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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1350th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (19 June 2019)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 12 April 2019 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2019 (Strasbourg).

## I. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 23 May 2019

### A. Third part-session of 2019 (24-28 June)

On 23 May, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda and took note of the personalities to be invited to the Assembly's third part-session of 2019 (Appendix 1).

The Assembly will proceed with the election of the new Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Wednesday 26 June 2019.

The Assembly has received the lists of candidates for the posts of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Estonia and Germany. The elections will take place on Wednesday 26 June 2019.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 12 noon (room 5).

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

### B. Observation of elections

- **Ukraine: presidential election (31 March and 21 April 2019):** the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
- **North Macedonia: presidential election (21 April and 5 May 2019):** the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
- **Kazakhstan: early presidential election (9 June 2019):** the Bureau took note of the invitation and decided not to observe this election;
- **Ukraine: parliamentary elections (21 July 2019):** subject to receiving an invitation, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 40 members (EPP/CD: 13; SOC: 12, EC: 6, ALDE: 6, UEL: 2, FDG: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
- **Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly: proposed amendment:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report, the revised guidelines with the following new paragraph:

*"In assessing all stages of the electoral process, due attention should be given to the gender perspective, especially in terms of participation, balanced representation and the right to take part in the electoral process, as regards both voters and candidates, without being subjected to sexist hate speech, sexist acts or sexual harassment."*

- **Repeated local elections in Istanbul (23 June 2019) – request by the Monitoring Committee:** the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee asking the Bureau to explore the possibility for PACE members, in particular the co-rapporteurs on Turkey, to be associated to the election observation mission of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, subject to receiving an invitation, and decided not to give a follow-up to this proposal.

### C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 23 May 2019

- **Follow-up to the 129<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Session (Helsinki, 16-17 May 2019):** the Bureau held an exchange of views on the Committee of Ministers' decisions on *A shared responsibility for democratic security in Europe – Ensuring respect for rights and obligations, principles, standards and values* and decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to take them into account in the preparation of the report on *Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting* (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC).

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and, following a vote, appointed Ms Anne Brasseur and Mr Nils Muižnieks as members of the Selection Panel of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize for a mandate of two years starting as from 1 June 2019;
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** the Bureau interviewed Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić and Mr Didier Reynders, candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe (*in camera*);
- **Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF):** the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and, following a vote, decided not to acknowledge the formation of the Group of the New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF);
- **2019 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November):** the Bureau took note of the concept paper and decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report.
- **Procedure for considering motions for resolutions and recommendations:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the guidelines for consideration of motions for resolutions and recommendations (Appendix 3)
- **Rules on exhibitions in the Assembly lobby:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to come back to this issue at one of its next meetings.

## **II. Standing Committee – Paris, 24 May 2019**

On 24 May, in Paris, the **Standing Committee**:

- heard a welcome address by Ms Carole Bureau-Bonnard, Vice-President of the French National Assembly, in charge of international activities;
- held an exchange of views with Ms Amélie de Montchalin, Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Resolution 2282 (2019)</b>	<b>Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco</b>
<b>Resolution 2283 (2019)</b>	<b>Education and culture: new partnerships to recognise personal development and competences</b>
<b>Resolution 2284 (2019)</b>	<b>Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe</b>
<b>Resolution 2285 (2019)</b>	<b>Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion</b>
<b>Resolution 2286 (2019)</b>	<b>Air pollution: a challenge for public health in Europe</b>

## **III. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (24-25 October 2019)**

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament will address the three following themes:

1. “Our Common European Home”: the next 70 years
2. Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals: contribution by Parliaments
3. Women in politics and in the public discourse  
What role can national Parliaments play in combatting the increasing level of harassment and hate speech towards female politicians and parliamentarians?

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

➤ On 13 and 14 May in Vienna, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**, held:

. an exchange of views on *Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals*, in the context of a report prepared by Baroness Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Ms Dorothy Rozga, former Executive Director of ECPAT International;

.an exchange of views on *The European Social Charter*, with the participation of Ms Karin Lukas, Vice-President of the European Committee on Social Rights and Ms Ruth Ettl, expert, Federal Workers Association (Austria);

. an exchange of views on *Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Roland Mader, Head of Department III, Anton Proksch Institute (Austria);

. an exchange of views on *The societal impact of the platform economy*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Stephan Schulmeister, expert (Austria);

. an exchange of views on *Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) with the participation of Ms Judith Pühringer, Managing director of "arbeit plus" (Austria);

➤ On 16 May in London, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**, held:

. a public hearing on *Media freedom and the functioning of the democratic institutions*, in the framework of Resolution 1115 (1997), with the participation of Mr Alastair King-Smith, Co-ordinator for Global Campaign on Media Freedom, Deputy Director, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Jamie Angus, Director, BBC World Service Group, Ms Rebecca Vincent, UK Bureau Director, Reporters Without Borders (RSF) and Lord George Foulkes, General Rapporteur of the media freedom and safety of journalists,

. an exchange of views on *The reform of the Justice system in Poland and the progress made in implementing the European Rule of Law mechanism*, in the context of a report on the *Functioning of democratic institutions in Poland* being prepared by Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gustafsson (Sweden, SOC) and Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs, with the participation of Mr Richard Clayton, Member of the Venice Commission, Mr Nicolaas Bel, Deputy Head of the rule of law Unit, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Ms Agnieszka Gołaszewska and Mr Krzysztof Masło, Directors, Ministry of Justice of Poland, Mr Dariusz Zawistowski President of the Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court of Poland, Ms Małgorzata Szuleka, Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and Mr Tymoteusz Zych, Member of the Board, Ordo Iuris;

➤ On 20 May in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, held:

. a hearing on *Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) with the participation of Mr Jonas Knetsch, Professor at the Jean Monnet University, St. Etienne, and Mr Christophe Poirrel, Director of the Human Rights Directorate of the Council of Europe;

. an exchange of views on *Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria*, in the context of a report by Mr Jacques Maire (France, NR) with the participation of Ms Sophie Bessis, Research Associate, Institute of International and Strategic Relations (IRIS), Paris, and with Mr Nacer-Eddine Ghozali, former professor of law, University of Paris XIII;

➤ On 27 and 28 May in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, held:

. a hearing on *Media education in the new media environment*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC) with the participation of Ms Martina Chapman, Independent consultant on Education and media, Ireland, Ms Divina Frau-Meigs, Professor, Expert in media education, Sorbonne, Paris; Mr Giacomo Mazzone, Head of Institutional and Member Relations, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva and Ms Sharon Stokes, Head of the BBC Young Reporter, London;

. an exchange of views on *New forms of public debate on the ethical aspects of rapid advances in science and technology*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) with the participation of Mr Lars Klüver, Director, Danish Technology Counsel, Copenhagen and Mr Jean-François Delfraissy, President, National Ethical Consultative Committee for life sciences and health (CCNE), Paris;

. an exchange of views on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Koloman Brenner (Hungary, NR) with the participation of Mr Terence Karran, Senior Academic and Director of Research, School of Education, University of Lincoln, United Kingdom;

. a hearing on *Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe* in the context of a report prepared by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Mr Marc Gruber, Expert on media and communication, Strasbourg, Mr Giacomo Mazzone, Head of Institutional and Member Relations, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva, Mr Ricardo Gutiérrez, Secretary General, European Federation of journalists, Brussels and Mr Thomas Friang, Advocacy Officer, Reporters Without Borders, Paris;

➤ On 28 May in Zurich (Switzerland), the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** visited the asylum centre and heard presentations by Mr Claudio Martelli, Head of Zurich Asylum Region, and Mr Raphael Golta, City councillor, Head of the Department of Social Affairs of the city of Zurich;

➤ On 29 May in Zurich (Switzerland), the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**, held:

. an exchange of views on *The situation and integration of migrants and refugees in Switzerland* with the participation of Mr Stefan Däpp, Chief of staff, State Secretariat for Migration (SEM), Mr Claudio Martelli, Head of Zurich Asylum Region, Ms Christin Achermann, Professor in Migration, Law and Society, University of Neuchâtel and Mr Beat von Wattenwyl, Head of Protection, Swiss Refugee Council;

. an exchange of views with Ms Valentina Darbellay, Head of Advocacy, Terre des Hommes, Switzerland and heard a presentation of the report on *Immigration Detention of Children in Switzerland* in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children;

. an exchange of views on *Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe*, in the context of the report prepared by Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Anja Klug, Head of UNHCR Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein;

➤ On 29 May in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, held:

. a hearing on, *Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Sylvain Waserman (France, ALDE) with the participation of: Ms Virginie Rozière, European Parliament rapporteur on the European Union whistle-blower directive, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in the European Parliament, France; Ms Nicole-Marie Meyer, Whistleblower and Director of Ethics Alerts, Transparency International France; Mr Jean-Philippe Foegle, *Maison des Lanceurs d'Alertes* (association for the protection of whistleblowers), France;

. an exchange of views on *Ombudsman Institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards* in the context of a report prepared by Lord Richard Balfe, (United Kingdom, EC) with the participation of Mr Igli Totozani, former People's Advocate of Albania and expert of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) ;

➤ On 29 May in Paris, the **Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights** (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) held a hearing on "*Artificial intelligence and human rights* with the participation of Dr Claude Castelluccia, Head of the Privatics Group, National Institute for computer

science and applied mathematics (INRIA), France, Prof. Giuseppe Contissa, Department of Legal Studies, University of Bologna, Italy, Prof. Karen Yeung, Birmingham Law School and School of Computer Science, University of Birmingham, UK, Ambassador Corina Călugăru, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova, Committee of Ministers' Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Council of Europe and Mr Yannick Meneceur, Council of Europe Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence;

➤ On 5 June in Belgrade, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**, held:

. an exchange of views with Ms Brankica Janković, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, on the protection of equality of groups within the remit of the Commissioner and on equality and non-discrimination issues in Serbia;

. a hearing on *Violence against women: progress and challenges in Serbia*, with the participation of Ms Biljana Popović Ivković, State Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Serbia, Ms Dubravka Filipovski, Member of the Women's Parliamentary Network, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Ms Tanja Ignjatović, Programme Coordinator, Autonomous Women's Centre, Belgrade;

. a hearing on *Women, peace and security: a regional perspective*, with the participation of Ms Stana Božović, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy, Republic of Serbia and Ms Sonja Licht, President of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence.

➤ On 6 June in Novi Sad (Serbia), the **Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities** held a hearing on *Minority protection in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina: good practices and lessons learned* with the participation of Mr Mihály Nyilas, Vice-President of the Government of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and Provincial Secretary for Education, Administration and National Communities, Mr Jene Hajnal, President of the Hungarian National Minority Council and Ms Jasna Vojnić, President of the Croatian National Minority Council;

➤ On 10 June in Istanbul (Turkey), the **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** held its Annual Diaspora Forum, focusing on the *democratic participation of diasporas*.

➤ On 14 June in Nicosia, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** organised a parliamentary visit to the private shelter for unaccompanied minors "Home for Hope" in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children and at the invitation of the Cypriot Parliament.

➤ On 21 June 2019 in Bern, the **Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage** and the **Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society** (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) will hold a hearing on *Media education in the new media environment* in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC) with the participation of Mr Christian Georges, Scientific collaborator, General Secretariat of the Intercantonal Conference of Public Education of French-speaking Switzerland and Ticino, Mr Philippe Froidevaux, Director of the Fritic Competence Centre, Directorate of Public Education, Culture and Sport Friborg, Switzerland, Mr Beat Döbeli, Head of the Institute for Media and Schools, *Pädagogische Hochschule Schwyz*, Switzerland, Ms Tania Chytil, journalist, producer of RTS Découverte, Educational website of Radio Télévision Suisse (RTS) and Ms Magali Philip, journalist in charge of social networks RTSinfo;

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

➤ ***Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals***

*and*

➤ ***Stepping up co-operation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence***

**Baroness Doreen Massey** (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Berlin on **6-7 May**.

➤ **Democracy hacked? How to respond?**

**Mr Frithjof Schmidt** (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* carried out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm on **15 May**.

➤ **Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions**

**Mr Roland Rino Büchel** (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, carried out two fact-finding visits to Switzerland on **16 May 2019** and from **20 to 23 May**.

➤ **The post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia**

**Ms Lise Christoffersen** (Norway, SOC) and **Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi** (Republic of Moldova, 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 North Macedonia from **28 to 31 May**.

➤ **Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells**

**Mr Serhii Kiral** (Ukraine, EC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the National Agency for the Safety of medicines and health products, in Saint Denis (France) on **4 June**.

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

**20-21 May, Budapest:** The *Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)* organised a *Capacity Building Seminar on Parliamentary Oversight of Public policies*, in the framework of the Action Plan for Ukraine, with the participation of a group of staff members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and international experts.

## **VII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers**

A joint meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers was held in Paris on 23 May with the participation of Ms Amélie de Montchalin, Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

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

➤ At its meeting on 17 May in London, 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 Thomas Markert, Executive Secretary of the Venice Commission;

. asked the Venice Commission to expedite the preparation of the opinion on the Citizens Security Law (and possible amendments to it) of Spain;

. agreed to ask the Venice Commission, when drafting its opinion on public gathering in the Republika Srpska, to also include an assessment of the legal framework governing freedom of peaceful assembly in Bosnia and Herzegovina, its two entities and in the Brčko district in general;

. held an exchange of views on the opinion of the Venice Commission on "The provisions on the prosecutorial council in the draft organic law on the prosecutor's office and on the provisions on the high council of justice in the existing organic law on general courts of Georgia";

. agreed to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the law on "Ensuring the functioning of the Ukrainian language as a State language".

- **66th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (20 June 2019):** Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC) will attend the meeting.
- **119th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (21-22 June 2019):** Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) will attend the session.

## **IX. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions**

- On 14 May in Vienna, Ms Astrid Podsiadlowski, Head of Sector on Rights of the Child, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) attended the meeting of the Sub Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development).
- On 29 May in Paris, during the meeting of the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, Ms Virginie Rozière, European Parliament rapporteur on the European Union whistle-blower directive, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in the European Parliament, participated in the hearing on *Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe* at the invitation of the Rapporteur, Mr Sylvain Waserman (France, ALDE).



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

- . **13-14 May, Vienna:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **14 May (morning), Vienna:** *Sub-Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)*
- . **16-17 May, London:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **20 May, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **22 May, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **23 May, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **24 May, Paris:** *Standing Committee*
- . **27 May, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media).*
- . **27-28 May, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **28-29 May 2019, Zurich (Switzerland):** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **28 (afternoon)-29 (morning) May, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **29 May (afternoon), Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights)*
- . **3 June, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **5 June, Belgrade:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **6 June, Novi Sad (Serbia):** *Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)*
- . **10 June, Istanbul (Turkey):** *Sub-Committee on Integration and Sub-Committee on Diasporas (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)*
- . **14 June, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **21 June, Bern:** *Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage and Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)*
- . **23 June, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **24 June, Strasbourg:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

## APPENDIX 1 - Draft Agenda of the June part-session



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### **Third part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (24-28 June 2019)**

Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

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1. Updated, on 18 June 2019, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly (modifications are indicated in grey).



## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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

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

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

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

SOC: 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

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

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Joint Committee

Thursday: 12:00-13:30

### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:30-15:30

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: 15:30-16:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 24 June 2019

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

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


- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.6. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Paris, 24 May 2019)

#### 2. Celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Address (12:30-13:30)

#### 3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Amélie de MONTCHALIN, Secretary of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
- Parliamentary question:
  - o (Doc. )

 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 10:00)


### Sitting No. 20 (16:00-20:00)


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#### 4. Debate

##### 4.1. Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14900)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 12:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14900)

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2. A programme is published separately.

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## Tuesday 25 June 2019

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

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5. [Possibly] Examination of credentials
6. [Possibly] Changes in the membership of committees
7. Debate
  - 7.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
    - Presentation by:
      - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
    - 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 19:00)
    - 🗳 [possibly] Vote(s)

### 8. Joint debate

#### 8.1. Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14903)

#### 8.2. Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14901)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 June, 16:00)
- 🗳 Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 14903)
- 🗳 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14901)

### Sitting No. 22 (15:30-20:00)

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9. [Possibly] Examination of credentials
10. [Possibly] Changes in the membership of committees
11. Joint debate
  - 11.1. The Istanbul Convention on violence against women: achievements and challenges
    - Presentation by:
      - Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14908)
  - 11.2. Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality
    - Presentation by:
      - Ms Elvira KOVÁCS (Serbia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14907)
    - 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 19:00)
    - 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 10:30)
    - 🗳 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14908)
    - 🗳 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14907)

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## Wednesday 26 June 2019

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

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#### 12. Elections (10:00-13:00)

##### 12.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe

##### 12.2. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
  - Estonia, Germany (Doc. 14883, Doc. 14884)

#### 13. Debate

##### 13.1. Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14895)
  - Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. 14910)
- ☐ Statement by:
  - Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 June, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14895)

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

##### 14.1. Mr Marcelo REBELO DE SOUSA, President of Portugal

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

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

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#### 15. Elections (continued) (15:30-19:00)

##### 15.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe

##### 15.2. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 16. Joint debate

##### 16.1. Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Baroness Doreen MASSEY (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14894)

##### 16.2. Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14905)
  - Ms Sevinj FATALIYEVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

- ☐ Statement by:
  - Ms Maud de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 26 June, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14894)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14905)

## 17. Debate

### 17.1. Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14906)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 26 June, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14906)

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## Thursday 27 June 2019

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### Sitting No. 25 (10:00-12:00)

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#### 18. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (10:00-12:00)

- 18.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 18.2. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

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

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

- 20.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 20.2. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 21. Debate

##### 21.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14904)
  - Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14904)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 11:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 June, 18:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14904)

#### 22. Debate

##### 22.1. Shedding light on the murder of Boris Nemtsov

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14902)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 11:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 June, 18:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14902)

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3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.



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## Friday 28 June 2019

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

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#### 23. Debate

##### 23.1. Situation in Syria: prospects for a political solution?

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Theodora BAKOYANNIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 14889)
- ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)
- ⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14889)

#### 24. Debate

##### 24.1. Pushback policies and practice in Council of Europe member States

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14909)
- ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)
- ⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14909)

#### 25. Debate

##### 25.1. [Possibly] Free debate

- ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 19:00)

#### 26. Progress report

##### 26.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

#### 27. Closure of the part-session

## APPENDIX 2– List of events linked to the part-session

Monday 24 June 2019	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “The situation of LGBTI persons in Europe”</b> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Morten Ruud, Vice-Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)</li> <li>• Ms Katrin Hugendubel, Advocacy Director, ILGA-Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Integration (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on follow-up to PACE Resolution 2214 (2018) on “Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) with the participation of representatives of the State Commission for Refugees and IDPs of Azerbaijan, the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus and a human rights NGO from Ukraine</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 “Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), with the participation of Mr Francis Eustache, Director of the Unit "Neuropsychology and Imaging of Human Memory", Training and Research Centre in Health (PFRS)</p>
Tuesday 25 June 2019	
<p><b>8 –10 am</b> <b>Restaurant Bleu, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)</p> <p><b><i>Open to the public</i></b></p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report (Giving a voice to every child - promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies) prepared by Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom (SOC), with the participation of children and Ms Mieke Schuurman, Senior Policy and Advocacy Co-ordinator Children's Rights &amp; Child Participation, Eurochild</p>
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Fabien Gouttefarde (France, NR), with the participation of Mr Pascal Brice, former Director General of the French Agency for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA), judge at the Court of Audit of France</p>
<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 “The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Frank Schwabe, (Germany, SOC), with the participation of 2 experts</p>

<b>Tuesday 25 June 2019</b>	
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Preventing and combating sexism”</b></p> <p>with the participation of Mr Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) on Recommendation CM/Rec (2019)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on preventing and combating sexism, and on the implementation by member States of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Gabriella Battaini-Draconi, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Mr Philippe Vlaeminck, Partner of Pharumlegal, Brussels / Belgian Government representative in gambling cases at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the Court of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (via videolink)</li> <li>• Mr Christian Kalb, CEO of CK Consulting, France</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 26 June 2019</b>	
<p><b>1 - 3.00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Final conference of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children</b></p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur on the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children</li> <li>• Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and former General Rapporteur on the Parliamentary Campaign</li> <li>• Ms Gabriella Battaini-Draconi, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Member of the European Parliament, Coordinator on Children’s Rights</li> <li>• Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Member of the Committee on Migration and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children, Committee on Social Affairs</li> <li>• Mr Christophe Poirel, Director of Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Regina Jensdottir, Head of Children’s Rights Division and Coordinator on the rights of the child, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur on “Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children”</li> <li>• Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe</li> <li>• Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Secretary to the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee), Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.00– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Partner for democracy status 2009-2019: stock-taking and the way forward”</b></p> <p>with the participation of partner for democracy delegations and current and former rapporteurs</p> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jacques Maire (France, NR), with representatives from the Algerian National People’s Assembly and/or the Algerian Council of the Nation (tbc)</p>

Wednesday 26 June 2019	
<p><b>2.15– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><b><i>Open to the public</i></b></p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Baroness Doreen E. Massey, (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, United Nationals Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography</p>
<p><b>2.45– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and No Hate Parliamentary Alliance</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr František Kopřiva (Czech Republic, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Marie Pichault, Centre de Médiation des Gens du voyage et des Roms, Belgium;</li> <li>• Mr Martin Collins, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Ireland (tbc);</li> <li>• Mr Adrian Jones, National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
Thursday 27 June 2019	
<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Concerted action on human trafficking”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Davor Derenčinović, Chairperson, Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) of the Council of Europe, Zagreb</li> <li>• Ms Sylvie O’Dy, Co-Chairperson, Committee Against Modern Slavery (CCEM), Paris (tbc)</li> <li>• Ms Odette Herijgers, medical doctor, Advocacy for Refugee Rights in Greece, Eindhoven, Netherlands</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b> Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on “Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Elshad Hasanov, (Azerbaijan, FDG), with the participation of experts</p>
<p><b>2.30 – 4 pm</b> <b>Room 1 or 5 (TBC), Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)</p> <p><b><i>Open to the public</i></b></p>	<p>► <b>Diplomas Ceremony of the Europe Prize</b></p> <p>with the participation of the mayors of the cities which received awards this year</p>

### **Guidelines for consideration of motions for resolutions and recommendations**

1. New motions – following their tabling and provided they are in order – shall be submitted to the nearest meeting of the Presidential Committee. The Presidential Committee shall consider motions and make proposals to the Bureau of the Assembly on a possible follow-up.
2. Proposals of the Presidential Committee shall be subsequently distributed to committee chairpersons for information in time before the second Bureau meeting following the Presidential Committee meeting mentioned in paragraph 1.
3. The Bureau, at its second meeting following the said Presidential Committee meeting, shall consider and take position on all motions, and decide their reference for report, transmission for information to committees, or that no further action is needed (in line with Rule 26). The Bureau may also decide to refer a motion to a committee to be taken into account in the preparation of an ongoing report.
4. Titles of motions tabled cannot be modified by the Bureau. However, the Bureau may decide on a merge of several motions concerning the same or a similar subject under a new title.
5. The Bureau decisions on references shall be submitted to the nearest sitting of the Assembly or of the Standing Committee for ratification.
6. If a decision taken by the Bureau on a motion is successfully challenged in the Assembly or the Standing Committee, the motion will be referred back to the Bureau for reconsideration.
7. References – once ratified by the Assembly/Standing Committee – cannot be subsequently challenged or modified (except in the case of additional reference to a committee for opinion).
8. Delays or postponements in consideration of references by the Presidential Committee or the Bureau shall not be allowed (a request for a consultation by the committee concerned before the decision on a reference is taken by the Bureau shall not be considered as a postponement; the decision of the Bureau, taken on the Monday morning meeting during a part-session, to postpone consideration of the references initially scheduled on that day to its meeting of Friday morning the same week, will not be considered as a postponement as well).
9. References shall remain valid for the time foreseen in the Rules of Procedure (Rule 26.4). The Bureau of the Assembly shall not accept any request for the prolongation of the validity of references.
10. When considering new motions the Presidential Committee and the Bureau shall respect the following guidelines:
  - a. the motion shall fall within the scope of the Council of Europe's competences;
  - b. the relevance of a motion should be taken into account, especially when it concerns new issues and challenges, with the aim of enhancing the political relevance and visibility of the Assembly; paragraph 11 of Resolution 2277 (2019) shall be used as a guiding line in this respect;
  - c. the previous work of the Assembly in the field concerned should be taken into account;
  - d. as well as the existence of previous motions tabled which are still under consideration by the committees.