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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1351<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (3 July 2019)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2019 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 30 September 2019 in Strasbourg.

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

### **A. Personalities**

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
  - 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
  - Mr Marcelo Rebelo DE SOUSA, President of Portugal
2. Their speeches can be found on the website of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

### **B. Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

3. On 26 June 2019, the Assembly elected Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ as Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term which will start on 18 September 2019.

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

4. The Assembly elected judges to the European Court of Human Rights, Mr Peeter ROOSMA in respect of Estonia and Ms Anja SEIBERT-FOHR in respect of Germany.

### **D. Joint Committee**

5. On 27 June 2019, the Joint Committee held an exchange of views on the establishment of a procedure of joint reaction in situations where a member State violates its obligations.

### **E. Media coverage**

The media coverage of the 2019 Summer Session was outstanding. With 128 journalists accredited, there were more than 1070 articles (provisional figures) in the international and key national print and electronic media. With world-wide geographical distribution, the debates on “Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting” and on “Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation” generated huge media coverage, with more than 850 articles in Russian and Ukrainian media, but also in major international media (the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Economist, Le Monde, El Pais, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Der Spiegel...).

The election of the new Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the next five years was also given much prominence in international media, with more than 140 articles. In addition to that item, the debate on Daphne Caruana Galizia’s assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond, and the address to the Assembly by the President of Portugal, were widely covered.

There was a dramatic increase in social media activity compared to recent sessions, with some 522,000 impressions over the week on Twitter and around 254,000 post engagements on Facebook. The top tweet concerned the vote to approve Russian credentials, closely followed by tweets on the Assembly’s resolution on the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and on the election of the new Secretary General. A new factor this session was the strong reactions of users to Assembly positions, and extensive and vigorous lobbying via both Twitter and Facebook.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for Assembly members as a way of raising the institution’s profile: 64 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded.

## F. Adopted texts

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

No.	Title
Resolution 2287 (2019)	Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting
Resolution 2288 (2019)	Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021
Opinion 297 (2019)	Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021
Resolution 2289 (2019)	The Istanbul Convention on violence against women: achievements and challenges
Resolution 2290 (2019)	Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality
Recommendation 2157 (2019)	Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality
Resolution 2291 (2019)	Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach
Recommendation 2158 (2019)	Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach
Resolution 2292 (2019)	Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation
Resolution 2293 (2019)	Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges
Resolution 2294 (2019)	Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals
Recommendation 2159 (2019)	Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals
Resolution 2295 (2019)	Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children
Recommendation 2160 (2019)	Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children
Resolution 2296 (2019)	Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria
Resolution 2297 (2019)	Shedding light on the murder of Boris Nemtsov
Resolution 2298 (2019)	Situation in Syria: prospects for a political solution?
Resolution 2299 (2019)	Pushback policies and practice in Council of Europe member States
Recommendation 2161 (2019)	Pushback policies and practice in Council of Europe member States

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

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

Monday 24 June 2019	
<p><b>2.30 –3.30 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>2.30–3.30 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Fuad Huseynov, Deputy Minister and Deputy Chairperson, State Committee on Refugees and IDPs of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Ms Gülden Plümer Küçük, Turkish Cypriot Member, Mr Leonidas Pantelides, Greek Cypriot Member and Mr Paul-Henri Arni, United Nations Member, Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (via video-conference)</li> <li>• Mr Vitaliy Nabukhotny, Lawyer, Regional Centre for Human Rights, Kyiv</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.30–3.30 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) in the presence of Ms Nawel Rafik-Elmrini, Deputy to the Mayor of Strasbourg</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>Hearing on “Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom (SOC) on “Giving a voice to every child - promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies” 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Mr Yves Pascouau, Schengen Chair at University of Nantes and Executive director of the NGO “European Migration Law”</li> </ul>

<p><b>8.30 – 10 am</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 both Houses of the Algerian Parliament, led by Mr Rachid Achour, Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Algerian Council of the Nation</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Joanna Evans, Barrister, Legal Director, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC) School of Law, Middlesex University, UK</li> <li>• Dr Rebecca Gowland, Associate Professor (Reader) in Human Bioarchaeology, Department of Archaeology, Durham University, UK</li> <li>• Mr Tim Thompson, Professor of Applied Biological Anthropology and Associate Dean (Learning &amp; Teaching) School of Science, Engineering &amp; Design, Teesside University, UK</li> <li>• Mr Fredrik Sundberg, Head of Department Ad Interim, Department for the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, DG 1 – Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<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-Dragoni, 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>

**Wednesday 26 June 2019**

<p><b>1 - 3.30 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-Dragoni, 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 the Report "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> <li>• Ms Gianna Alessandra Sanchez Moretti, Human Rights Officer, Regional Office for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</li> </ul>
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**Wednesday 26 June 2019**

<p><b>2.15– 3.30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</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 Gioia Scappucci, Executive Secretary of the Lanzarote Committee (Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse) and Ms Tineke Sonck, Co-founder of the Belgian Voices in Sport Foundation</p>
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<p><b>3–3.30 pm</b></p> <p><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;</li> <li>• Mr Adrian Jones, National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
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**Thursday 27 June 2019**

<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b></p> <p><b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with the Council of Europe intergovernmental sector in the fields of education, youth and sport</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr Paruyr Hovhannisyan, Chair of the Committee of Ministers Rapporteur Group GR-C – Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment, Ambassador of Armenia to the Council of Europe;</li> <li>• Ms Sarah Keating, Head of Cooperation and Capacity Building Division, Education Department, and Ms Stefania Krüger, Secretary to the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE);</li> <li>• Ms Antje Rothmund, Head of the Youth Department, Directorate General of Democracy;</li> <li>• Ms Madeleine Delaperrière, Chair of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Agreement on Sport (EPAS).</li> </ul>
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<p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Jo Reyes, Director, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights (GBI), United Kingdom</li><li>• Ms Claire Methven O’Brien, Chief Adviser, Human Rights and Business, The Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen</li><li>• Ms. Anita Ramasastry, member of the United Nations Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Roland L. Hjorth Professor of Law and Director of the Graduate Program in Sustainable International Development at the University of Washington School of Law (Unites States)</li></ul>
<p><b>8.45 – 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 preparation of the report 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 Annabel Canzian, Lawyer, Committee Against Modern Slavery (CCEM), Paris</li><li>• Ms Odette Herijgers, medical doctor, Advocacy for Refugee Rights in Greece, Eindhoven, Netherlands</li></ul>
<p><b>2.30 – 4 pm</b> <b>Room 5 , Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)</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>

## II. Elections

➤ **Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (21 July 2019):** on 24 June, the Bureau took note of the invitation letter, approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Lord Russell (United Kingdom, EC) as its Chairperson. On 28 June 2019, the Bureau approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 1).

### **III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 24 and 28 June 2019)**

#### **➤ Third part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 24 - 28 June 2019):**

. approved the follow-up proposal to Resolution 2290 (2019) *Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality*, made by the Secretary General of the Assembly, and instructed the Committees to ensure gender balance in expert panels and other bodies with two or more members;

. invited the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to reflect upon certain procedural problems identified during the third part-session, in the framework of a forthcoming report on modification of provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;

➤ **Fourth part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 30 September - 5 October 2019):** on 28 June, the Bureau drew up a preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 2);

➤ **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019):** on 28 June, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), President of the Assembly, as its Chairperson;

➤ **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10 October 2019):** on 24 June, the Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network to be held in Paris on 10 October 2019. On 28 June, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network to be held in Paris on 10 October and appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), President of the Assembly, as its Chairperson;

➤ **Rules on exhibitions in the Assembly Lobby:** on 28 June, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the rules on exhibitions in the Assembly lobby, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report (Appendix 3);

➤ **Requests for urgent procedure or current affairs debates: admissibility and selection criteria:** on 28 June, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the selection criteria for urgent procedure or current affairs debates, ratified by the Assembly on 28 June;

➤ **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2018:** on 28 June, the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, approved the communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and decided to consider revision of modalities for calculating the allocations paid to political groups when deciding on the apportionment of this allocation for 2020;

➤ **Meeting of the Bureau in Bern (3 September 2019):** the Bureau took note of the draft programme and the practical information;

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

On 27 June 2019, the Assembly held the ceremony of presentation of **European Diplomas** (Europe Prize) awarded to 8 municipalities from 3 countries (Appendix 4).

**The Europe Prize 2019**, the highest distinction, goes to the city of Donostia/San Sebastián (Spain). The award ceremony will take place in Donostia/San Sebastián (Spain) on 19 September 2019.

The submission of nominations for the 2019 edition of the **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize** closed on 30 April 2019. On 26-27 August, the Selection Panel will meet in Prague to proceed with the shortlisting of three candidates. On 29 September, the Selection Panel will meet in Strasbourg to select the Prizewinner from the shortlist. The Prize Award Ceremony will take place on 30 September in Strasbourg in the Chamber of the Parliamentary Assembly during its 4th part-session.



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

➤ On 10-11 July 2019 in London, the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media will hold a meeting in the framework of the **Global conference for Media Freedom**. The sub-committee, in collaboration with UNESCO, will organise a workshop on 10 July to showcase the action of the Council of Europe and of UNESCO to protect and promote media freedom and journalist's safety. The Venice Commission, the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) and the Council of Europe "Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists" are involved in the organisation of this workshop.

➤ On 15 July 2019 in New York (United States), the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development will hold a side-event (at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development) on *We need to talk ... To stop sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust*, in the context of a report prepared by Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, Soc), Rapporteur on Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of: Ms Najat Maalla M'jid, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children (tbc), an IPU representative, a UNICEF representative, Ms Joyce Cook, FIFA Chief Member Associations and Ms Gloria Viseras, Olympic athlete-gymnast, Spain.

➤ On 13 September 2019 in Paris, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development will hold:

. 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 experts;

. an exchange of views on *Combating trafficking in human cells and tissues*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC) with the participation of experts;

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

### ➤ ***Obstetrical and gynaecological violence***

**Ms Maryvonne Blondin** (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Zagreb **on 3 and 4 July 2019**.

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

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), co-rapporteur of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from **4 to 6 July 2019**.

### ➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova***

**Mr Egidijus Vareikis** (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and **Ms Maryvonne Blondin** (France, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova from **21 to 23 July 2019**.

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

**Mr Andrej Hunko** (Germany, UEL) and **Mr Joseph O'Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Albania from **29 to 31 August 2019** (tbc).

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

**Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gustafsson** (Sweden, SOC) and **Mr Pieter Omtzigt** (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland from **5 to 6 September 2019** (tbc).

➤ ***Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan***

**Ms Thorhildur Sunna Aevardsdóttir** (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, is foreseen to carry out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan **on 5-6 September 2019**.

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro***

**Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe** (Romania, EPP/CD) and **Mr Anne Mulder** (Netherlands, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro from **11 to 13 September 2019**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia***

**Mr Titus Corlățean** (Romania, SOC) and **Mr Claude Kern** (France, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from **17 to 18 September 2019**.

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

**Mr Corneliu Mugurel Cozmanciuc** (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from **17 to 19 September 2019**.

➤ ***“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 will carry out a two-day fact-finding visit to Brussels in **September 2019**.

➤ ***The situation of Crimean Tatars***

**Mr Manuel Tornare** (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine **in September 2019** (dates to be confirmed).

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

**On 2-3 July 2019, in Tbilisi:** The Secretariat of the Assembly will organise a “Regional Parliamentary Conference on preventing and responding to the misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes: the role of national parliaments”, at the invitation of the Parliament of Georgia and with the participation of Members of two other Parliaments: National Assembly of Armenia and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. This event will be organised in the framework of the Action Plan for Georgia.

**On 9 September 2019, in Riga:** The Secretariat of the Assembly will organise a “Fifth Parliamentary Conference on implementing standards of the European Convention of Human Rights: key role of national parliaments”, at the invitation of the Parliament of Latvia and with the participation of nine other member States: Armenia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden.

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

A joint meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers will be held on **2 September 2019** in Bern.

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

At its meeting on 26 June 2019 in Strasbourg, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** decided to request the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an opinion on the compliance with the Council of Europe and other international standards of national parliamentary elections organised in a State’s nationwide constituency which is not within internationally recognised borders.

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

**Mr Roland Rino Büchel** (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media on “*Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions*” will meet with representatives of the European Union Institutions, the European Olympic Committee, the Belgian National Platform and other relevant bodies involved in the fight against competition manipulation in September 2019.

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

. **10-11 July 2019, London:** *Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)*

. **2 September 2019, Bern:** *Presidential Committee*

. **2 September 2019, Bern:** *Joint meeting between the Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers*

. **3 September 2019, Bern:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

. **6 September 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*

. **10 September 2019, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*

. **12 September 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*

. **13 September 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*

. **13 September 2019, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Children (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)*

. **19 September 2019, Donostia/San Sebastián (Spain):** *Europe prize presentation ceremony*

. **20 September 2019, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*

## Appendix 1

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### AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPEES EN UKRAINE

21 JULY 2019 / 21 JUILLET 2019

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01 July 2019

## **Fourth part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (30 September-4 October 2019)**

**Preliminary draft agenda<sup>1</sup>**

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 28 June 2019.

## 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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### 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: 14:00-15:00

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

**Sitting No. 28 (11:30-13:00)**

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

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
  - ☐ List of delegations:
    - (Doc. )
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2019) ... + Add. 1)
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda

**2. Debate**

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
    - ☐ Presentation by:
      - Ms Nicole TRISSE (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
  - 2.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Ukraine (21 July 2019)
    - ☐ Presentation by:
      - Lord Simon RUSSELL (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur (Doc. )
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 10:00)  
🗳 [possibly] Vote

**3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)**

- 3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>2</sup>

**Sitting No. 29 (15:00-17:00)**

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**4. Debate (continued)**

- 4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 10:00)  
🗳 [possibly] Vote

**5. Address (16:00-17:00)**

- 5.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
    - ☐ Presentation by:
      - 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 (to be confirmed)
- 📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 12:00)

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2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2019) ...).



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

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**6. Debate**

**6.1. Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe**

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Sylvain WASERMAN (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 16:00)

⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 16:00)

Ⓐ Vote on ... ()

**7. Celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe<sup>3</sup>** (12:30-13:00)

**Sitting No. 31** (15:00-16:00)

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**8. Address** (15:00-16:00)

**8.1. Mr Emmanuel MACRON, President of the French Republic (tbc)**

*Speech (15:00-15:20)*

*Questions and replies (15:20-16:00)*

▣ Questions

**Ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe including institutional commemoration (venue and time to be confirmed)<sup>4</sup>**

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3. A programme is published separately.

4. A programme is published separately.

**Sitting No. 32** (10:00-13:00)

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**10. Election** (10:00-13:00)

10.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates in respect of:
  - o Portugal

**11. Debate**

11.1. Ombudsman Institutions in Europe - the need for a set of common standards

- Presentation by:
  - o Lord Richard BALFE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 10:30)
- Vote on ... ()

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

12.1. Invited personality (tbc)

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

- Questions

**Sitting No. 33** (15:30-20:30)

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**13. Election (continued)** (15:30-17:00)

13.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

**14. Debate**

14.1. The situation of Crimean Tatars

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Manuel TORNARE (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)
- Vote on ... ()

**15. Debate**

15.1. Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)
- Vote on ... ()

## 16. Debate

### 16.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia

#### □ Presentation by:

- Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )
- Ms Lise CHRISTOFFERSEN (Norway, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

#### 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)

#### 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)

#### 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

**Sitting No. 34** (10:00-13:00)

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

17.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights


**18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>5</sup>**

**19. Address** (12:00-13:00)

19.1. Invited personality (tbc)

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

 Questions

**Sitting No. 35** (15:30-20:30)


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


20.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights


**21. Debate**

21.1. Obstetrical and gynaecological violence

 Presentation by:


o Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 12:00)


 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)


**22. Debate**


22.1. Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries

 Presentation by:

o Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)


 Vote on ... ()


**23. Debate**


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

 Presentation by:

o Ms Nicole TRISSE (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

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5. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

**Sitting No. 36** (10:00-13:00)

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**24. Debate**

**24.1. The societal impact of the platform economy**

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Luís LEITE RAMOS (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on ... ( )

**25. Debate**

**25.1. A legal status for "climate refugees"**

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Marie-Christine VERDIER-JOUCLAS (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)

**26. [Possibly] Debate**

**26.1. Free debate**

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:00)

**27. Progress report**

**27.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)**

**28. Closure of the part-session**

**Decision of the Bureau of the Assembly on  
Rules on exhibition in the Assembly lobby**

The following rules apply during and outside Assembly part-sessions. However, they do not apply with respect to exhibitions in the Assembly lobby during sessions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and to other exhibitions organised in the context of duly authorised events taking place in the Assembly's hemicycle.

1. Definition of the area covered

The Assembly lobby is the area just outside the Assembly's hemicycle (plenary Chamber), composed of eight exhibition spaces.

2. Who can submit requests?

Requests for exhibitions in the Assembly lobby can only be made by the following:

- Assembly committees
- Parliamentary delegations of member States, parliaments granted of the special guest, observer or partner for democracy status
- Council of Europe institutions and bodies

Requests from Permanent Representations of States concerned may only be considered if transmitted via, and with the support of, the relevant parliamentary delegation.

A requesting committee/delegation/institution can be granted no more than one exhibition per year.

3. What the request should include

Exhibitions requests must include the following elements:

- the title
- the subject of the exhibition
- whether it satisfies one of the following criteria
  - a link to the work as well as the values of the Council of Europe
  - a support for co-operation amongst member States
  - a link to the work of the Assembly
- a detailed presentation of the exhibition, for example a "scenario", scanned photos or other electronic samples of the kind of exhibits to be shown
- the size of the exhibition, on the understanding that each organiser can only be granted one exhibition space, which are limited in size
- an undertaking that the exhibition, if agreed, will be set up on the Friday prior to the part-session, and be taken down not earlier than the Friday after the end of the part-session.

4. The subject-matter of the exhibition

It should not be controversial or politically divisive, and in any case shall not contain propaganda for ideas or activities which are incompatible with the Council of Europe's principles. In particular, it should not have a racist, xenophobic or intolerant content.

5. To whom should the request be addressed and within which deadline

Requests for authorisation must be submitted to the President of the Assembly not later than six weeks in advance of the opening of the part-session to which the request relates. This deadline shall not apply to exhibitions organised outside of part-sessions of the Assembly.

6. Guidelines in coming to a decision

The responsibility for agreeing to such request rests with the President of the Assembly, whose decision is final. The President will agree to such requests on the basis of the criteria already given under paragraphs 3-5 above. These criteria are not binding but designed to help the President in taking a decision.

## Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

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

#### WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE, THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR 2019

##### 1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to **Donostia/San Sebastián** (Basque Country, Spain)

##### 2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

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

France	<b>Meudon</b> (Île-de-France)
	<b>Suresnes</b> (Île-de-France)
Germany	<b>Flotwedel</b> (Lower Saxony)
	<b>Rehau</b> (Bavaria)
Romania	<b>Mioveni</b> (Argeş County)
Turkey	<b>Karşıyaka</b> (Aegean region)
Ukraine	<b>Khmelnyskyi</b> (Khmelnyskyi oblast)

##### 3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** is awarded to 7 municipalities:

France	<b>Angers</b> (Pays de la Loire)
Germany	<b>Stuttgart</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Poland	<b>Morawica</b> (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie)
	<b>Ostrów Wielkopolski</b> (Voivodship of Wielkopolskie)
Slovak Republic	<b>Zemné</b> (Nitra Region)
Turkey	<b>Edremit</b> (Aegean Region)
Ukraine	<b>Lviv</b> (Lviv Oblast)

##### 4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 8 municipalities:

Germany	<b>Baienfurt</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
	<b>Malchin</b> (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern)
	<b>Neustadt bei Coburg</b> (Bavaria)
	<b>Umkirch</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	<b>Este</b> (Veneto)
	<b>Norma</b> (Lazio)
	<b>Ventotene</b> (Lazio)
Spain	<b>Mollet del Vallès</b> (Catalonia)