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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1285th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (3 May 2017)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 28 April 2017 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 26 June 2017 in Strasbourg.

I. 2nd part-session of 2017 (24-28 April 2017)

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
 - Mr Ioannis KASOULIDES, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers²
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Prokopis PAVLOPOULOS, President of the Hellenic Republic²
 - Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights²
 - His Majesty the King of Spain²

B. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debate

2. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure: *on Alarming developments in Hungary: new NGO law restricting civil society and closure of international university*, and on the Assembly's Opinion on the *Draft Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property*.
3. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on *European values under threat: addressing rising xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia in Europe*.

C. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

4. On 25 April 2017, the Assembly ratified the recommendation of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, to reject the list of candidates to the Court in respect of Albania.

D. Independent external investigation body to look into allegations of corruption within the Assembly

5. On 25 April 2017, the Assembly ratified the terms of reference of the independent external investigation body in the addendum to the Progress report (Appendix 1).

E. Prizes

6. On 25 April 2017, the Assembly held the ceremony of the 2017 Council of Europe Museum Prize, which was awarded to the Caribbean Centre of Expressions and Memory of the Slave Trade and Slavery, Guadeloupe (France).

7. On 26 April 2017, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development approved the proposals submitted by its Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize awarding the Europe Prize 2017 to the city of Lublin (Poland), 10 plaques of honour, 8 flags of honour and 7 European diplomas (Appendix 2).

F. Media coverage

The media coverage of the second part-session was one of the highest in recent years in terms of quantity and quality, with 90 journalists accredited, some 560 articles (provisional figures) in the international and key national print and electronic media as well as important audiovisual coverage. Overall, their geographic distribution reflected the PACE agenda, with strong coverage found in Spain, Russia, Germany, Turkey and Ukraine and other international media.

² Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

The Assembly's decision to reopen the monitoring procedure in respect of Turkey generated very substantial worldwide and regional coverage (the Financial Times, CNN, BBC, the Wall Street Journal, Euronews, AFP, Xinhua, France 24, Le Soir, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Anadolu Agency, Sputnik, Hürriyet Daily News, Daily Sabah, Cumhuriyet, etc.).

The Bureau expressing 'no confidence' in Pedro Agramunt as President of the Assembly as well as his explanation given to PACE members following his visit to Syria was also very widely covered (ARD, RT, Telecinco, Deutsche Welle, RFE, El Pais, El Mundo, La Vanguardia, The Guardian, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Der Tagesspiegel, Die Welt, Telegraf, NRC, Aravot, Kyiv Post, La Libre Belgique).

Several key national outlets covered the visits to the Council of Europe by Greek President Prokopios Pavlopoulos (Athens News Agency, Greek Reporter, ERT, Avgi.gr, etc.) and His Majesty the King of Spain (TVE, Agencia EFE, ABC, La Vanguardia, Onda Cero, Cadena SER, Tele5, etc.).

Other items such as the debate under urgent procedure on developments in Hungary (the New York Times, EuroNews, ABC News, Fox News, etc.), the debate on the Interpol system, as well the creation by PACE of an independent external investigation body to look into allegations of corruption, were given much prominence.

Activity on social media largely followed the same pattern. The first ever Council of Europe Facebook live transmission, on His Majesty the King of Spain address, reached 127 000 viewers. @PACE_News tweets received 247 000 impressions across the week. The top tweet of the week was announcing the decision to reopen the monitoring procedure in respect of Turkey, with 387 re-tweets and 128 likes so far. The #InspiringWomen series of posts, a first for PACE, was also widely taken up.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for Assembly members, as a way of raising the institution's profile: some 40 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded.

G. Adopted texts

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

No.	Title
Resolution 2156 (2017)	The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey
Resolution 2157 (2017) Recommendation 2099 (2017)	Human rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to Resolution 1738 (2010)?
Resolution 2158 (2017)	Fighting income inequality as a means of fostering social cohesion and economic development
Resolution 2159 (2017)	Protecting refugee women and girls from gender-based violence
Resolution 2160 (2017) Recommendation 2100 (2017)	25 years of the CPT: achievements and areas for improvement
Resolution 2161 (2017)	Abusive use of the Interpol system: the need for more stringent legal safeguards
Resolution 2162 (2017)	Alarming developments in Hungary: draft NGO law restricting civil society and possible closure of the European Central University
Resolution 2163 (2017) Recommendation 2101 (2017)	The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities
Resolution 2164 (2017)	Possible ways to improve the funding of emergency refugee situations
Recommendation 2102 (2017)	Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights
Opinion 293 (2017)	Draft Council of Europe Convention on offences relating to Cultural Property

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

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

Monday 24 April 2017	
<p>2–3 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Round table on “The role of non-governmental organisations as promoters of positive practices in care and accommodation for refugee and migrant minors”</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"> • Ms Ivana Milanovic-Djukic, Child Protection Programme Manager, Danish Refugee Council, Serbia • Ms Kristina Marku, Child Protection Coordinator, “Hope for Children” CRC Policy Centre, Cyprus • Ms Kalliopi Gkliva, Project Manager, Refugee Emergency Relief Programme, SOS Children’s Villages Greece
<p>2–3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Open discussion on current issues, exchange of views on recent developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in Turkey • in Jordan • and on the “Political consequences of the new Israeli Settlement Regulation Law” with the participation of Mr Majed Bamy, First Counsellor, Palestinian Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations, New York
Tuesday 25 April 2017	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Joint Hearing on “Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh”</p> <p>In the context of the report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nadia Murad, Yazidi survivor of ISIS, winner of the 2016 PACE Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize (via video link) • Ms Ewelina Ochab, legal researcher, PhD scholar, University of Kent, United Kingdom • Mr Geoffrey Robertson QC, author of “<i>Crimes Against Humanity; The struggle for global justice</i>” (Penguin, New Press), Former President of the UN War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone, Founder and co-head of Doughty Street Chambers, London
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The status of journalists in Europe”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Elvira Drobinski-Weiss (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Marc Gruber, Expert in Media and communications • Ms Renate Schroeder, Director, European Federation of Journalists, Brussels, Belgium

Tuesday 25 April 2017	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Parental authority conflicts”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Juliane Hirsch, Consultant on Private International Law and International Family Law</p> <p>► Hearing on “Detention of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Khaled Quzmar, General Director, “Defense for Children International - Palestine (DCIP)” • Ms Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Officer, “B'Tselem - The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories” • and watched a video statement by Ms June Kunugi, Special Representative, UNICEF,
Tuesday 25 April 2017	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr José Mendes Bota, First Counsellor, EU Delegation to the Council of Europe
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the 40th anniversary of the Council of Europe Museum Prize</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Mr Jacques Martial, President of Mémorial ACTe, Caribbean center of expressions and memory of the slave trade and slavery (MACTe), Guadeloupe, France, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2017 • Mr Basil Kerski, Director of the European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, Poland, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2016
<p>8.30 pm Town Hall, Strasbourg</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Presentation ceremony of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2017</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly • Mr Michaël Schmidt, Councillor of the City of Strasbourg • Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Mr Jacques Martial, President of Mémorial ACTe, Caribbean center of expressions and memory of the slave trade and slavery (MACTe), Guadeloupe, France, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2017

Wednesday 26 April 2017	
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free From Violence</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Brigitte Filion, Programme Officer, Programme for Partnership between men and women, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) • Ms Urska Umek, Secretary to the Committee of experts on Media Pluralism and Transparency of Media Ownership, Council of Europe
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Thomas Feist (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rolf Witte, Head of international cultural education at BKJ (German Federation for Cultural Youth Education) • Dr. Jörg Maas, CEO of “Stiftung Lesen”, the German partner of EU Read <p>► Exchange of views on “Need for better international sports governance”</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"> • Ms Sara Walton , Standards market development manager, British Standards Institution (via Skype line) • Mr Filippo Cecchi, Director of the Standard Ethics Communication and Public Affairs Office
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Follow-up to Resolution 1903 (2012): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Marin Mrčela, President of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
<p>2.30– 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC)</p>
Thursday 27 April 2017	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The activities of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees <p>► Exchanges of views on “The new asylum law in Hungary”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director, Directorate of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe

Thursday 27 April 2017	
<p>9.00 – 10.00 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing “Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system (including Reference 4255 “New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member States”)”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Bernd Fabritius (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ireneusz Kaminski, Chair of European and International Law, Institute of Legal Studies, Warsaw • Mr Kamil Zaradkiewicz, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University • Mr Jean-Claude Scholsem, Venice Commission member, Professor emeritus, University of Liège, Belgium
<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on “The Charter of Equal Participation in Political and Public Life” for migrants</p> <p>in the context of the colloquy held in Lyon on 11 October 2016, with the participation of Mr Uwe Holtz, Honorary President of FP-AP and Ms Ilona Graenitz, Vice-President of FP-AP (European Association of former members of parliaments of the member States of the Council of Europe)</p>
<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Joint Hearing on “Setting minimal standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr Florian Grotz, Chair of Comparative Politics, Institute of Political Science, Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg; • Ms Marilisa D'Amico, Professor of constitutional law, University of Milan; • Ms Ana Rusu, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

II. Elections

➤ **Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (26 March 2017)**

On 24 April 2017, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee.

➤ **Armenia: parliamentary elections (2 April 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

➤ **Serbia: presidential election (2 April 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

➤ **Turkey: referendum on constitutional amendments in Turkey (16 April 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission as well as a press release by Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC), Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Assembly.

➤ **Albania: parliamentary elections (18 June 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the invitation letter to observe these elections, approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee, and appointed Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3).

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 24 and 28 April 2017)

➤ **Second part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 24-28 April)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau:

- expressed no confidence in the President; decided not to authorise the President to undertake any official visits, attend any meetings or make any public statements on behalf of the Assembly; and decided to make public this decision (see Appendix 4);
- took note of the Declaration unanimously adopted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on 27 April 2017 on *Principle of confidence in members and their duty of accountability when exercising their elective offices in the Parliamentary Assembly*;
- approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly and to the current affairs debate, as set out in Appendix 5;
- took note of a letter by Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC), Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Assembly, regarding Resolution 2156 (2017) on *Functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey*.

➤ **Standing Committee meeting (Prague, 30 May 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.

➤ **Third part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 26-30 June 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 6)

➤ **Allegations of corruption: composition of the independent external investigation body**

On 24 April 2017, the Bureau adopted the terms of reference of the independent external investigation body. On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the candidatures for membership in the independent external investigation body submitted by Bureau members as well as a letter by Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on the need to ensure gender balance; decided to close the list of candidates and confirmed its instruction to the Secretary General of the Assembly to hold private talks with the proposed candidates and come up with a proposal on the composition of the investigation body, with a view to submitting it to the Bureau for approval at its meeting in Prague on 29 May 2017, subject to ratification by the Assembly in its Progress report.

➤ **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the concept paper and decided to constitute an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum, composed of members to be proposed by the Assembly committees before the Bureau meeting of 30 June 2017.

➤ **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau took note of the extension of the deadline for the submission of nominations to 30 June 2017.

➤ **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**

On 28 April 2017, the Bureau considered and approved the list of candidates in respect of Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Norway and Serbia, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.

IV. Activities of Committees and Networks

On 16 May 2017 (morning) in Helsinki, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** will hold a seminar on *The international legal order in a changing world: challenges for the monitoring procedure of the Parliamentary Assembly*.

On 18-19 May 2017 in Belgrade, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** will hold the following hearings:

Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets (Rapporteur: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Maurice Kempen, Ministry for Security and Safety, Netherlands, and Mr Declan O'Reilly, Legal Officer, Criminal Assets Bureau, Dublin;

Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty (Rapporteur: Mr Vusal Huseynov, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD), with the participation of Dr Michael Crowley, Research Associate, Omega Research Foundation;

The situation of NGO's in the Russian Federation, with the participation of Ms Karinna Moskalenko, Founder, International Protection Centre, Strasbourg/Moscow and Mr Konstantin Baranov, Head, Youth Human Rights Movement/Human Rights House, Voronezh, in the framework of the preparation of the report on *How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented?* (Rapporteur: Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Serbia, EPP/CD);

and will hold an exchange of views on *Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system (including Reference 4255 "New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member States"* (Rapporteur: Mr Bernd Fabritius, Germany, EPP/CD) with the participation of a Bulgarian expert.

On 19 May 2017 in Milan (Italy), the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** will hold a joint hearing with the **Parliamentary Network Women Free From Violence** on *Combating violence against women in Italy* with the participation of Ms Lucia Annibali, Undersecretariat for Equal Opportunities (Italy), Ms Concetta Carrano and Ms Sara Menichetti, Lawyers, representing Ms E. Talpis in the case *Talpis vs Italy*, before the European Court of Human Rights, and Ms Ilaria Marzi, Director of the Action and Measures for Autonomy and Social Inclusion Unit.

On 22 and 23 May in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold hearings on:

Good football governance (Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE), with the participation of representatives from FIFA, UEFA, EPFL (European Professional Football Leagues), ECA (European Club Association) and FIFPro (International Federation of Professional Footballers);

and exchanges of views on:

Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage (Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC) with Mr John Bold, heritage expert, United Kingdom, and Mr Corrado Catesi, coordinator, Works of Art Unit, Interpol

Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion (Rapporteur: Mr Thomas Feist, Germany, EPP/CD) with Ms Joan Parr, Chair of ACENet / Head of Creative Learning, Creative Scotland, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

On 31 May 2017 in Baku, the **Sub-Committee on Children** (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) will hold a Parliamentary Seminar on Children's Rights.

On 14-15 June 2017 in Bornholm, Denmark, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will hold an exchange of views with the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Anders Samuelsen.

V. Seminars and conferences

28 and 29 April, Strasbourg: The *Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)* organised an information seminar for the secretaries of national delegations to the Assembly on the subjects of cooperation activities of the Council of Europe and the use of social media at the Assembly.

10-12 May 2017, Strasbourg: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) will participate in the 18th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).

29 May 2017, Sarajevo: The PPSD is organising a national seminar on freedom of expression and the media in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2015-2017.

30 May 2017, Kyiv: The PPSD is organising a seminar on effective law making for MPs of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2015-2017.

1-2 June 2017, Stockholm: The PPSD is organising a visit for MPs from the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for peer to peer exchanges on good practices in law making, in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2015-2017.

6-8 June 2017, Strasbourg: Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) will participate in the 11th plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO).

12-13 June 2017, Budapest: The PPSD is organising a regional seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights for MPs of the Eastern Partnership countries in cooperation with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Department of Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (DG I) and the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, in the framework of the Partnership for Good Governance.

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

➤ *The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan*

Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan, from **2 to 4 May 2017**.

➤ *Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean*

Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy from **10 to 12 May 2017**.

➤ *A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe*

Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Hungary from **15 to 16 May 2017**.

➤ *The "Turin process": reinforcing social rights in Europe*

Ms Silvia Bonet (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Strasbourg, on 16 May 2017, for a bilateral meeting with MEP Maria Rodrigues (Portugal, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, S&D), European Parliament Rapporteur on the European Pillar of Social Rights.

➤ *Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe*

Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Geneva (Switzerland) from **22 to 23 May 2017**.

➤ ***Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe***

Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Baku on **2 June 2017**.

➤ ***Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people***

Mr Piet de Bruyn (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London from **12 to 13 June 2017**.

➤ ***Promoting diversity and equality in politics***

Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels in **June 2017** (date to be confirmed).

VII. Relations with the Venice Commission

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

On 27 April 2017, the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the amendments to the law on the general prosecutor and an opinion on the new law on the National Council of the Judiciary.

➤ ***Alarming developments in Hungary: draft NGO law restricting civil society and possible closure of the European Central University***

On 27 April 2017, in its Resolution 2162 (2017), the Assembly requested the opinion of the Venice Commission on the compatibility with Council of Europe standards of the Hungarian draft law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funding, as well as of the Act of 4 April 2017 amending the National Higher Education Act.

➤ ***111th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (16-17 June 2017)***: Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) and Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) will attend the session.

VIII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

➤ ***Draft Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property***

On 28 April 2017, the Assembly adopted the Opinion 293 (2017) on the draft Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property and transmitted it subsequently to the Committee of Ministers.

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

. **15 May 2017 (morning), Helsinki**: *Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*

. **15 (afternoon)-16 May 2017, Helsinki**: *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*

. **18-19 May 2017, Milan (Italy)**: *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*

. **18-19 May 2017, Belgrade**: *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*

. **22-23 May 2017, Paris**: *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*

. **29 May 2017, Prague**: *Presidential Committee*

- . **29 May 2017, Prague:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **30 May 2017, Prague:** *Standing Committee*
- . **31 May 2017, Baku:** *Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Parliamentary Seminar on Children's Rights*
- . **1 June 2017, Baku:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **2 June 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **9 June 2017, Vienna:** *Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **14-15 June 2017, Bornholm, Denmark:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **15-16 June 2017, Paris** (to be confirmed): *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **25 June 2017, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*

Appendix 1

Terms of reference of the independent external investigation body

Title and length of the term of office

1. The Assembly decides to set up an independent external investigation body to look into allegations of corruption within the Assembly.
2. It shall begin its duties with effect from the appointment of its members and its duties shall terminate on the submission of its final report, or at the latest on 31 December 2017. The Bureau of the Assembly may extend the investigation body's terms of reference, if need be.

Purpose

3. The purpose of the investigation body is to carry out a detailed independent inquiry into the allegations of corruption and fostering of interests made against certain members or former members of the Assembly, to examine the practical functioning of the Assembly in its various activities (including but not restricted to part-sessions, committee and sub-committee meetings, rapporteur missions, election observation missions and participation in various events) and its decision-making mechanisms in order to:

- verify whether there are any forms of individual conduct by members of the Assembly or former members of the Assembly which have not respected the provisions of the Code of Conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly and other relevant codes of conduct;
- identify any practices contrary to the Assembly's ethical standards, and determine the extent thereof;
- establish, in the light of these findings, whether there is sufficient proof to take action against members or former members of the Assembly, pursuant to paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Code of Conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- draw up recommendations on the measures to be implemented to rectify the shortcomings and fill the gaps in the Assembly's ethical framework.

Composition

4. The investigation body shall comprise three members, independent senior figures, from institutions enjoying the highest moral reputation, having proven and acknowledged professional competence, expertise and experience in connection with the mission of the investigation body (such as ethics officer, financial auditor, fraud examiner, legal professional having served as an investigator, prosecutor, judge or expert in procedures for monitoring ethical standards).

5. Members must have knowledge of parliamentary functioning and, if possible, of the functioning of the Council of Europe.

6. Members are appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly, which shall seek a suitable balance of skills and knowledge – and wherever possible a gender balance. These appointments are submitted to the Assembly for ratification. Once appointed, members cannot be dismissed.

7. A vacancy caused by resignation or death shall be filled for the remainder of the term of office by the Bureau of the Assembly, subject to ratification of the appointment by the Assembly.

Procedure and competence

8. The investigation body shall decide on its mode of operation, its working methods and the procedures required to enable it to fulfil its mission, in keeping with the legal and regulatory framework of the Council of Europe. It informs the Bureau accordingly and seeks its advice if needed. The Bureau may decide if necessary to create an ad hoc liaison committee to facilitate this task.

9. The investigation body shall gather and make use of all relevant information and all documentary, testimonial and material evidence necessary for the fulfilment of its mission. It may, in particular:

- summon anyone, in particular any member or former member of the Assembly, while respecting their parliamentary status,³ and any member of the Assembly secretariat, to give evidence,
- hear any witness wishing to be heard by the investigation body,
- request the assistance of any national authority of a member state,
- request the provision of any document it deems relevant for its investigation.

10. The investigation body shall have no jurisdictional competence. It may decide to transmit the information it has gathered to any national judicial authorities, on official request, in the context of ongoing criminal investigations or proceedings, in keeping with the legal and regulatory framework of the Council of Europe.

11. The work of the investigation body shall enjoy the utmost confidentiality.

12. The investigation body shall report back to the Bureau of the Assembly, presenting a final report. This report shall be made public. The investigation body may decide that parts of this report shall remain confidential.

13. The working languages of the investigation body shall be the two official languages of the Organisation.

14. The investigation body shall sit in Strasbourg (at the seat of the Council of Europe) and may, in the exercise of its mission, travel to any member state.

15. In drafting its recommendations, the investigation body shall refer to the ethical standards in force in the Assembly and shall take account of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and the work of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), MONEYVAL and the Venice Commission.

Status of the investigation body

16. The members of the investigation body shall serve in an individual capacity, independently of their national obligations.

³ General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe, Part V:

Article 13

No administrative or other restriction shall be imposed on the free movement to and from the place of meeting of Representatives to the Consultative (Parliamentary) Assembly and their Substitutes.

Representatives and their Substitutes shall, in the matter of customs and exchange control, be accorded:

a. by their own government, the same facilities as those accorded to senior officials travelling abroad on temporary official duty;

b. by the governments of other Members, the same facilities as those accorded to representatives of foreign governments on temporary official duty.

Article 14

Representatives to the Consultative (Parliamentary) Assembly and their Substitutes shall be immune from all official interrogation and from arrest and all legal proceedings in respect of words spoken or votes cast by them in the exercise of their functions.

Article 15

During the sessions of the Consultative (Parliamentary) Assembly, the Representatives to the Assembly and their Substitutes, whether they be members of Parliament or not, shall enjoy:

a. on their national territory, the immunities accorded in those countries to members of Parliament;

b. on the territory of all other member States, exemption from arrest and prosecution.

This immunity also applies when they are travelling to and from the place of meeting of the Consultative (Parliamentary) Assembly. It does not, however, apply when Representatives and their Substitutes are found committing, attempting to commit, or just having committed an offence, nor in cases where the Assembly has waived the immunity."

17. In the exercise of their duties, the members of the investigation body shall enjoy the privileges and immunities granted to experts of the Council of Europe (applicable under Article 2 of the Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities (ETS No.10)).⁴ Council of Europe member states are called upon to facilitate the mission of the investigation body and, in particular, guarantee the freedom of movement of its members within their respective territory.

18. Privileges and immunities are granted to the members of the investigation body in the interests of the Council of Europe, not for their personal benefit, in order to enable them to carry out their duties in an independent and efficient manner.

Rights and obligations

19. The members and honorary members of the Assembly shall undertake to co-operate fully with the investigation body, in the exercise of its mission and at every stage of its investigation. They shall be required to provide any information demanded of them and any document in their possession. Due account shall be taken of relevant national legislations providing parliamentarians with specific rights and protection in this regard.

20. Staff of the Council of Europe Secretariat, including the Assembly secretariat, shall be covered, from the point of view of whistle-blowing, by the provisions of Rule No. 1327 of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of 10 January 2011 on awareness and prevention of fraud and corruption.⁵

21. The protection recognised by the above mentioned Rule No. 1327 shall apply to any witness heard by the investigation body who, although they are not Council of Europe Secretariat members, participate in the Council of Europe's activities, wherever they may be held – in particular trainees, experts, consultants.

22. The rules governing the access to, holding of and exploitation of Council of Europe documents apply to the investigation body. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe is called upon to facilitate the mission of the investigation body by putting at its disposal the documents, of any kind, which the investigation body believes are necessary. The investigation body shall make use of confidential or restricted documents only if they are directly related to the investigation it is tasked with.

23. In its final report the investigation body shall mention any refusal to co-operate, or any refusal to disclose information or to give access to or transmit any document necessary to carry out its duties.

⁴ Representatives attending meetings convened by the Council of Europe (...) shall, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, enjoy the following privileges and immunities:

- a. Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, and, in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their official capacity, immunity from legal process of every kind.
- b. Inviolability for all papers and documents.
- c. The right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags.
- d. Exemption in respect of themselves and their spouses from immigration restrictions or aliens registration in the State which they are visiting or through which they are passing in the exercise of their functions.
- e. The same facilities in respect of currency or exchange restrictions as are accorded to representatives of comparable rank of diplomatic missions.
- f. The same immunities and facilities in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to members of comparable rank of diplomatic missions."

The representatives, however, "shall not be exempt from arrest and prosecution when found committing, attempting to commit, or just having committed an offence".

Lastly, "the immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in discharging their duties shall continue to be accorded, notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer engaged in the discharge of such duties".

⁵ [Rule No. 1327 of 10 January 2011](#)

Reference is also made to the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)7 on the protection of whistleblowers.

Means and material conditions of operation of the independent investigation body

24. The Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly shall ensure that the investigation body is provided with the administrative and financial resources required to fulfil its mission and covering all operating costs of the investigation body and its secretariat (wages, fees, per diem, travel expenses in accordance with the rules applicable to Council of Europe official journeys, insurance).

25. The investigation body shall be assisted by a secretariat with knowledge and expertise in the functioning of the Council of Europe, that is however independent of the Parliamentary Assembly.

26. The premises made available to the investigation body shall ensure a working environment guaranteeing confidentiality, security and calm.

Appendix 2

WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE, THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR 2017

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to **LUBLIN** (Lublin Voivodship) in Poland.

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, is awarded to 10 municipalities:

Belgium	Ixelles (Brussels-Capital Region)
France	Creil (Hauts-de-France)
Germany	Großhabersdorf (Bavaria) Pirna (Saxony) Roßdorf (Hessen)
Italy	Bassiano (Lazio)
Lithuania	Palanga (Klaipėda County)
Turkey	Gaziantep (Southeastern Anatolia)
United Kingdom	Cardiff (South Wales)
Ukraine	Lutsk (Volyn oblast)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

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

France	Saint-Germain-en-Laye (Île-de-France)
Germany	Wolfsburg (Lower Saxony)
Italy	Formigine (Emilia-Romagna)
Poland	Reńska Wieś (Voivodship of Opole)
Serbia	Kanjiža (Vojvodina)
Turkey	Karşıyaka (Municipality of İzmir) Nilüfer (Municipality of Bursa)
Ukraine	Khmelnyskyi (Khmelnyskyi oblast)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 7 municipalities:

Germany	Bergkamen (North Rhine-Westphalia) Denzlingen (Baden-Württemberg)
Greece	Samos (Samos municipality)
Italy	Ponte San Nicolò (Province of Padua)
Poland	Ostrów Wielkopolski (Voivodship of Wielkopolskie) Morawica (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie)
Serbia	Kikinda (Vojvodina)

Appendix 3

List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections in Albania (18 June 2017)

Chairperson: Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC)

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

David BAKRADZE, Georgia
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Kęstutis MASIULIS, Lithuania
Yves POZZO di BORGIO, France
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania
Attila TILKI, Hungary

Socialist Group (SOC)

Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Jan ŠKOBERNE, Slovenia
Paolo CORSINI, Italy *
Marianne MIKKO, Estonia
Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy
Idália SERRÃO, Portugal
Miroslav NENUTIL, Czech Republic

Substitutes

Joseph DEBONO-GRECH, Malta
Muslum MAMMADOV, Azerbaijan

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway*
Erkan KANDEMIR, Turkey
Serhii KIRAL, Ukraine
Jaroslaw OBREMSKI, Poland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Reina BRUIJN-WEZEMAN, Netherlands
Eerik Niiles KROSS, Estonia *
Andrea RIGONI, Italy
Mart van de VEN, Netherlands

Substitute

Fernando MAURA, Spain

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Marco NICOLINI, San Marino*

Substitute

Miren Edurne GORROTXATEGUI, Spain

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland
Andrej HUNKO, Germany

Venice Commission

...

* members of the pre-election delegation

Appendix 4

PACE Bureau declares 'no confidence' in Pedro Agramunt as President

The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), meeting in Strasbourg today, resolved that it has no confidence in Pedro Agramunt as President of the Assembly.

It further resolved that Mr Agramunt is not authorised to undertake any official visits, attend any meetings or make any public statements on behalf of the Assembly in his capacity as President.

"The President chose not to attend the Bureau today, and has not presented a letter of resignation. As a result, and in the context of the current Rules of Procedure under which the President cannot be compelled to resign, the Bureau felt it necessary to take these steps," said Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC), Senior Vice-President of the Assembly, after chairing the Bureau meeting.

"The standards and principles of the Parliamentary Assembly are more important than any individual member, and the integrity of our Assembly must be upheld," he added.

* The Bureau is responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the Assembly and of its committees. It assists the President in his or her functions and guides the Assembly's external relations. It takes decisions on the organisation of part-sessions and plenary sittings. It consists of the President, the twenty Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, the heads of the political groups and the chairpersons of the Assembly's general committees.

Appendix 5

Follow-up to the current affairs debate and to texts adopted during the second part-session of 2017
(Strasbourg, 24-28 April)

Current affairs debate on *European values under threat: addressing rising xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia in Europe*: decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for consultation on the follow-up to be given.

Resolution 2162 (2017) on *Alarming developments in Hungary: draft NGO law restricting civil society and possible closure of the European Central University* (Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)

11. *In conclusion, the Assembly believes that recent developments in Hungary merit its close attention as well as the mobilisation of Council of Europe expertise to help the Hungarian authorities ensure compliance with relevant Council of Europe and international standards in the field of freedom of association and expression. The Assembly therefore:*

11.1. requests the opinion of the Venice Commission on the compatibility with Council of Europe standards of the Hungarian draft law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funding, as well as of the Act of 4 April 2017 amending the National Higher Education Act;

Follow-up: to request the Opinion of the Venice Commission as requested in paragraph 11.1.

12. *The Assembly resolves to continue to follow closely developments in Hungary.*

Follow-up: to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on Hungary in the context of the periodic review by the Monitoring Committee.

Appendix 6

Third part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 26-30 June 2017)



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28 April 2017

Third part of the 2017 Ordinary Session (26-30 June 2017)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 28 April 2017.

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





EC: European Conservatives Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols

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

Meetings outside the Chamber

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:30-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 26 June 2017

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

1. **Opening of the part-session**
 - 1.1. Statement by the President
 - 1.2. Examination of credentials
 - 1.3. Election of a Vice-President of the Assembly in respect of the Republic of Moldova
 - 1.4. Changes in the membership of committees
 - 1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
 - 1.6. Adoption of the agenda
 - 1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Prague, 30 May 2017)
2. **Debate**
 - 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - Presentation by:
 - Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 June, 10:00)

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

3. **Address** (15:00-16:00)
 - 3.1. Mr Pavel FILIP, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
 - Speech* (12:00-12:20)
 - Questions and replies* (12:20-13:00)
 - ▣ Questions
4. **Question time** (16:00-16:30)
 - 4.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - ▣ Questions
5. **Debate**
 - 5.1. Free debate
 - ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 June, 12:00)

Tuesday 27 June 2017

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

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

6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

7. Debate

7.1. The use of new genetic technologies in human beings

□ Presentation by:

○ Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 June, 16:30)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

8.1. Mr Duško MARKOVIĆ, Prime Minister of Montenegro

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

📅 Questions

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

9. [Possibly] Election (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:

○ Mr Lubomír ZAORÁLEK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 June, 12:00)

🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 19 June, 11:30)

11. Joint debate

11.1. Corruption as a governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress

□ Presentation by:

○ Mr Michele NICOLETTI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)

○ Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

11.2. Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with the investigative media

□ Presentation by:

○ Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN (Turkey, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14274)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14274)

12. Debate

12.1. The situation in Belarus

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 June, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 28 June 2017

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

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

13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

14. Joint debate

14.1. Statement by Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

14.2. Statement by Mr William Lacy SWING, Director General, International Organization for Migration

14.3. A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Duarte MARQUES (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
- Ms Ioanneta KAVVADIA (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)

14.4. Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Miltiadis VARVITSIOTIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
- Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 June, 19:30)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 June, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

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

15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16. Joint debate

16.1. Statement by Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

16.2. Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice

□ Presentation by:

- Ms Susanna HUOVINEN (Finland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
- Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGNI' (France, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)
- Ms Elena CENTEMERO (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

16.3. Migration as an opportunity for European development

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
- Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 June, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 June, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Thursday 29 June 2017

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


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

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

18.1. Ms Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Speech (12:00-12:20)


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


 Questions


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


19. Debate


19.1. The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

 Presentation by:

 Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGNIER (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 June, 12:00)


 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 June, 16:00)


 Vote on ... ()


20. Debate


20.1. Political influence over independent media and journalists

 Presentation by:

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

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 June, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 June, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

21. Debate

21.1. Putting an end to sexual violence and harassment of women in public space

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Françoise HETTO-GAASCH (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
 - Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 June, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 29 June, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

22. Debate

22.1. The Turin process: reinforcing social rights in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Sílvia Eloísa BONET (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
 - Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 June, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 29 June, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

23. Progress report (continued)

24. Closure of the part-session