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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1343th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies1 (4 April 2019)

1 This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 25 January 2019 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 8 April 2019 (Strasbourg).
I. **Decisions taken by the Bureau on 28 February 2019**

A. **Second part-session of 2019 (8-12 April 2019)**

On 28 February 2019, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix I).

On 18 March 2019, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs decided to request that a debate under urgent procedure on “The budgetary crisis at the Council of Europe” be held at the 2019 April part-session of the Assembly.

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

B. **Observation of elections**

- **Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019):** the Bureau took note of the statement of the election observation mission. The statement is available on the website of the Assembly;

- **Ukraine: presidential election (31 March and 21 April 2019):** the Bureau approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 3);

- **North Macedonia: presidential election (21 April 2019):** the Bureau approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 4).

C. **Other decisions**

- **Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF):** the Bureau held an exchange of views with Mr Martin Graf, Chairperson of the NED/ENF Group; took note of the information provided and decided to ask - in the context of the formation of the NED/ENF Group - the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for advice on the procedure defined in Art. 19.1 of the Rules of Procedure.

II. **Standing Committee – 1 March 2019**

On 1 March, in Paris, the Standing Committee:

- held an exchange of views with Ms Feride Acar, President of GREVIO (Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence), and Ms Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women;

- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

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III. **Prizes**

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

  The winner of the 2019 Museum Prize is the Museum of Communication of Bern. The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday 9 April 2019 in *Palais Rohan*, Strasbourg at 8.30 pm.

- **Europe Prize**

  The Europe Prize is the highest distinction that can be bestowed on a European town for its actions in the European domain. It includes a trophy, a medal, a diploma and a scholarship to be spent on a study visit within Europe by young people from the winning municipality.

  On 11 April 2019, the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize will consider the finalists for the 2019 Europe Prize (Bamberg in Germany, Bolesławiec in Poland, Issy-les-Moulineaux in France, Izmir in Turkey, Münster in Germany and San Sebastián in Spain). The applications for the Plaque of Honour, the Flag of Honour and the European Diploma will also be considered at that same meeting.

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

  This Prize is awarded annually by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in partnership with the Václav Havel Library, the Charta 77 Foundation and the Government of the Czech Republic, in memory of Václav Havel.

  The deadline for presenting nominations for the 2019 edition of the Prize is 30 April 2019. Website: [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#)

IV. **Conference of Presidents of Parliament (24-25 October 2019, Strasbourg)**

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, to which Speakers of all national parliaments of member States have been invited, will take place on 24-25 October 2019 in Strasbourg. It will address the three following themes:

- **“Our Common European Home”: the next 70 years**
- **Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals: contribution by Parliaments**
- **A current political issue** (to be identified ahead of the Conference amongst those suggested by the Presidents of Parliament)

All information is available on the website of the Conference. [European Conference of Presidents of Parliament](#)

The Secretary General of the Assembly will invite all Permanent Representations to attend a preparatory meeting on the 2019 Conference, which will take place on **Monday 27 May 2019 at 3 pm** - room 9

V. **Activities of committees and networks**

- **On 4 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

  held a hearing on *Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Hannah Bardell (United Kingdom, NR) with the participation of Mr Damon Barrett, Director of the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy (University of Essex, United Kingdom), Lecturer, Section for Epidemiology and Social Medicine University of Gothenburg, (Sweden) and Expert for the Pompidou Group (Council of Europe); Ms Naomi Burke-Shyne, Executive Director, Harm Reduction International (London); Mr Zaved Mahmood, Human Rights and Drug Policy Advisor, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedure and the Right to Development Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland);
On 4 March 2019, in Granada (Spain), the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:

- held an exchange of views on "Jewish cultural heritage preservation", in the context of a report prepared by Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE) with the participation of Dame Helen Hyde DBE, Chairperson of the Foundation for Jewish Heritage, London and Mr Michael Mail, Chief Executive, Foundation for Jewish Heritage, London;

- held an exchange of views on "Media in the new media environment", in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nino Goguadze (Georgia, EC), with the participation of Mr Tarlach McGonagle, Senior researcher/lecturer, Institute for Information Law (IViR), University of Amsterdam; Mr Tom Law, Director of Campaigns and Communications, Ethical Journalism Network, Kingston upon Thames; and Mr Stéphane Hoebeke, Lawyer at the Legal Department, Head of Media Education, Belgian Radio-Television of the French Community (RTBF), Brussels.

On 5 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:

- held an exchange of views on "The Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future", in the context of a report prepared by Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), with the participation of Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Ms Nina Nordström, Director, Unit for Human Rights Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland;

- held an exchange of views on "The situation in Syria: prospects for a political solution?", in the context of a report prepared by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Salam Kawakibi, Director of the Arab Centre for Research and Political studies in Paris;

- held an exchange of views with Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society – Action against Crime, Council of Europe Internet Governance Co-ordinator on "Artificial intelligence and challenges to democracy".

On 6 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):

- held an exchange of views with Mr Gianluca Esposito, Executive Secretary of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO).

On 7 March 2019 in Paris, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:

- held a hearing on "Situations in Crimea of Crimean Tatars in Crimea", in the framework of the preparation of a report on "Russian racial discrimination of Crimean Tatars in Crime" by Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of Mr Benjamin Moreau, Deputy Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine and Ms Yulia Gorbunova, researcher, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch;

- held an exchange of views with Mr Jacques Toubon, Defender of Rights, France, on combating harassment, preventing discrimination against persons with disabilities and artificial intelligence.

On 12 March 2019, in New York, the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63):

- took part in the side event on "Sexism, Harassment and Violence against Women Parliamentarians" co-organised by the Council of Europe, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, with the participation of Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly; Ms Gabriela Cuevas, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; Ms Päivi Sillanaukee, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland; Mr Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe; Ms Dubravka Simonović, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and Ms Purna Sen, UN Women Spokesperson on Addressing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination.
➢ On 18 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:

  . heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly on the Council of Europe contingency plan: consequences for the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to request that a debate under urgent procedure on The budgetary crisis at the Council of Europe be held at the April 2019 part-sesssion of the Assembly;

  . held a hearing on the Consolidation of the mechanism for the implementation of the Code of Conduct of the Assembly members with regard to the procedure of examination and treatment of complaints, in the context of the follow-up given by the committee to the Report of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly (IBAC) with the participation of: Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the European Court of Human Rights; Ms Kathryn Stone, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards in the House of Commons, United Kingdom; Ms Heather Wood, Registrar of Members’ Financial Interests, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, House of Commons, United Kingdom; and Ms Teresa Pereira, Administrator, Directorate-General for the Presidency, Directorate for the Plenary, Members’ Administration Unit, European Parliament.

➢ On 19 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:

  . held an exchange of views on The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nicole Trisse (France, NR) with the participation of Mr Dominique Lamiot, Chair of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Development Bank;

➢ On 22 March 2019 in Warsaw, the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe organised a conference on the role of diasporas in the development of civil society;

➢ On 25-27 March 2019 in Espoo (Finland), Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on Violence against Women, participated in the 7th International Roma Women’s Conference on Roma And Traveller Women’s Access to Justice And Rights, organised under the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of the Ministers of the Council of Europe.

➢ On 26 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:

  . heard a presentation by Ms Anna Farrow, Resident co-ordinator, Boat Refugee Foundation, Lesbos (Greece) on The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC);

  . held an exchange of views on The implications of Brexit for migration, in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Anne-Laure Donskoy, Research lead, The3million;

  . held an exchange of views on A legal status for “climate refugees”, in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Marie-Christine Verdier-Jouclas (France, NR), with the participation of Ms Christel Counil, Senior lecturer in public law, Université Paris 13, Sorbonne Paris Cité, and Mr Alex Randall, Climate and Migration Coalition, Cambridge, United Kingdom;

  . held an exchange of views on Pushback action by member States, in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of Ms Jelena Sesar, Researcher – Balkans, Europe Regional Office, Amnesty International, and Mr Kris Pollet, Head of legal and policy research, European Council on Refugees and Exiles;

  . held an exchange of views with Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees.

➢ On 28-29 March 2019, in Helsinki, Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on Violence against Women, participated in the Conference Tackling gender stereotypes and sexism, organised by the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe (GEC), in the framework of the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers.
VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➢ Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children

Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólsdóttir (Iceland, UEL), rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, carried out a fact-finding visit to Madrid and Melilla (Spain) on 12-13 February 2019.

➢ Impact of labour migration on left-behind children

Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, carried out a fact-finding visit to Rome on 11-12 March 2019.

➢ Honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia

Ms Yuliya Lovockhina (Ukraine, SOC) and Mr Andrej Šircelj (Slovenia, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to Armenia on 12-14 March 2019.

➢ The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society

Ms Nicole Trisse (France, NR), rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Council of Europe Development Bank, Paris, on 20 March 2019.

➢ The societal impact of the “platform economy”

Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on 20-21 March 2019.

➢ The post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria

Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), co-rapporteur of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on 27 March 2019.

➢ Pushback action by member States

Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, carried out a fact-finding visit to Zagreb and Cetingrad (Croatia) and to Velika Kladusa (Bosnia and Herzegovina) on 27-28 March 2019.

➢ The Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future

Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy will carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, on 4 April 2019, to meet with the President of the European Commission Mr Jean-Claude Juncker and other representatives from the European Union.

VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly


VIII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

➢ On 28 February (Paris) and on 3 April (Helsinki) the Presidential Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Bureau of the Ministers’ Deputies held joint meetings with the participation of Mr Timo Soini, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland.
IX. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

➢ On 6 March 2019, in Paris, 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 Emergency Ordinance [EGO 7(2019)] amending the Laws of Justice in Romania.

➢ On 16 March 2019, in Venice, the Presidential Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly held a joint meeting with the enlarged Bureau of the Venice Commission.

X. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

➢ On 6 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), in the framework of the preparation of an opinion on The Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (rapporteur for opinion: Mr Andrej Šircelj, Slovenia, EPP/DC), held an exchange of views with Ms Judith Sargentini, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament and Mr Emmanuel Crabit, Director, Directorate C – Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission.

➢ On 18 March 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs held a hearing on the Consolidation of the mechanism for the implementation of the Code of Conduct of the Assembly members with regard to the procedure of examination and treatment of complaints, in the context of the follow-up given by the committee to the Report of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly (IBAC), with the participation Ms Teresa Pereira, Administrator, Directorate-General for the Presidency, Directorate for the Plenary, Members’ Administration Unit, European Parliament.

➢ On 20-21 March 2019, in Brussels, Mr Luis Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on The societal impact of the “platform economy”, met with representatives of the European Commission (DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), Taxation and Customs Unit (DG TAXUD), DG Employment and DG for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST)).

➢ On 27 March 2019, in Brussels, Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee on the Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria met with European Commission officials.

➢ On 4 April 2019, in Brussels, Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “The Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future”, will meet with the President of the European Commission Mr Jean-Claude Juncker and other representatives from the European Union.

XI. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- 28 February 2019, Paris: Presidential Committee
- 28 February 2019, Paris: Bureau of the Assembly
- 4 March 2019, Paris: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- 4 March 2019, in Granada (Spain): Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- 5 March 2019, Paris: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- 6 March 2019, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- 7 March 2019, Paris: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
11-13 March 2019, New York: Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63)

18 March 2019, Paris: Committee on Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

19 March 2019, Paris: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

22 March 2019, Warsaw: Sub-Committee on Diasporas (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)

26 March 2019, Paris: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

29 March 2019, Paris: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

7 April 2019, Strasbourg: Presidential Committee

8 April 2019, Strasbourg: Bureau of the Assembly
Second part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (8-12 April 2019)

Draft agenda

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 28 February 2019. Subsequent modifications are indicated in grey.
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)

1. Opening of the part-session
   1.1. Statement by the President
   1.2. Examination of credentials
   1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
   1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
       1.4.1. Urgent procedure debate: “The budgetary crisis at the Council of Europe”
   1.5. Adoption of the agenda
   1.6. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Paris, 1 March 2019)

2. 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:
           o Mr Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
   □ Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 8 April, 12:00)
   ○ 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 MIJATOVIC, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
   □ Questions
Tuesday 9 April 2019

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

5. Elections (10:00-13:00)
   5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
       List of candidates in respect of:
       - Malta, Turkey (Doc. 14848, Doc. 14840)

6. Joint debate
   6.1. Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
       Presentation by:
       - Mr Adão SILVA (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Poli (Doc. 14848)
       - 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:
       - Ms Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France, NR), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14851)

   List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 8 April, 16:00)
   ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 8 April, 16:00)
   ☑ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14848)
   ☑ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14851)

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

7. Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   7.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

8. Question time (15:30-16:00)
   8.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
   Questions

9. Debate
   9.1. Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights
       Presentation by:
       - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14850)
       - Lord Richard BALFE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )
       - 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)
   ☑ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14850)

10. Debate
   10.1. Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment
       Presentation by:
       - Ms Thorildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14843)

   List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 9 April, 12:00)
   ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 8 April, 16:00)
   ☑ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14843)
Wednesday 10 April 2019

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

11. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (10:00-13:00)
   11.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

12. Joint debate
   12.1. 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. 14845)
   12.2. Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport
         Presentation by:
         o Mr Goran BEUS RICHEMBERGH (Croatia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14842)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 9 April, 19:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 9 April, 10:30)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14845)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14842)

13. Address (12:00-13:00)
   13.1. 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)

14. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   14.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

15. Debate
   15.1. Modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure
         Presentation by:
         o Mr Egidius VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14949)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 10 April, 12:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 9 April, 16:00)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14949)

16. Debate
   16.1. 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. 14850)
         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)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14850)
Thursday 11 April 2019

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

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

18. Address (12:00-13:00)
   18.1. Mr Nikol PASHINYAN, Prime Minister of Armenia
      Speech (12:00-12:20)
      Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)
      Questions

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

19. Debate
   19.1. The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done
      Presentation by:
      o Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14837)
      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 12:00)
      C Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 10 April, 16:00)
      Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14837)

20. Debate
   20.1. Laundermats: responding to new challenges in the international fight against crime, corruption and money laundering
      Presentation by:
      o Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14847)
      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 12:00)
      C Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 10 April, 16:00)
      Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14847)

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
Friday 12 April 2019

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

21. Debate
   21.1. Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children
   - Presentation by:
     - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14835)
     - Mr Pierre-Alain FRIZEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
   - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 19:00)
   - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 11 April, 10:30)
   - Vote on a draft recommendation (Doc. 14835)

22. Debate
   22.1. Social media: social threads or threats to human rights?
   - Presentation by:
     - Mr José CEPEDA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14844)
   - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 11 April, 19:00)
   - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 11 April, 10:30)
   - Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14844)

23. 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 2– List of events linked to the part-session

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<td>Room 10, Palais</td>
<td>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</td>
<td>Exchange of views on “Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?” in the context of the report prepared by Mr Elshad Hasanov (Azerbaijan, FDG), with the participation of:</td>
<td>Ms Claire Methven O’Brien, Chief Adviser, Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen</td>
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<td>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</td>
<td>Exchange of views on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report” (regarding Hungary) in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos (Greece, SOC), with the participation of:</td>
<td>Mr Zsolt Németh, Chairperson of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (tbc)</td>
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| 9 –10 am  | Room 1, Palais | Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights | Hearing on “Daphne Caruana Galizia’s assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges” in the context of the report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:  | Dr Owen Bonnici, Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government, Malta  
Dr Peter Grech, Attorney General, Malta  
Mr Martin Kuijer, Substitute member for the Netherlands, European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Council of Europe |
| 8.30 –10 am | Room 3, Palais | Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination | Hearing on “The gender dimension of foreign policy” in the context of the report prepared by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of:  | Ms Laila Ait Baali, Political Coordinator, Wo=Men, Dutch Gender Platform Netherlands  
Ms Ann Bernes, Ambassador for Gender Equality and Coordinator of Sweden’s Feminist Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (by video-conference) |
| 8.30 –10 am | Room 7, Palais | Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development | Exchanges of views on “Ending violence against children: A Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals” in the context of the report prepared by Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of:  | Ms Elda Moreno, Head of the Children’s Rights and Sport Values Department of the Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe  
Ms Dorothy Rozga, former Executive Director of ECPAT International |
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| 2–2.30 pm     | **Exchange of views on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report” (regarding Italy)**  
| Room 1, Palais| in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos (Greece, SOC), with the participation of:  
|               | - Mr Alvise Maniero, Chairperson of the Italian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (tbc)  
|               | **Joint hearing on “Political prisoners in Azerbaijan”**  
|               | in the context of the eponymous report prepared by Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) and the report on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan” prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC), co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, with the participation of:  
|               | - Mr Otari Gvaladze, Head of Unit, Department for work with law enforcement agencies and military affairs, Administration of the President of Azerbaijan  
|               | - Ms Leyla Yunusova, Director, Institute for Peace and Democracy, Leiden, the Netherlands  
|               | - Mr Ilgar Mammadov, former political prisoner (video link)  
|               | - Mr Rasul Jafarov, Chairman of the Human Rights Club and former political prisoner  
| 2–3.30 pm     | **Exchange of views on “The Museum Prize of the Council of Europe”**  
| Room 6, Palais| with the participation of:  
|               | - Ms Jette Sandahl, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)  
|               | - Ms Jacqueline Strauss, Director of the Museum of Communication, Bern, Winner of the Museum Prize 2019 of the Council of Europe  
|               | - Mr Christian Rohner, Curator and Project Manager, Museum of Communication, Bern  
| 2.30–3.30 pm  | **Hearing on “Forced sterilisations”**  
| Room 3, Palais| in the context of the report on “Obstetrical and gynaecological violence” prepared by Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) with the participation of:  
|               | - Ms Elena Gorolová, Spokesperson, Group of Women harmed by Forced Sterilisation in the Czech Republic  
|               | - Ms Gwendolyn Albert, Journalist, Romea, Czech Republic  
|               | - Mr Stefan Ivanco, Programme coordinator and researcher, Poradňa, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Slovak Republic  
| 8.30 pm       | **Ceremony of the 2019 Council of Europe Museum Prize**  
| Palais Rohan  | with the participation of:  
|               | - Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly  
|               | - Mr Roland Ries, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg  
|               | - Ms Jette Sandahl, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)  
|               | - Ms Jacqueline Strauss, Director of the Museum of Communication, Bern, Switzerland, Winner of the Museum Prize 2019 of the Council of Europe  
|               | - Mr Alec von Graffenried, Mayor of the City of Bern  

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| 2.00 – 2.45 pm | Room 5, Palais | Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons | **Hearing on “Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards”** in the context of the report prepared by Mr Aleksander Pociej (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of: | • Ms Gillian More, Policy Officer, DG Justice, D.3 – Union Citizenship Rights and Free Movement, European Commission, Brussels (via videoconference)  
• Ms Ekaterine Rostomashvili, Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, Transparency International, Berlin |
| 2.45 – 3.30 pm | Room 5, Palais | Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons | **Exchange of views on “Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children”** in the context of the report prepared by Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfsdóttir (Iceland, UEL), with the participation of: | • Ms Elena Muñoz, Coordinator, CEAR Madrid Legal Service, Madrid |
| 2.00 – 3.30 pm | Room 9, Palais | Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy | **Exchange of views on “Partner for democracy status 2009-2019: stock-taking and the way forward”** with the participation of partner for democracy delegations and current and former Rapporteurs |                                                                                                  |
| Thursday 11 April 2019 |           | No Hate Parliamentary Alliance                  | **Hearing on “Islamophobia in Europe”** with the participation of: | • Ms Hajar El Jahidi, Advocacy Coordinator, European Forum of Muslim Women, Brussels  
• Prof. Ian Law, Centre for Ethnicity and Racism Studies, University of Leeds |
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<td>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jordi Roca, (Spain, EPP/CD), with the participation of: Mr Slaviša Mladenović, Language Commissioner, Office of the Prime Minister, Pristina Mr Hilmi Jashari, Kosovo Ombudsperson, Pristina</td>
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<td>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</td>
<td>► Hearing on “Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe”</td>
<td>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Petra Bay (Austria, SOC) with the participation of: Ms Camille Butin, Advocacy Advisor, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) European Network, Brussels Neil Datta, Executive Director, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), Brussels</td>
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<td>Room 6, Palais</td>
<td>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</td>
<td>► Hearing on “Feasibility study for an observatory on the quality of history teaching in Council of Europe countries”</td>
<td>with the participation of: Mr Alain Lamassoure, Member of the European Parliament, former minister, France</td>
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<td>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</td>
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<td>► Exchange of views in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children with the participation of: Ms Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of the Division for Independent Human Rights Bodies, Secretary of the CDDH-MIG, Council of Europe (tbc) Ms Katarzyna Slubik, Senior Lawyer and Project Coordinator, Association for Legal Intervention, Poland (tbc, via videoconference)</td>
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Appendix 3

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN UKRAINE
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Appendix 4

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