



Information documents

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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1335th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (30 January 2019)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 21 January 2019 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 28 February 2019 (Paris).

I. First part-session of 2019 (21 – 25 January 2019)

A. Election of the President of the Assembly

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly re-elected Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) as its President for the 2019 Ordinary Session.

B. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

2. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected its Vice-Presidents (Appendix 1).

C. Election of the bureaux of the Committees of the Assembly

3. The Assembly Committees elected their Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons (Appendix 2).

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

4. On 22 January 2019, the Assembly elected Mr Raffaele Sabato (Italy) and Mr Erik Wennerström (Sweden) as judges to the European Court of Human Rights.

E. Presidential Committee of the Assembly and Bureau of the Committee of Ministers

5. A meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers was held on Monday 21 January 2019 with the participation of Mr Timo Soini, Chair of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

F. Joint Committee

6. A meeting of the Joint Committee was held on Thursday 24 January 2019.

G. Personalities

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

Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

Mr Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mr Sauli NIINISTÖ, President of Finland

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

H. Debates under urgent procedure

9. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure, one on *The escalation of tensions around the* Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait and threats to European security and the second one on *The worsening situation of opposition politicians in Turkey: what can be done to protect their fundamental rights in a Council of Europe member State?*

I. Media coverage

The winter session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) generated considerable media coverage, with some 75 journalists who turned up in Strasbourg to report on it, and 624 articles appearing in the international press.

These ranged from extensive reporting on the re-election of Liliane Maury Pasquier as PACE President, through well-covered visits by the Finnish President and Foreign Minister, to significant commentary on the Organisation's relations with Russia, as well as the Secretary General's speech. The debate on the compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights triggered headlines in national and international media.

Urgent debates on the escalation of tensions around the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait, and on the worsening situation of opposition politicians in Turkey, received considerable regional coverage, as did the periodic review of the honouring of obligations by Italy. The Assembly's call for further "Magnitsky laws" also made headlines.

This session also saw the Strasbourg launch of the PACE President's successful hashtag initiative against sexism, harassment and violence against women in parliaments, with many parliamentarians and PACE staff pledging #NotInMyParliament and sharing widely on social media.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for both Assembly members and journalists: 64 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded, an increase of 50 per cent compared to January 2018. The installation of a teleprompter helped increase the number of statements made by MPs, and therefore institutional visibility, together with growing use of a new tool put in place by the Communication Division which allows MPs and others to download and share clips of their interventions in the plenary on social media etc.

PACE's Twitter account gathered 177,000 impressions over session week, a little down on previous sessions, while Facebook saw around 50,000 engagements. The top tweet concerned the Assembly's stance on the compatibility of Sharia Law with human rights.

J. Adopted texts

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

Resolution 2251 (2019)	Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States		
Resolution 2252 (2019)	Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions		
Resolution 2253 (2019)	Sharia, the Cairo Declaration and the European Convention on Human Rights		
Resolution 2254 (2019)	Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections		
Resolution 2255 (2019)	Public service media in the context of disinformation and propaganda		
Resolution 2256 (2019)	Internet Governance and human rights		
Recommendation 2144 (2019)	Internet Governance and human rights		
Resolution 2257 (2019)	Discrimination in access to employment		
Resolution 2258 (2019)	For a disability-inclusive workforce		
Resolution 2259 (2019)	The escalation of tensions around the Sea of Azov and the kerch Strait and threats to European security		
Resolution 2260 (2019)	The worsening situation of opposition politicians in Turkey: what can be done to protect their fundamental rights in a Council of Europe member State?		
Resolution 2261 (2019)	The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2018) and the periodic review of the honouring of obligations by Iceland and Italy		
Resolution 2262 (2019)	Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities		
Resolution 2263 (2019)	Withdrawing nationality as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?		
Recommendation 2145	Withdrawing nationality as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?		
Resolution 2264 (2019)	Improving follow-up to CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments		
Recommendation 2146	Improving follow-up to CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments		

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

K. Hearings and exchanges of views organised during the part-session

Tuesday 22 January 201	9
9 –9.45 am Room 3, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	► Hearing on "Japan: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" with the participation of Ms Asako Osaki, Director of Gender Action Platform and of Plan International Japan.
2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	➤ Exchanges of views on: "Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe" in the context of the report prepared by Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR), with the participation of Mr András Léderer, Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Budapest "The implications of Brexit for migration" in the context of the report prepared by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Anne-Laure Donskoy, Research lead, The3million "Human Rights Principles and implementing guidelines on age assessment for children in migration" with the participation of Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF) ➤ Presentations of: the handbook for frontline professionals on how to convey child-friendly information to children in migration by Ms Regina Jensdottir, Head of Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe, in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children the web series "Find me in Kakuma" and exchange of views with the participation of Ms Céline Broeckaert, Cassette for timescapes
2-3 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	► Hearing on "The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10 th report" in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos, (Greece, SOC) . first part with the participation of Mr Mustafa Yeneroğlu, member of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and experts from the Turkish Ministry of Justice . second part with the participation of members of the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

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2– 3.30 pm Room 3, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	► Hearing on "The protection of national minorities in Europe" with the participation of Mr Lamberto Zannier, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
2 – 2.45 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development	 Exchange of views on the MEDICRIME Convention in the context of the launch of the booklet for parliamentarians "The MEDICRIME Convention in 10 questions and answers," with the participation of: Ms Susanne Keitel, Director, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate
2–2.45 pm Room 8, Palais Sub-Committee on Integration of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	► Exchanges of views on "Integration of refugees" with the participation of Ms Regina Konle-Seidl, Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg (via video-conference)
2.15 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	 Hearing on "The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco" in the context of the report prepared by Mr Bogdan Klich, (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of: Ambassador Katrin Kivi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe and Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Committee of Ministers (GR-EXT) Ms Amina Bouayach, Chairperson of the Moroccan National Human Rights Council Mr Driss Guerraoui, Chairperson of the Moroccan Council of Competition and former Secretary General of the Social, Economic and Environmental Council
2.45 – 3.30 pm Room 5, Palais Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs	► Exchange of views with Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the budgetary situation of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly

Thursday 24 January 201	9	
8.30 – 10 am Room 3, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	▶ Hearing on "Obstetrical and gynaecological violence" in the context of the report prepared by Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France (SOC), with the participation of Ms Özge Tunçalp, Scientist, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.	
8.30 – 10 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	 Hearing on "Public Service Media in transition: challenges to face and ways forward" in the context of the report on Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe prepared by Lord George Foulkes, (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of: Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department, the Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, DGI - Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe Mr Boris Bergant, former Vice-president of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Slovenia Mr Vadym Miskyi, Secretary of Supervisory Board of the National Public Broadcasting Company of Ukraine (UA:PBC), Ukraine Mr Marko Filli, Representative of the Radiotelevizija Slovenija (RTV SLO), Slovenia Ms Monika Garbačiauskaitė-Budrienė, Director General, Lithuanian National Radio and Television (LRT), Lithuania 	
8.30 – 10 am Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	 ▶ Hearing on "Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe" in the context of the report prepared by Mr Sylvain Waserman (France, ALDE) with the participation of: Mr Christophe Speckbacher, Senior Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe Ms Anna Meyers, Executive Director, Whistleblowing International Network (WIN), United Kingdom 	
9.15 – 10 am Room 8, Palais Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	Exchange of views on "Between insecurity and hope: reflections on youth work with young refugees" with the participation of Dr Maria Pisani, Department of Youth and Community Studies, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta	
2 – 3.30 pm Room 3, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence	. Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly . Ms Kareen Jabre, Director, Directorate of Programmes, Inter-parliamentary Union (IPI	
2 – 3.30 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	Exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe	

II. Observation of elections

Armenia: early parliamentary elections (9 December 2018)

On 21 January 2019, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee.

Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019)

On 25 January 2019, the Bureau approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (appendix 3)

Ukraine: presidential election (31 March 2019)

On 25 January 2019, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Ms Angela Smith (Royaume-Uni, SOC) as its Chairperson (appendix 4).

"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": presidential election (21 April 2019)

On 21 January 2019, the Bureau decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 12 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3, EC: 2, ALDE: 2, UEL: 1, FDG: 1) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee. On 25 January 2019, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz (France, PPE/DC) as its Chairperson (appendix 5).

Meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections

On 23 January 2019, a meeting of Chairpersons of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections in 2018 was chaired by the President of the Assembly.

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (21 January and 25 January 2019)

- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 1 March)**: on 25 January, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.
- **Second part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 8-12 April)**: on 25 January, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 6).
- Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo² and the role of the Council of Europe: on 25 January, the Bureau took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo for the 2019 ordinary session of 2019, approved the list of the delegation which was subsequently ratified by the Assembly through the Progress report.

Members:

- Mr Xhavit Haliti, Democratic Party of Kosovo, Chairperson of the delegation
- Ms Aida Dërguti, Social Democratic Party
- Mr Srdjan Mitrović, Serb List

Substitutes:

- Mr Gani Dreshaj, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, substitute for Mr Haliti
- Mr Ismet Beqiri, Democratic League of Kosovo, substitute for Ms Dërguti
- Ms Müfera Srbica-Şinik, Kosovo Turkish Democratic Party, substitute for Mr Mitrović
- Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF): on 25 January, the Bureau considered the documents submitted by the new political group, decided to postpone the decision to acknowledge the formation of the new political group and to invite its Chairperson to an exchange of views at its next meeting.

² All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT): on 25 January, the Bureau approved the lists of candidates in respect of Andorra, Belgium, Finland, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta and San Marino which were subsequently forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019**: on 25 January, the Bureau approved the proposals for the institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019 as set out in Appendix 7.
- **2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: on 25 January, the Bureau took note of the press release of the launch of the 2019 edition of the Prize as well as of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly; re-appointed Ms Bemelmans Videc as member of the Selection Panel, for a second term of two years starting from 1 June 2019; invited Bureau members to propose candidatures for the vacant seats in the Selection in view of the Bureau taking a decision on the appointments at its meeting in Paris on 23 May 2019.

IV. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports³

Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children

Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfsdóttir (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Madrid and Melilla, Spain **on 11-12 February 2019**.

The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and development (OECD) in 2018-2019

Mr Ervin Bushati (Albania, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will participate in the 7th OECD Parliamentary Days, to be held in Paris from 13 to 15 February 2019.

Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe

Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Berlin, **on 20 February 2019** (tbc).

V. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

A meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers was held on Monday 21 January 2019 with the participation of Mr Timo Soini, Chair of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

A meeting of the Joint Committee was held on Thursday 24 January 2019.

The meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers will be held on Thursday 28 February 2019 in Paris.

VI. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

On 22 January 2019, Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), made a statement in the framework of the debate on *Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States*.

Representatives of the Venice Commission will take part in the election observation mission to the Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019).

³ subject to the availability of funds

VII. <u>List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee</u>

- . **28 February 2019, Paris**: Presidential Committee
- . **28 February 2019, Paris**: Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers
- . **28 February 2019, Paris**: Bureau of the Assembly
- . 1 March 2019, Paris: Standing Committee

Appendix 1

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Ms Sanja PUTICA

21 January / janvier 2019

Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly Vice-Présidentes et Vice-Présidents de l'Assemblée parlementaire

In order of precedence / par ordre de préséance

Sir Roger GALE United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Ms Carmen LEYTE Spain / Espagne
Mr Joseph O'REILLY Ireland / Irlande
Mr Hendrik DAEMS Belgium / Belgique
Mr Włodzimierz BERNACKI Poland / Pologne
Ms Susanne EBERLE-STRUB Liechtenstein

Ms Nicole TRISSE France

Mr Samad SEYIDOV
Azerbaijan / Azerbaidjan
Ms Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER
Switzerland / Suisse
Mr Andreas NICK
Germany / Allemagne
Ms Boriana ÅBERG
Sweden / Suède
Mr Werner AMON
Austria / Autriche
Ms Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR
Iceland / Islande
Ms Dzhema GROZDANOVA
Bulgaria / Bulgarie

Mr Akif Çağatay KILIÇ

Ms Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE

Bulgaria / Bulgaria

Mr Alvise MANIERO Italy / Italie

Vacant seat / siège vacant Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine

Croatia / Croatie

Appendix 2 - Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees

Committees / Commissions	Chairpersons / Président(e)s		Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-président(e)s
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie 88 seats / sièges	Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN, Netherlands, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania, SOC David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom, EC Alfred HEER, Switzerland, ALDE
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme 87 seats / sièges	Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland, SOC	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine, ALDE Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania, EEP/CD Georgii LOGVYNSKYI, Ukraine, EPP/CD
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable 81 seats / sieges	Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria, SOC	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal, EPP/CD Carina OHLSSON, Sweden, SOC Nina KASIMATI, Greece, UEL
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées 81 seats / sièges	Doris FIALA, Switzerland, ALDE	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	Killion MUNYAMA, Poland, EPP/CD Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland, SOC Serap YAŞAR, Turkey, EC
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias 81 seats / sièges	María Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain, EPP/CD	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	George FOULKES, United Kingdom, SOC Andres HERKEL, Estonia, EPP/CD
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination 81 seats / sièges	Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia, EPP/CD	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	Manuel TORNARE, Switzerland, SOC Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania, EPP/CD Miren Edurne GORROTXATEGUI, Spain, UEL
Monitoring Committee / Commission de suivi 94 seats / sièges	Roger GALE, United Kingdom, EC	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	Marianne MIKKO, Estonia, SOC Giorgi KANDELAKI, Georgia, EPP/CD [candidature: Peter BEYER, Germany, EPP/CD – Election foreseen: 06.03.2019]
Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles 39 seats / sièges	Petra De SUTTER, Belgium, SOC	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	, EC Mart van de VEN, Netherlands, ADLE Ingjerd SCHOU, Norway, EPP/CD
Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme 22 seats / sièges	Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD	1st/1er 2nd/2e 3rd/3e	Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus, SOC Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland, EC

Appendix 3 - List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Claude Kern, France (ALDE/ADLE)

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

Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Alina Stefania GORGHIU, Romania / Roumanie

Mr / M. Killion MUNYAMA, Poland / Pologne

Ms / Mme Maria Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain / Espagne

Ms / Mme Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER, Switzerland / Suisse*

Mr / M. Ionuţ-Marian STROE, Romania / Roumanie

Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne

Mr / M. Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium / Belgique

Mr / M. Volkmar VOGEL, Germany / Allemagne

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

Mr / M. Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania / Roumanie

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche*

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. André VALLINI, France

Mr / M. Roberto RAMPI, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Ervin BUSHATI, Albania / Albanie

Substitutes / suppléants

Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne

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

Mr / M. Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ, Turkey / Turquie

Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède

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

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France*

Ms / Mme Melisa RODRÍGUEZ HERNÁNDEZ, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI, Ukraine

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

Substitutes / suppléants

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

Mr / M. George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre

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

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie

Ms / Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, France

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr / M. Richard BARRETT, member / member

Appendix 4 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in Ukraine (31 March 2019)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni (SOC)

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

Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France

Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne

Mr / M. Vetle Wang SOLEIM, Norway / Norvège

Mr / M. Birgir THÓRARINSSON, Iceland / Islande

Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie*

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

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ. Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Ervin BUSHATI, Albania / Albanie

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni*

Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal

Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Roberto RAMPI, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Adriana Diana TUŞA, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Tabea RÖSSNER, Germany / Allemagne

Substitutes / Suppléantes

Mr / M. Andrea ORLANDO, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Etienne GRECH, Malta / Malte

Mr / M. André VALLINI, France

Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro

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

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Mr / M. Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ, Turkey / Turquie

Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /

Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Ms / Mme Gyde JENSEN, Germany / Allemagne

Ms / Mme Emilie Enger MEHL, Norway / Norvège *

Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France

Ms / Mme Alexandra LOUIS, France

Substitutes / Suppléantes

Mr / M. Mart van de VEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France

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

Mr / M. Momodou Malcolm JALLOW, Sweden / Suède

Ms / Mme Miren Edurne GORROTXATEGUI, Spain / Espagne

Substitutes / Suppléantes

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

Mr / M. Nagif HAMZAYEV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaidjan*

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Dzhema GROZDANOVA, Bulgaria / Bulgarie

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

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

Appendix 5– List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (21 April 2019)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France (EPP/CD - PPE/DC)

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

Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France

Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie

Substitutes / Suppléants

Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande

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

Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

Substitutes / Suppléants

Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne

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

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /

Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Mr / M. Mart van de VEN, Netherlands, Pays-Bas

Mr / M. Raphaël COMTE, Switzerland / Suisse

Substitutes / Suppléants

Mr / M. Anne MULDER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

Mr / M. Jokin BILDARRATZ, Spain / Espagne

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

Ms / Mme Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande

Substitutes / Suppléants

Mr / M. Marco NICOLINI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Mr / M. Henk OVERBEEK, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

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

Ms / Mme Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise





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Second part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (8-12 April 2019)

Preliminary draft agenda

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: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EC: European Conservatives Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

FDG: Free Democrats Group

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols

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

Meetings outside the Chamber

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30 Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00 Tuesday: 08:30-10:00 Tuesday: 14:00-15:30 Wednesday: 14:00-15:30 Thursday: 08:30-10:00 Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups Monday: 09:30-11:30 Monday: 17:00-19:00 Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 8 April 2019

Sitting No. 10 (11:30-13:00)

Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.6. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Paris, 1 March 2019)

Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Boriana ÅBERG (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
- 2.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019)
 - Presentation by:
 - o Mr Claude KERN (France, ALDE), Rapporteur (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 8 April, 10:00)
- △ [possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 11 (15:00-17:00)

3. Address (15:00-16:00)

- 3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
 - Presentation by:
 - Mr Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe [tbc]
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 8 April, 12:00)
- (9 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 1 April, 11:30)

4. Address

- 4.1. Annual activity report 2018 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Statement by
 - o Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Questions

Tuesday 9 April 2019

Sitting No. 12 (10:00-13:00)

[Possibly] Elections

5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Joint debate

- Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Presentation by:
 - o Mr Adão SILVA (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
 - o Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
- 6.2. Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: synergy needed on the part of all stakeholders, from parliaments to local authorities
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France, NR), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 8 April, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 8 April, 16:00)
- △ Vote on ... ()

Address (12:00-13:00)

7.1. Mr António GUTERRES, Secretary-General of the United Nations [tbc]

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

Questions

Sitting No. 13 (15:30-20:00)

- [Possibly] Elections (continued)
 - 8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- Question time (15:30-16:00)
 - 9.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Questions
- 10. Debate
 - 10.1. Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)
 - o Lord Richard BALFE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - o Mr Andrej ŠIRCELJ (Slovenia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Mon (Doc.)
 - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 9 April, 12:00)
 - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 8 April, 16:00)

11. Debate

- 11.1. Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment
 - Presentation by:
 - o Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 9 April, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 8 April, 16:00)

Wednesday 10 April 2019

Sitting No. 14 (10:00-13:00)

12. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections

12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Joint debate

- 13.1. The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Elvira KOVÁCS (Serbia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

13.2. Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Goran BEUS RICHEMBERGH (Croatia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 9 April, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 9 April, 10:30)

Address (12:00-13:00)

14.1. Mr Mamuka BAKHTADZE, Prime Minister of Georgia

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

Questions

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

[Possibly 2nd round] Elections (continued)

15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Debate

- 16.1. Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure
 - Presentation by:
 - o Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 10 April, 12:00)
- (9 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 9 April, 16:00)

17. Debate

- 17.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco
 - Presentation by:
 - o Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
 - o Mr André VALLINI (France, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - o Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 10 April, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 9 April, 16:00)

Thursday 11 April 2019

Sitting No. 16 (10:00-13:00)

- [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate¹
- 19. Address (12:00-13:00)
 - Mr Nikol PASHINYAN, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia [tbc] Speech (12:00-12:20)
 Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)
 - Questions

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

20. Debate

- Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
 - o Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 12:00)
- (9 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 10 April, 16:00)

21. Debate

- 21.1. New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering the need to improve international co-operation
 - Presentation by:
 - o Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 10 April, 16:00)

^{1.} Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Friday 12 April 2019

Sitting No. 18 (10:00-13:00)

Debate

- 22.1. Greek islands: more needs to be done
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 11 April, 10:30)

Debate

- 23.1. Free debate
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 19:00)

24. Progress report

- 24.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)
- 25. Closure of the part-session

Appendix 7 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019

Body	who represents the Assembly reference		2019			
I. Council of Europe bodies						
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 on 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: Mr Cozmanciuc – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Kox - UEL (AS/Mon) Substitutes: ZZ – SOC (AS/Pol) Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Pociej - EPP/CD (AS/Mon)			
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) Ms Pallarés – ALDE (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 Efstathiou - SOC (AS/Cult) Mr Thiéry - ALDE (AS/Ega) Substitutes: Mr Korodi - EPP/CD (AS/Pol) 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 Goguadze – EC (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 Omtzigt – EPP/CD (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				
II.Other						
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)			