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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1321<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (4 July 2018)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 25 June 2018 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 8 October 2018 in Strasbourg.

## **I. Third part-session of 2018 (25-29 June 2018)**

### **A. Election of the President of the Assembly**

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) as its President.

### **B. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly**

2. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) as a new Vice-President of the Assembly in respect of Italy.

### **C. Personalities**

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

- Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Mr Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia
- Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Peter Pellegrini, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic
- Mr Dimitrios Vitsas, Minister of Immigration Policy of Greece
- Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg

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

### **D. Debates under urgent procedure**

5. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure, on *Ukrainian citizens detained as political prisoners by the Russian Federation* and the second one on *International obligations of Council of Europe Member states: to protect life at sea*.

### **E. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights**

6. On 26 June 2018, the Assembly elected Mr Gilberto Felici as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of San Marino.

### **F. Ad hoc Committee on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly**

7. At its meeting on 26 June 2018, the Ad hoc Committee heard a statement by the Chairperson, held an exchange of views on the basis of a draft report and approved it for transmission to the Bureau.

8. Subsequently, at its meeting on 29 June 2018, the Bureau note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee, decided to declassify it and to transmit it, together with the background documents, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to be taken into account when preparing their respective reports on the issues dealt with by the Ad hoc Committee, and in particular, subject to ratification by the Assembly, to:

- refer to the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs Committee, for report:
  - proposals aimed at streamlining the Assembly work;
  - proposals aimed at maintaining, changing or supplementing the Rules governing ratification or challenging of credentials and/or representation or participation rights of national delegations for report at the October 2018 part-session of the Assembly;
  - proposals regarding the voting rights of members or the voting procedures of the Assembly for report at the October 2018 part-session of the Assembly;
  - other proposals aimed at modifying the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.
  
- refer to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to be taken into consideration in the context of the report on *the Role and mission of the Assembly: main challenges for the future*:
  - the issues related to the nature, identity and mission of the Assembly, as well as other proposals regarding the themes that should be dealt with by the Assembly as a matter of priority;
  - proposals aimed at enhancing follow-up to Assembly resolutions by national parliaments and, in general, interaction and impact of the Assembly work on the latter, reflecting existing best practice on the basis of contributions sent by national parliaments as well as earlier proposals for improvement (see Resolution 1640 (2008));
  - proposals aimed at enhancing the Assembly relations with the European Union and other international organisations or parliamentary assemblies.
  
- refer proposals aimed at reforming the overall monitoring system of the Assembly or the current working methods and internal procedures of the Monitoring Committee on the basis of Resolution 1115 (1997) for consideration to the Monitoring Committee and the Committee of Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs which should act in concert.

Following discussions in the Joint Committee meeting of 28 June 2018, decided to continue its dialogue with the Committee of Ministers, as appropriate, on all proposals aimed at enhancing the Assembly role vis-à-vis the Committee of Ministers or improving the dialogue between the two statutory organs.

Decided to invite the President of the Assembly, together with the Secretary General of the Assembly, to explore further the possibility for the Assembly to sign Memoranda or Co-operation Agreements with national parliaments on a bilateral basis or to propose an overall binding Co-operation Agreement at the next European Conference of Presidents of Parliament.

## **G. Joint Committee**

9. On 28 June 2018, the Joint Committee held an exchange of views on issues discussed in the Ad hoc Committee which may have an incidence on the work of the Committee of Ministers.

## H. Media coverage

The 2018 summer session received very good media coverage, with some 53 journalists who turned up in Strasbourg to report on the event. With 404 articles, coverage increased by 50 per cent compared to June 2017.

The election of Liliane Maury Pasquier as the new Assembly President received considerable coverage with some 40 articles (*La Tribune de Genève, L'Express, Der Bund, 24 Heures, Ansa, EFE...*).

The urgent debates on “Ukrainian citizens detained as political prisoners by the Russian Federation” and on “International obligations of Council of Europe member States: to protect life at sea”, as well as the debate on “Persecution of LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)” were among the subjects which received extensive coverage.

The speeches by the Croatian and Slovak Prime Ministers and Croatian and Luxembourg Foreign Ministers were widely covered in their respective countries (*Vecernji List, HINA, Dnevnik, TASR, SITA, Domov...*)

Other topics receiving media attention, although not on the plenary session agenda, included the announcement to refer proposals made by the *ad hoc* Committee on the role and mission of the Assembly aimed at maintaining, changing or supplementing the rules governing the ratification or challenge of credentials of national delegations to Assembly’s Rules Committee for report at the October 2018 part-session (TASS, Interfax, *112.ua, Ukrainskaya Pravda, RIA Novosti*), as well as the Russian Federation’s lack of contribution to the Council of Europe budget (*Ukrinform, Kyiv Post, Interfax-Ukraine, RIA Novosti, Sputnik, TASS, etc*).

The adoption of a draft resolution by the Assembly Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the Smolensk crash (*Rzeczpospolita, TVP, Dorzeczy, TVN24, etc*) and the ruling by the Rules Committee that fourteen former members of the Assembly named in the report of the Independent Investigation Body on allegations of corruption should be deprived of the right to access the Assembly for life for having breached its Code of Conduct also triggered major coverage.

Activity on social media was on a par with other recent sessions. Assembly’s Twitter account recorded some 258,000 impressions across the week, while the Facebook page received some 10,000 post engagements. The most viewed tweet concerned a preliminary memo on the investigation into the death of Daphne Caruana Galizia, with around 20,000 impressions.

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, and also for journalists: 63 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded.

## I. Adopted texts

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

No.	Title
Resolution 2224 (2018)	The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria
Resolution 2225 (2018) Recommendation 2133 (2018)	Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States
Resolution 2226 (2018) Recommendation 2134 (2018)	New restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States
Resolution 2227 (2018) Recommendation 2135 (2018)	Extra-territorial processing of asylum claims and the creation of safe refugee shelters abroad
Resolution 2228 (2018) Recommendation 2136 (2018)	Human rights impact of the “external dimension” of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?
Resolution 2229 (2018) Recommendation 2137 (2018)	International obligations of Council of Europe member States: to protect life at sea
Resolution 2230 (2018) Recommendation 2138 (2018)	Persecution of LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)
Resolution 2231 (2018)	Ukrainian citizens detained as political prisoners by the Russian Federation
Resolution 2232 (2018)	Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep families together
Resolution 2233 (2018)	Forced marriage in Europe
Resolution 2234 (2018) Recommendation 2139 (2018)	Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage
Resolution 2235 (2018)	Empowering women in the economy

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

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

Monday 25 June 2018	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Cultural Routes programme of the Council of Europe</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Stefano Dominioni, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, DGII - Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>European Heritage Strategy for the 21st century</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Ms Ana Schoebel, Programme Manager Strategy 21, Culture and Cultural Heritage Division, DGII - Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with Ms Şehnaz Karadeniz, the Chair of the International Diabetes Federation European Region (IDF Europe)</b></p>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Democracy hacked? How to respond?</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Mr Frithjof Schmidt, (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary, Council of Europe Venice Commission, on the issue of <b><i>security in elections</i></b></li> <li>. Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, on the issue of <b><i>information disorder</i></b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 26 June 2018	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Paul Radu, Executive Director of the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, Bucharest</li> <li>. Ms Maira Martini, Knowledge and Policy Coordinator, Transparency International</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.00 –10 am</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Migrant invasion: breaking the myth</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Yannis Kotsifos, member of the European Federation of Journalists Steering Committee on “Media Against Hate”, Brussels (<i>via video conference</i>);</li> <li>. Ms Karolin Schwarz, fact-checker, founder of Hoaxmap.org, Berlin;</li> </ul>

<p><b>2–3.30 pm Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Combating discrimination in access to employment</i></b></p> <p>in the context of a report on <i>For a disability-inclusive workforce</i>, prepared by Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD), and of a report on <i>Discrimination in access to employment</i>, prepared by Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE),</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Ms Kimberly McIntosh, Policy Officer, Runnymede Trust, United Kingdom);</li> <li>. Mr James Crowe, President of the Executive Committee of the European Association of Service Providers for persons with disabilities (EASPD);</li> <li>. Ms Aletta Gräfin von Hardenberg, Director of the German Diversity Charter Initiative (<i>via video conference</i>).</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Information society, democracy and human rights</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of the reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <i>Internet governance and human rights</i> prepared by Mr Andres Herkel, (Estonia, EPP/CD)</li> <li>. <i>Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?</i> prepared by Mr José Cepeda, (Spain, SOC)</li> <li>. <i>Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution</i>, prepared by Mr Frédéric Reiss, (France, EPP/CD)</li> <li>. <i>Media education in the new media environment</i> prepared by Ms Nino Gogvadze, (Georgia, EC)</li> </ul> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Professor Jean-Gabriel Ganascia, President of the CNRS Ethics Committee (COMETS), <i>Université Pierre et Marie Curie</i> (UPMC), Paris</li> <li>. Professor Francisco Segado Boj, Director of the Research Group “Communication and Digital Society”, <i>Universidad Internacional de la Rioja</i> (UNIR), Spain</li> <li>. Mr Dan Shefet, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>The role of national parliaments in successful decentralisation processes</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Ms Alba Dakoli Wilson, Director of Foundation for Local Autonomy and Governance (FLAG), Albania;</li> <li>. Mr Tomás Font i Llovet, Emeritus Professor in Administrative Law, University of Barcelona, Spain;</li> <li>. Mr Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Deal-making in criminal proceedings: the need for minimum standards for trial waiver systems</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Mr Werner Beulke, Professor emeritus (University of Passau, Germany), practicing defence lawyer;</li> <li>. Mr Ralph Bunche, Regional Director of the Brussels Office, Fair Trials Europe</li> </ul>

**Wednesday 27 June 2018**

**2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 6, Palais**

Sub-Committee on Education,  
Youth and Sport (of the  
Committee on Culture,  
Science, Education and Media)

► **Hearing on *Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions***

with the participation of :

- . Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- . Mr Harri Syväsalmi, Secretary General, Finnish Centre for Integrity in Sports, Finland
- . Mr Friedrich Martens, Head of the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Lausanne, Switzerland (by video link)
- . Mr João Paulo Almeida, Director General, Olympic Committee of Portugal

**2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 8, Palais**

Committee on Migration,  
Refugees and Displaced  
Persons

► **Exchange of views on *Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States***

in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Ulla Sandbæk (Denmark, UEL), with the participation of:

- . Ms Sophie Magennis, Head of the Political and Legal Unit of the UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva

**2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 9, Palais**

Committee on Political Affairs  
and Democracy

► **Exchange of views on *The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries***

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- . Ms Rajaa Altalli, Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Center for Civil Society and Democracy in Syria and member of the Syrian Women’s Advisory Board set up by the UN

**Thursday 28 June 2018**

**8.30 –10 am**  
**Room 10, Palais**  
Committee on Legal Affairs  
and Human Rights

► **Exchange of views on *Co-operation with United Nations human rights mechanisms – a challenge for the Council of Europe and its member States***

in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC),

with the participation of:

- . Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

► **Hearing on *Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners***

in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Emanuel Mallia (Malta, SOC),

with the participation of:

- . Mr James McManus, expert of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, former Professor of Criminal Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University, United Kingdom
- . Ms Heather McGill, Researcher, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Programme, Amnesty International, London

**2.30 - 3.30 pm**  
**Room 6, Palais**

Committee on Culture,  
Science, Education and Media

► **Exchange of views on *Jewish cultural heritage preservation***

in the framework of the report prepared by Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE) with the participation of:

- . Mr Michael Mail, Chief Executive, Foundation for Jewish Heritage, UK (*via video-conference*)
- . Mr Yoav Rossano, Head of Heritage, Israelite consistory of Bas-Rhin, France



Thursday 28 June 2018

<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>Exchange of views on <i>Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, President of Missing Children Europe</li></ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Rights and obligations of NGO assisting refugees and migrants in Europe</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Ms Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe</li><li>. Mr Ruben Neugebauer, Spokesperson and co-founder of the Sea Watch NGO, Berlin</li></ul>
<p><b>4.30 – 6 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize</p>	<p>► Ceremony with the mayors of the cities which received European Diplomas.</p>

## II. Elections

- **Azerbaijan: early presidential election (11 April 2018):** on 25 June 2018, the Bureau took note of the report of the election observation mission, subsequently debated in the Assembly;
- **Turkey: early presidential and parliamentary elections (24 June 2018):** on 29 June 2018, the Bureau took note of the statement of the election observation mission;
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina: general election (7 October 2018):** on 29 June 2018, the Bureau took note of the provisional list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe this election (Appendix 1); appointed Dame Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee;
- **Georgia: presidential election (October 2018 – date to be confirmed):** on 29 June 2018, the Bureau took note of the provisional list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe this election (Appendix 2); appointed Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee.

## III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 29 June 2018)

- **Third part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 25 - 29 June 2018):** the Bureau approved the proposal made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up to adopted texts;
- **Rules on access to and movement within the Council of Europe premises during Assembly sessions and meetings:** the Bureau, following the decision of the Assembly to refer back the Rules on access to the Bureau for its consideration, decided to fix for 15 September 2018 the deadline for possible comments/amendments by the national delegations and political groups on those rules, to be submitted to the Secretary General of the Assembly with a view to reviewing these rules at the Bureau meeting during the October 2018 part-session;
- **Fourth part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 8 - 12 October 2018):** the Bureau asked the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to prepare a preliminary draft agenda to be submitted to Bureau members via a written consultation, with a view to drawing up the draft agenda at its next meeting on 3 September 2018;

- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and designated Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), President of the Assembly, as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- **Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2019:** the Bureau took note that the next conference will take place on 24-25 October 2019 in Strasbourg;
- **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2017:** the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs; approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and instructed the latter to revise the rules on the financing and auditing of budgets of political groups of the Assembly with a view to submitting them to the Bureau for its approval;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018:** the Bureau approved the proposals for the institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018. (Appendix 4).

#### **IV. Parliamentary Assembly Prizes**

On 28 June 2018, the Assembly held the ceremony of presentation of **European Diplomas** (Europe Prize) awarded to 16 municipalities from 8 countries (Appendix 5).

**The Europe Prize 2018**, the highest distinction, goes to the city of Ivano-Frankivsk in Ukraine. The award ceremony will take place in Ivano-Frankivsk on 28 September 2018.

The submission of nominations for the 2018 edition of the **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize** closed on 30 April 2018. On 27-28 August, the Selection Panel will meet in Prague to proceed with the shortlisting of three candidates. On 7 October, the Selection Panel will meet in Strasbourg to select the Prizewinner from the shortlist. The Prize Award Ceremony will take place on 8 October in Strasbourg in the Chamber of the Parliamentary Assembly during its 4th part-session.

#### **V. Activities of Committees and Networks**

- **On 10 September 2018 in Paris**, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** will hold hearings:
  - on "*Withdrawing citizenship as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?*" in the framework of the preparation of the report by Ms Tineke Strik, (Netherlands, SOC) with the participation of three experts.
  - on "*The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region*" in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Frank Schwabe, (Germany, SOC) with the participation of two experts.
- **On 11 September 2018 in Paris**, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will hold a hearing on *Democracy hacked? How to respond?* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Frithjof Schmidt (Germany, SOC), with the participation of Ms Divina Frau-Meigs, Professor, sociologist and media researcher, University Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, and Mr Ben Scott, member of the management board of the think tank Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Senior Adviser at the New America's Open Technology Institute in Washington DC and former coordinator of technology and innovation policy advisers for the Hillary Clinton campaign in 2016.

➤ **On 21 September 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** will hold:

- an exchange of views with Mr François de Rugy, Speaker of the French National Assembly (tbc).
- a hearing on *A legal status for “climate refugees”* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas, France, NR), with experts (tbc).

➤ **On 25 September in Tbilisi, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold:

- a hearing on *Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), with the participation of experts;
- a hearing on *Information society, democracy and human rights*, with the participation of experts in the framework of the preparation of the following reports:
  - *Internet governance and human rights*, prepared by Mr Andres Herkel, (Estonia, EPP/CD),
  - *Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?*, prepared by Mr José Cepeda (Spain, SOC),
  - *Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution*, prepared by Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD),
  - *Media education in the new media environment*, prepared by Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC),
- an exchange of views on *Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), with the participation of experts.

➤ **On 28 September 2018, in Paris, the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights** will hold an exchange of views with Mr Guido Raimondi, President of the European Court of Human Rights, on the required qualifications and profile of candidates for the post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights.

## **VI. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly**

**On 5 July 2018, Rabat (Morocco):** The Parliamentary Project Support Division in co-operation with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination is organising a “*Regional Conference on women in politics: how to progress towards equality?*” at the invitation of the Parliament of Morocco. In the framework of the South Programme III, parliamentarians from five partner countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Palestine and members of an ad hoc Sub-Committee will exchange views on the parliamentary mechanisms and the key role of political parties to promote the representation of women in political life as well as on the voice of women in elections.

**On 20 September 2018, Paris:** The Parliamentary Project Support Division in co-operation with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence is organising a regional conference on legislation protecting women from violence. In the framework of the South Programme III, Members of Parliaments of the Southern Mediterranean Region will be invited to have exchanges on the subject with Members of the Committee and Members of the Parliamentary Network.

**On 24 September 2018, Kyiv :** The Parliamentary Project Support Division in co-operation with the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora policies will organise a Regional Conference: “*Platform for co-operation policies: role of diaspora associations and synergies with public authorities*”. In the framework of the South Programme III, Members of Parliaments of the Southern Mediterranean Region will be invited to have exchanges with Members of the Parliamentary Network on the role of national parliaments in developing of a legal basis for co-operation with Diasporas and in co-operation with local governments and civil societies. The conference is hosted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

## **VII. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports**

### ➤ ***Development co-operation: a tool for preventing migration crises***

**Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez** (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Burkina Faso, from **10 to 12 July 2018**.

### ➤ ***Greek islands: more needs to be done***

**Ms Petra De Sutter** (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece, from **10 to 12 July 2018**.

### ➤ ***Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage***

**Mr Andries Gryffroy** (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Croatia from **23 to 25 July 2018** and to Georgia on **24 September 2018**.

### ➤ ***Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres***

**Mr Serhii Kiral** (Ukraine, EC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the European Environment Agency, in Copenhagen, in **July 2018** (tbc).

### ➤ ***Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion***

**Ms Sybille Benning** (Germany, EPP/CD) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Zurich, Switzerland, in **August 2018** (tbc);

### ➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania***

**Mr Andrej Hunko** (Germany, UEL) and **Mr Joseph O'Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Albania from **5 to 7 September 2018**.

### ➤ ***The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries***

**Ms Theodora Bakoyannis** (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Amman, Jordan, on **27-28 September 2018** (tbc).

### ➤ ***Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe***

**Baroness Doreen Massey** (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm, in **September 2018** (tbc);

### ➤ ***The implications of Brexit for migration***

**Mr Killion Munyama** (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom in **September 2018** (date tbc).

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

**Mr Frank Schwabe** (Germany, SOC) and **Mr Zsolt Németh** (Hungary, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria from **3 to 5 October 2018**.

## **VIII. Relations with the Venice Commission**

On **28 June 2018** in Strasbourg, the **Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the recent amendments to the Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code of Romania.

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

- . **5 July 2018, Rabat:** *Ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to take part in the Regional Conference on women in politics: how to progress towards equality?*
- . **27-28 August 2018, Prague:** *Václav Havel Human Rights Prize Selection Panel*
- . **2 September 2018, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **3 September 2018, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **3 September 2018 (afternoon), Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, immunities and institutional affairs*
- . **4 September 2018 (morning), Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, immunities and institutional affairs*
- . **10 September 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **11 September 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **17-18 September 2018, Tbilisi:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **17-18 September 2018, Lisbon:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **19 September 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **20 September 2018, Paris:** *Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence*
- . **20 September 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, immunities and institutional affairs*
- . **21 September 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **21 September 2018, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Diasporas (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons).*
- . **25 September 2018, Tbilisi:** *Committee on Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **27-28 September 2018, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **7 October 2018, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **7 October 2018, Strasbourg:** *Václav Havel Human Rights Prize Selection Panel*
- . **8 October 2018, Strasbourg:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

## **Appendix 1 - Provisional list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the general election in Bosnia and Herzegovina (7 October 2018)**

**Chairperson / Présidente** : Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Mr / M. Werner AMON, Austria / Autriche  
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France  
Mr / M. Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia / Arménie  
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Mr / M. François GROSDIDIER, France  
Mr / M. Georgii LOGVYNSKYI, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie

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### **Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)**

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse\*  
Mr / M. Josip JURATOVIC, Germany / Allemagne  
Ms / Mme Colette KELLEHER, Ireland / Irlande  
Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne  
Ms / Mme Idália SERRÃO, Portugal  
Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Ms / Mme Adriana Diana TUȘA, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France  
Mr / M. Petar VITANOV, Bulgaria / Bulgarie  
Ms / Mme Ute VOGT, Germany / Allemagne

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. Emanuel MALLIA, Malta / Malte  
Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro

### **European Conservatives Group (EC) / Groupe des conservateurs européens (CE)**

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni\*

### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Mr / M. Anne MULDER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas  
Ms / Mme Judith PALLARÉS, Andorra / Andorre  
Ms / Mme Melisa RODRÍGUEZ HERNÁNDEZ, Spain / Espagne

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France  
Mr / M. Dzheyhan IBRYAMOV, Bulgaria / Bulgarie

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Mr / M. Petter EIDE, Norway / Norvège\*

Ms / Mme Miren Edurne GORROTXATEGUI, Spain / Espagne

**Free Democrats Group (FDG) / Groupe des démocrates libres (GDL)**

Ms / Mme Ganira PASHAYEVA , Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

**Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Mr / M. Roger ZAVOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

**Rapporteur of Monitoring Committee / rapporteur de la commission de suivi**

Mr / M. Tiny KOX, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

\* Member of the pre-electoral mission / membre de la mission pré-électorale

## **Appendix 2 - Provisional list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in Georgia (October 2018 - tbc)**

**Chairperson / Président:** Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne\*

### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède\*  
Mr / M. Volodymyr ARIEV, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie  
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France  
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France  
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Vladyslav GOLUB, Ukraine  
Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France  
Ms / Mme Stella KYRIAKIDES, Cyprus / Chypre  
Ms / Mme Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia / Lettonie  
Mr / M. Georgii LOGVYNSKYI, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Rónán MULLEN, Ireland / Irlande  
Ms / Mme Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas  
Ms / Mme Bérengère POLETTI, France  
Mr / M. Adão SILVA, Portugal  
Mr / M. Birgir THÓRARINSSON, Iceland / Islande  
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie

### **Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)**

Ms / Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia / Lettonie  
Mr / M. Etienne GRECH, Malta / Malte  
Ms / Mme Zita GURMAI, Hungary / Hongrie  
Ms / Mme Josephine ORTLEB, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche\*  
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro  
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France  
Mr / M. Petar VITANOV, Bulgaria / Bulgarie

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne

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Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine  
Mr / M. John HOWELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Morten WOLD, Norway / Norvège

#### **Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Sir Edward LEIGH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni



**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /  
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Ms / Mme Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas  
Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse\*  
Ms / Mme Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia / Lettonie

**Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Mr / M. Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Mart VAN DE VEN, Netherlands, Pays-Bas  
Mr / M. Dzheyhan IBRYAMOV, Bulgaria / Bulgarie  
Mr / M. Claude KERN, France  
Ms / Mme Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine

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Ms Ulviyye AGHAYEVA, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

**Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Ms / Mme Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

**Rapporteur of Monitoring Committee / rapporteur de la commission de suivi**

Ms / Mme Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden / Suède  
Mr / M. Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania / Roumanie

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

\* Member of the pre-electoral mission / membre de la mission pré-électorale

## **Appendix 3 – List of members of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018)**

### **Chairperson / Présidente**

Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier – President of the Parliamentary Assembly/Présidente de l'Assemblée parlementaire

### **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

### **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme**

Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC / Géorgie, SOC)

### **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)**

### **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé, et du développement durable**

Ms Yolaine De Courson (France, NR/NI)

Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR/NI)

Ms Milica Markovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FDG /Bosnie-Herzégovine, GDL)

Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

### **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias**

Mr Francesco Giro (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC)

Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE / Azerbaïdjan , ADLE)

### **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination**

Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

### **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées**

Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL / Islande, GUE)

Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/DC / Pologne, PPE/DC)

### **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles**

Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC / Belgique, SOC)

## Appendix 4 - Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2018
<b>I. Council of Europe bodies</b>			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)	Members: Ms Kyriakides, EPP/CD appointment by the President  Mr Vlasenko – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)  Substitute: Ms Rojhan Gustafsson – SOC (AS/Jur)
Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003	Members : Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Kox - UEL (AS/Mon) Mr Cozmanciuc – EPP/CD (AS/Pol)  Substitutes : Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Pocij - EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Lord George Foulkes – SOC (AS/Pol)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6)	Members : Ms Günay - EC (AS/Soc) Mr Leite Ramos – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)  Substitutes : Mr Schennach - SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Gonçalves - EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)	Members : Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Thiéry – ALDE (AS/Ega) Mr Sorre - NR (AS/Cult)  Substitutes : Mr Davies - EC (AS/Ega)
Group of States against Corruption GRECO	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO	Member : Mr Logvynskyi- EPP/CD (AS/Jur)  Substitute: Ms Sotnyk – ALDE (AS/Jur)
Committee for Works of Art	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Members: Lady Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) Ms Gambaro – FDG (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Jur)  Substitute: Mr van de Ven – ALDE (AS/Jur)
Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1	Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Cult)
<b>II. Other</b>			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Mr Gryffroy – NR (AS/Cult)

**Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**

***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***

**WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE,  
THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR  
AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA  
FOR 2018**

**1. EUROPE PRIZE**

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to **Ivano-Frankivsk** (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast) in Ukraine.

**2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR**

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, is awarded to 7 municipalities:

France	<b>Aixe-sur-Vienne</b> (Nouvelle-Aquitaine)
Germany	<b>Pfinztal</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Sulzfeld</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	<b>Cerrione</b> (Piedmont)
Lithuania	<b>Birštonas</b> (Kaunas County)
Poland	<b>Kielce</b> (Świętokrzyskie Voivodship)
Ukraine	<b>Brovary</b> (Kyiv Oblast)

**3. FLAGS OF HONOUR**

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

France	<b>Beaumont-de-Pertuis</b> (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
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Germany	<b>Hannover</b> (Lower Saxony) <b>Markt Pöttmes</b> (Bavaria)
Italy	<b>Benna</b> (Piedmont) <b>Riolo Terme</b> (Emilia-Romagna)
Poland	<b>Kobylnica</b> (Pomeranian Voivodship)
Serbia	<b>Kikinda</b> (Vojvodina)
Turkey	<b>Büyükçekmece</b> (Istanbul Municipality)

#### 4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 16 municipalities:

France	<b>Angers</b> (Pays de la Loire)
Germany	<b>Bad Krozingen</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Stuttgart</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	<b>Gaeta</b> (Lazio)
Lithuania	<b>Naujoji Akmenė</b> (Šiauliai County)
Poland	<b>Mińsk Mazowiecki</b> (Mazovian Voivodship) <b>Płońsk</b> (Mazovian Voivodship)
Slovak Republic	<b>Zemné</b> (Nitra Region)
Turkey	<b>Ahmetbey</b> (Marmara Region) <b>Edremit</b> (Aegean Region) <b>Kahramankazan</b> (Central Anatolia) <b>Lüleburgaz</b> (Marmara Region) <b>Şişli</b> (Istanbul Municipality) <b>Süleymanpaşa</b> (Tekirdağ Municipality)
Ukraine	<b>Kyiv</b> (Kyiv Municipality) <b>Lviv</b> (Lviv Oblast)