



## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1267<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (5 October 2016)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 5 September 2016 (Paris) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 10 October 2016 (Strasbourg).

## **I. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 5 September 2016**

### **A. Fourth part-session of 2016 (10 to 14 October 2016)**

On 5 September 2016, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1). It took note of the request for a current affairs debate on *Situation in Turkey in the light of the attempted coup d'Etat* submitted by the chairpersons of the five political groups on behalf of their groups and proposed that the Assembly hold such a debate.

The award ceremony of the 2016 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize will be held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 12:30.

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

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

At its meeting on 5 September, the Bureau took the following decisions:

- **Belarus: parliamentary elections (11 September 2016):** the Bureau took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission;
- **Azerbaijan: referendum on amendments to the Constitution (26 September 2016):** the Bureau decided to ask the opinion of the Venice Commission on the amendments to the Constitution; constituted an ad hoc committee to conduct an assessment mission of the referendum composed of one representative of each political group as well as the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and authorised the President to approve its composition and to appoint its Chairperson. On 20 September, the President approved the ad hoc committee composition and appointed Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", EPP/CD) as Chairperson.
- **"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": early parliamentary elections (11 December 2016, date to be confirmed):** subject to receiving an invitation, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 8; SOC: 7, ALDE: 2, EC: 2, UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as the co-rapporteurs on post-monitoring dialogue. It also authorised a pre-electoral mission.

### **C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 5 September 2016**

- **Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee in Nicosia (24-25 November 2016):** the Bureau took note of the draft programme;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2017:** the Bureau approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 3);
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau took note of Mr Dick Marty's resignation as member of the Selection Panel of the Prize as well as of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 30 August 2016, consisting of (in alphabetical order):
  - Ms Gordana Igrić,
  - International Institute of Human Rights – René Cassin Foundation, and
  - Ms Nadia Murad.
- **Implementation of paragraph 13 of Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo<sup>2</sup> and the role of the Council of Europe:** the Bureau considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and approved the draft decision contained therein, subject to ratification by the Assembly. It also decided to come back to the issue of stepping up dialogue with the Assembly of Kosovo at one of its next meetings, on the basis of a memorandum to be prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

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<sup>2</sup> Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- **Consideration of amendments in committees and in plenary sitting:** the Bureau approved the draft guidelines submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Rules applicable to election procedures in the plenary Assembly:** the Bureau approved the proposals submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, subject to ratification by the Assembly;

## II. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (15-16 September 2016)

The Presidents and Speakers of parliament from the 47 Council of Europe member states and a number of partner and observer countries, as well as the heads of several international parliamentary assemblies, met in Strasbourg on 15 and 16 September 2016. The conference brought together 60 Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Parliament and addressed 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

The video recordings of the debates can be accessed through the Parliamentary Assembly website ([http://website-pace.net/en\\_GB/web/apce/presidents-conference](http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/presidents-conference)). The next European Conference of Presidents of Parliament will be held in 2018 in Turkey.

I take this opportunity to thank all Permanent Representations for their assistance, and notably for providing transportation for members of their delegation throughout the Conference.

## III. Activities of Committees, Networks and parliamentary support

- On 8 September 2016 in Paris, the **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance**, during its national seminar on combating racism, hatred and intolerance :
  - held an exchange of views on the *Analysis of the situation in France and European perspectives* with the participation of Ms Christine Lazerges, Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Human Rights, and Mr Régis de Gouttes, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in respect of France;
  - held an exchange of views on *Combating hate speech* with the participation of Ms Anne Brasseur, Ambassador of the No Hate Speech Movement of the Council of Europe; Mr Rui Gomes, Head of Division, Youth Department, Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe; and Mr Guillaume Buffet, Chairperson of the platform for digital transformation U, former Chairperson of the think tank “Renaissance numérique”.
- On 9 September 2016 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**:
  - held a hearing on *The role of internet platforms and social media companies in countering online hate* with the participation of Ms Brittany Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Google and Mr Anton’Maria Battesti, Public Policy Manager, Facebook France;
  - held a hearing on *Women in public space* with the participation of Ms Brigitte Gonthier-Maurin, Vice-Chairperson and former Chairperson of the Delegation for Women’s Rights and Equal Opportunities between Men and Women at the French Senate and of Mr Sergiy Kyslytsya, Chairperson of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe.
- On 19-20 September 2016, in Kyiv, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**:
  - held a hearing on *Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Arieu, Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Ricardo Gutierrez, Secretary General of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Brussels, Ms Oksana Romaniuk, International Media Institute (IMI), Kyiv, Mr Igor Rozkladaj, Reanimation Reform Package (RPR), Kyiv, and Ms Anna Andrievska, Journalist, Crimea SOS;

- held a hearing on *New methods of political influence over independent journalism* (Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC) with Ms Margo Smit, Ombudsman at the Dutch public broadcaster NOS, Journalism teacher at the State University of Groningen;
  - held a hearing on *Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media* (Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC) and on *Youth against corruption* (Rapporteur: Ms Eleonora Cimbri, Italy, SOC) with Mr Yuriy Lutsenko, General Prosecutor of Ukraine, Mr Ricardo Gutiérrez, Secretary General of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), Brussels, Ms Galyna Petrenko, Detector.media, Kyiv, and Ms Margo Smit, Ombudsman at the Dutch public broadcaster NOS, Journalism teacher at the State University of Groningen;
  - held an exchange of views on *Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut, France, SOC) with Mr Rinie van Est, Research coordinator, Rathenau Instituut, Netherlands, Mr Raja Chatila, Director, Institute of intelligent systems and robotics (Institut des systèmes intelligents et de robotique (ISIR)), University Pierre et Marie Curie, France; and Mr Dmytro Shymkiv, Deputy head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine on administrative, social and economic reforms.
- On 21 September 2016, in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**:
- held an exchange of views on *Developments in the social functioning of trade unions / An urgent call for increased solidarity: the right to work, the right to strike* (Rapporteur: Mr Ögmundur Jónasson, Iceland, UEL) with the participation of Dr Aristeia Koukiadaki, Senior lecturer in employment law, University of Manchester (United Kingdom), and Ms Renate Hornung-Draus, Managing Director, Director European and International Affairs, Confederation of German Employers (BDA);
  - held an exchange of views on *The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Silvia Dumitrache, President of the A.D.R.I - Romanian Women's Association (Italy).
- On 22 September 2016, in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held an exchange of views on “Harmonising the protection of unaccompanied minors in Europe” (Rapporteur: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Italy, NR) with Mr Brian Donald, Head of the Cabinet of the Director, Europol.
- On 22 September 2016 in Tirana, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:
- concerning **Azerbaijan** (co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD): agreed to invite the Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan and the President of the Venice Commission for an exchange of views during its next meeting;
  - concerning the **post-monitoring dialogue with “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Lise Christoffersen, Norway, SOC, and Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on recent developments and the state of implementation of the Przino Agreement, with the participation of Mr Zoran Zaev, President of the SDSM Party (opposition) and Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski, representing Mr Gruevski, President of the VRMO-DPMNE Party (majority);
  - concerning the **post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey** (co-rapporteurs: Ms Ingebjørg Godsken, Norway, EC, and Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC): decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the overall compatibility of the implementation of the state of emergency in Turkey, in particular all subsequent decree-laws, with the Council of Europe standards;
- On 23 September 2016 in Tirana, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**: held a joint hearing with the Albanian Parliament on Interreligious Dialogue and Tolerance: with the participation of: Mr Ilir Meta, Speaker of the Albanian Parliament; Ms Valentina Leskaj, Deputy Speaker; Mr Blendi Klosi, Minister for Social Welfare and Youth; Prof Alberto Quattrucci, Executive Director of Peoples

and Religions, Community of Sant'Egidio, Italy; as well as Members of the Albanian Parliament, academics and representatives of religious communities present in Albania.

- On 26 September 2016, in Reykjavik, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:
  - held a hearing on the Terrorism: #NoHateNoFear initiative with the participation of Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and Mr Bjorn Ihler, Norway, Academic, Activist, Writer and Filmmaker, an Utøya survivor;
  - heard a statement by Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, on his visit to Turkey on 1 and 2 September 2016, held an exchange of views and decided to continue this discussion at its next meeting, with the participation of Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights;
  - took note of a statement by Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC) regarding the elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation and decided to return to this matter at one of its next meetings.
- On 26 and 27 September in Strasbourg, the **Parliamentary Project Support Division** organised a capacity building seminar for staff of national parliaments on the European Convention of Human Rights (Execution of Judgments).
- On 28-29 September 2016 in Baku, the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence** held a parliamentary seminar on “The role of parliamentarians in empowering women and fighting violence against women”.
- On 29 September 2016, in Lviv, Ukraine, the **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**
  - held an exchange of views on the *Follow-up to the Paris Climate Change agreement: parliamentary action plan* with the participation of Ms Natalie Kushko, Low Emission Development Strategies Task Leader, USAID Project (Ukraine), and Lord John Prescott, Parliamentary spokesperson on climate change issues, Member of the House of Lords (United Kingdom);
  - held an exchange of views on *Energy efficiency and alternative sources of energy* with the participation of Mr Anders Lund, Associate Director to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Fund Manager to E5P – Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership, Kiev (Ukraine), and Ms Jurei Yada, Policy Adviser, International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC), Paris (France);
  - held an exchange of views on *Waste management: moving towards a circular economy* with the participation of: Mr David Albertani, Program Director, R20 Regions of Climate Action, Geneva (Switzerland) and Mr Alexei Atudorei, Board Member of International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), Bucharest (Romania).

#### **IV. 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**.

##### ➤ ***The protection and promotion 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 and 29 June 2016** and will carry out a visit to Italy on **6 and 7 October 2016**.

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

**Mr Viorel Badea**, (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland, on **29 June 2016**.

➤ ***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* carried out a fact-finding visit to Kyrgyzstan on **7-9 September 2016**.

➤ ***Call for a Council of Europe Summit to defend and promote democratic security in Europe***

**Mr Michele Nicoletti** (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* took part in a Colloquy on “The defence of human rights in Europe, an outdated idea? The Council of Europe more indispensable than ever” in Paris on **12 September 2016**.

➤ ***Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence***

**Ms Gisela Wurm** (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Berlin on **19 – 20 September 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*, carried out fact-finding visits to Bucharest, on **22-23 September 2016**, and to Copenhagen, on **27-28 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*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova on **26 and 27 September 2016**

## **V. Co-operation with European Union/European Parliament**

On **8 September 2016**, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on the *Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*, met with Mr Jaap ORA, Chargé d’Affaires, Head of Political, Press and Information Section, and Ms Claudia HOCK, Attaché, Project Manager, Cooperation Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic.

## **VI. Co-operation with the Venice Commission**

➤ On 5 September 2016, concerning **Azerbaijan: referendum on amendments to the Constitution (26 September 2016)** the Bureau decided to ask the opinion of the Venice Commission on the amendments to the Constitution.

➤ On 22 September 2016 in Tirana, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:

- agreed to invite the Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan and the President of the Venice Commission for an exchange of views during its next meeting;
- decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the overall compatibility of the implementation of the state of emergency in Turkey, in particular all subsequent decree-laws, with the Council of Europe standards.

## **VII. List of meetings of committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

- . **4 September 2016, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **5 September 2016, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **6 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **8 September 2016, Paris:** *National Seminar of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance*
- . **9 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **14 September 2016, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **21 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **22 September 2016, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **22-23 September 2016, Tirana:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **26 September 2016, Reykjavik:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **28-29 September 2016, Baku:** *Seminar of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence*
- . **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*

## APPENDIX I: Draft agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session



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29 September 2016

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

Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 5 September 2016.  
Updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly (modifications are indicated in grey).



## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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

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

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

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

SOC: Socialist Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe





EC: European Conservatives Group

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 10 October 2016

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### Sitting No. 28 (11:30-13:00)

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
  - 1.4.1. Current affairs debate: "Situation in Turkey in the light of the attempted coup d'Etat"
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda

#### 2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
  - Presentation by:
    - Ms Ingerd 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)
  - 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 Prize<sup>2</sup>

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

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#### 4. Question time (15:00-15:30)

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

📄 Questions

#### 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)

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

🗳 [possibly] Vote

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

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## Tuesday 11 October 2016

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

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#### 6. 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:  
o Ms Mari KIVINIEMI, Deputy 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 François HOLLANDE, President of the French Republic

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

📅 Questions

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

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#### 9. Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

- 9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

- 10.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:  
o Mr Jürgen LIGI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

📅 Questions

🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 3 October, 11:30)

#### 11. Debate

- 11.1. Lessons from the "Panama Papers" to ensure fiscal and social justice

- Presentation by:  
o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14141)  
o Mr Dirk Van der MAELEN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. )  
o 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 a draft resolution (Doc. 14141)

## 12. Debate

### 12.1. Children's rights related to surrogacy

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 14140](#))
  - Mr Pavlo UNHURIAN (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega ([Doc. 14140](#))
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft recommendation ([Doc. 14140](#))

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## Wednesday 12 October 2016

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

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#### 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. 14127)

□ 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 a draft resolution (Doc. 14127)

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

15.1. Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

▣ Questions

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

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#### 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. 14130)

17.2. Legal remedies for 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. 14139)

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

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

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14130)

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14139)

#### 18. Debate

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

□ Presentation by:

○ Mr Alain DESTEXHE (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14136)

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

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

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14136)

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## Thursday 13 October 2016

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


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#### 19. Address (10:00-11:00)

##### 19.1. Mr Frank-Walter STEINMEIER, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany

Speech (10:00-10:20)

Questions and replies (10:20-11:00)

 Questions


#### 20. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>3</sup>



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


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#### 21. Debate


##### 21.1. Female genital mutilation in Europe

 Presentation by:

-  Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14135)
-  Ms Liliane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)


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



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
#### 22. Debate


##### 22.1. Harmonising the protection of unaccompanied minors in Europe

 Presentation by:

-  Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (Italy, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14142)
-  Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)

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 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14142)

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3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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**23. Debate**

**23.1. The impact of European population 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)

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

Monday 10 October 2016	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Open discussion on current issues</b></p> <p>Statement by Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights, on his visit to Turkey from 27 to 29 September 2016, followed by an exchange of views</p>
<p><b>2 – 3 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with the Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan and the President of the Venice Commission (in camera)</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by the co-rapporteurs Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC and Mr Cezar Florin Preda, Romania, EPP/CD</p>
Tuesday 11 October 2016	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Andrew Gardner, Amnesty International, Turkey</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Reinforcing social dialogue as an instrument for stability and decreasing social and economic inequalities”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Ögmundur Jónasson, Iceland, UEL with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Dave Prentis, General Secretary of the “<a href="#">UNISON</a>” trade union, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 – 10 am</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on the functioning of democratic institutions in the Russian Federation (in camera)</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by the co-rapporteurs Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD and Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Rachel Denber, Human Rights Watch</li> <li>• Mr John Dalhuisen, Amnesty International</li> <li>• Mr Alexander Cherkasov, Memorial Human Rights Centre (TBC)</li> </ul>
<p><b>9 –10 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “The right to vote for all and legal capacity”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report on “The political rights of persons with disabilities: a democratic issue” prepared by Ms Mechthild Rawert, Germany (SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Alfredo Ferrante, Member of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH) and;</li> <li>• Mr Milan Šveřepa, Director of the NGO Inclusion Europe.</li> </ul>



<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Joint debate on the “Terrorism: #NoHateNoFear initiative”</b></p> <p>Opening by Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Luciana Milani and Mr Antoine Leiris, whose daughter and wife respectively were killed in the Bataclan attack on 13 November 2015</li> <li>• Mr David Anderson Q.C. (Queen's Counsel), Independent Reviewer of the United Kingdom's Anti-Terrorism Legislation</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Thomas Feist (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Dr Susanne Keuchel, Director, Academy of Arts Education of the Federal Republic and the Land of North-Rhine-Westphalia, Germany</li> <li>• Dr. Birgit Wolf, freelance expert, Berlin</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Possible ways to improve the emergency refugee situations funding”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Rolf Wenzel, Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchanges of views on the “Lisbon Forum 2016” organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the participation of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit in the Lisbon Forum, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.45 pm –3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing in the framework of the “Women in public space” project, with the participation of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Beatice Lorenzin, Minister for Health, Italy (to be confirmed);</li> <li>• Ms Francesca Izzo, Chairperson of the NGO Se non ora quando, Italy.</li> </ul>

**Wednesday 12 October 2016**

<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “The legitimacy crisis in international sports governance”</b></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"> <li>• Ms Pâquerette Girard Zappelli, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, IOC</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut, France, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Gérard Lommel, Vice-President of the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Mr Jean-Marc Deltorn, Researcher at the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIP)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchanges of views on “Age assessment of unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Philip Ishola, Chair of the Age Assessment Strategic Oversight Group, ADCS, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Ms Denise Graf, Asylum Coordinator, Amnesty International, Switzerland</li> <li>• Mr Serge Lipski, Doctor, Médecins du Monde, international network</li> </ul>

**Thursday 13 October 2016**

<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Joint hearing organised by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Joint hearing of views on “the role of education in promoting gender equality”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Nathalie Tournyol du Clos, Director of Training, National School of Administration (ENA), France</li> <li>• Ms Katie McCracken, Director, Opcit Research, United Kingdom.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9am – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “25 years of the CPT, achievements and improvements needed”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Latif H. Hüseyinov, former Chairperson of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (CPT), Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Mr Trevor Stevens, former Executive Secretary of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, France</li> </ul>

**Thursday 13 October 2016**

<p><b>2 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room ..., Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and its implications for social rights, public health and sustainable development”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Geraint Davies, United Kingdom, SOC, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Sam Fowles, Researcher in International Law at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, visiting lecturer in Trade Law at the University of London institute in Paris and NN expert, Greenpeace, Netherlands (to be confirmed).</li></ul>
<p><b>2.45 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Men against violence”</b></p> <p>with the participation of Mr Seydou Niang, Men Speak Out Project (Belgium)</p>

## APPENDIX III:

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# Bureau of the Assembly

## Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2017

### Preliminary proposals for dates

#### Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly

Monday 23 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 2 or 9 March, 3.00 pm, Madrid	Bureau (to be confirmed)
Friday 3 or 10 March, 9.30 am, Madrid (confirmed)	Standing Committee (to be confirmed)
Monday 24 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 28 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of May, Czech Republic	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 26 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 30 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 4 September, 9 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 9 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 13 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of November, Denmark	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Friday 15 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau

Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the agreement of the Parliament of the country concerned.