highest distinction, goes to the city of **GIRONA** (Catalonia) in Spain.

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, is awarded to 8 municipalities:

Germany	Besigheim (Baden-Württemberg) Coburg (Bavaria) Erlangen (Bavaria) Gotha (Thuringen) Murrhardt (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	Ravenna (Province of Ravenna)
Turkey	Safranbolu (Karabük Province)
United Kingdom	Wigan (Greater Manchester County)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** was awarded to 8 municipalities:

France	Lourdes (Hautes-Pyrénées)
Germany	Herbolzheim (Baden-Württemberg)
Lithuania	Birštonas (Kaunas County)
Poland	Kielce (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie)
Turkey	Gaziantep (Province of Gaziantep)
Ukraine	Chornomorsk (Illitchivsk) (Odessa region) Sumy (Sumy region)
United Kingdom	Burnley (Lancashire)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 12 municipalities:

France	Colombelles (Calvados) Saint-Germain-en-Laye (Yvelines) Vitry-sur-Seine (Val de Marne)
Germany	Baiersdorf (Bavaria) Rodgau (Hessen) Wolfsburg (Lower-Saxony) Wolnzach (Bavaria)
Italy	Carpignano Sesia (Province of Novara) Formigine (Province of Modena) Riolo Terme (Province of Ravenna)
Sweden	Jönköping (Province of Småland)
Turkey	Nilüfer (Province of Bursa)