



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

13 March 2012

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday 8 March 2012 in Paris, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Standing Committee (Paris, 9 March 2012):***

. decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold a current affairs debate on “The deterioration of the situation of imprisoned politicians in Ukraine” and to appoint Mr Volontè as the introductory speaker;

. decided not to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “the intended suspension of the constitutional amendment procedure in Belgium” and to refer this issue to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for consultation;

. took note of a draft declaration on the situation in Syria and decided to transmit it to the Standing Committee;

. took note of the updated draft agenda for the Standing Committee;

- ***Second part-session of the Assembly of 2012 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April 2012):***

. drew up the draft agenda and took note of the guest speakers to be invited;

. decided to invite Ms Bassima Hakkaoui, Minister of Solidarity, Women, Family and Social Development in the Moroccan government and Ms Lilia Labidi, Minister of Women and Family Affairs in the Tunisian government to address the Assembly in the context of the debate on “Gender equality and the status of women in the Council of Europe southern neighbourhood”;

. took note of the intention of the Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to propose to the committee, at its meeting on 14 March, to request that the Assembly hold an urgent debate on the situation in Syria.

- ***Joint Committee (25 April 2012):*** took note of the draft agenda;

- ***Communications:*** took note of communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, as well as the President and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- ***References and transmissions to committees:*** see Appendix I;

- ***Observation of elections :***

i. ***Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (15 January 2012):*** approved the report issued by the ad hoc committee;

ii. ***Russian Federation: presidential election (4 March 2012):*** took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee;

iii. *Armenia: parliamentary elections (6 May 2012)*: took note of the declarations on conflict of interest of the candidates for this observation mission, approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Baroness Nicholson (United Kingdom, ALDE) as Chairperson (see Appendix II);

iv. *Serbia: parliamentary elections (April/May 2012 tbc)*: subject to the receipt of an invitation, took note of the declarations on conflict of interest of the candidates for this observation mission, approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD) as Chairperson (see Appendix III);

- ***Follow-up to Resolution 1842 (2011) on the terms of reference of Parliamentary Assembly committees – implementation of Resolution 1822 (2011) on the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly*** : on the basis of proposals submitted by the committees, approved the terms of reference of general rapporteurs mentioned below for a duration of two years and decided to transmit them to the Standing Committee for ratification:

. *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*: General Rapporteur on violence against women and General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT);

. *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*: General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment;

. *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: General Rapporteur on Children and General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities;

- ***Selection Panel of the Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize***: appointed Mr Hammarberg and Ms Mole, as independent experts to serve on the panel for a renewable term of five years beginning on 1 April 2012;

- ***Issues raised by Committees***:

i. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*: approved the proposals contained in the document "Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings" [AS/Pro (2012) 02] and, in particular:

. authorised the President to write to the delegation chairpersons and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation;

. decided to publish statistics relating to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website;

. invited the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to carry out a study among the delegations concerning the expectations of national parliaments as regards the Assembly's work and activities, as well as a study on the impact of adopted texts on the work of parliaments and national governments in the framework of its report on *evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly*.

ii. *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*: authorised an ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to participate in the conference of the Joint Committee on Human Rights of the British Parliament entitled "Redressing the Democratic Deficit in Human Rights – how to enhance Parliament's role in relation to human rights" (London, 17-18 April 2012).

- ***World Forum on Democracy (5-11 October 2012)***:

. constituted an ad hoc committee to participate in the Forum composed of up to 20 members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, as well as up to 5 members of each of the following committees: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights; Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development; Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons; Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media; Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination;

. took note that the President of the Assembly would participate in the opening of the Forum and that members of the Assembly would be involved in the thematic workshops and debates during the Forum.

- **Other business:** adopted a “Declaration for International Women’s Day 2012: democracy and gender equality one and the same struggle”;
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2014-2016):** approved the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly and approved the following dates:
  - . **2014:** 27-31 January; 7-11 April; 23-27 June; 29 September – 3 October;
  - . **2015:** 26-30 January; 20-24 April; 22-26 June; 28 September – 2 October;
  - . **2016:** 25-29 January; 18-22 April; 20-24 June; 3-7 October
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, nominated Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), Mr Pochinok (Russian Federation, EDG) and Ms Schuster (Germany, ALDE) for vacant seats subject to ratification by the Assembly]
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2012:** see Appendix IV;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** see Appendix V;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:
  - . Strasbourg, Monday 23 April 2012 at 8 am;
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 27 April 2012 at 8.30 am;
  - . Tirana, Thursday 24 May 2012 at 3 pm.

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Secretary General of the Assembly  
 Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
 Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
 Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
 Secretary General of the Congress  
 Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
 Directors General  
 Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
 Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
 Director of Communication  
 Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

## Appendix I

### References and transmissions to committees

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.
12842	Motion for a Recommendation	Accountability of international institutions for human rights violations	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3837
12843	Motion for a Recommendation	The European Convention on Human Rights: reinforcement and consolidation of the training of judges, law enforcement officials and lawyers	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3838
12844	Motion for a Resolution	Abuse of pre-trial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3839
12850	Motion for a Resolution	The need to amend Article 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly so as to establish German, Italian and Russian, which have hitherto been working languages, as official languages of the Assembly	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>for information</i>	3840
-	-	Situation in Belarus	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for report</i>	3841
-	-	Situation in Cyprus	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for report</i>	3842
-	-	Situation in the Middle East	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for report</i>	3843
-	-	Situation in Kosovo <sup>1</sup>	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for report</i>	3844
-	-	Activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2011-2012	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for report</i>	3845
-	-	Activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for report</i>	3846
-	-	Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3847
-	-	The situation of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3848

<sup>1</sup> All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

**Extensions of references  
(for information)**

	<b>Nature of document</b>	<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Committee concerned</b>	<b>Reference No.</b>	<b>New validity date</b>
12061	Motion for a Resolution	Families' freedom of choice in education in each member State	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	3656	31/10/2012
11886	Motion for a Resolution	The ethics of science	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	3557	31/12/2012
12228	Motion for a Resolution	European cultural and educational policies through national parliaments	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	3678	31/12/2012
12256	Motion for a Recommendation	Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	3688	31/12/2012

**No further action  
(for information)**

	<b>Nature of document</b>	<b>Title of document</b>
12846	Motion for a resolution	Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani

## Appendix II

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### AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN ARMENIA

### COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES EN ARMENIE

6 May / mai 2012

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#### BARONESS NICHOLSON, HEAD OF THE DELEGATION / CHEF DE LA DÉLÉGATION

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## Appendix III

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## Appendix IV

### Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2012

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly				
Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2011	2012 nominations
<b>I. Council of Europe bodies</b>				
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 5.1(b) of the North-South Centre Statute (Res CM (1993) 51)	Members: Ms Mendonça – SOC (AS/Cult) Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Ec)  Substitutes: Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Ec) Mr Connarty – SOC (AS/Cult)	Members : Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult)  Substitutes : ... (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)	Members: Mrs Lundgren – ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Cilevičs – SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Schneider – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)  Substitutes: Lord Tomlinson – SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Frunda – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Ms John-Calame – SOC (AS/Cult)	Members : Ms Huovinen - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Cilevičs – SOC (AS/Ega) Mr Schneider – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)  Substitutes : Mr Hancock - ALDE (AS/Pol) ... (AS/Ega) Ms Postanjyan – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
CE Committee for Works of Art	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)	CEPEJ CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Member: Ms Marland-Militello – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)  Substitute: Ms Guçu – ALDE (AS/Cult)	Members: Mr Liddell-Grainger - EDG (AS/Cult) Ms Marland-Militello – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)



## **Appendix V**

### **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**

- i. Mr Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC), International Session of the European Youth Parliament, Istanbul (Turkey), 23 March – 1 April 2012;
- ii. Ms Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE), Conference on “Combating discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity across Europe: Sharing knowledge and moving forward”, Strasbourg, 27 March 2012;
- iii. Mr Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CD), North-South Prize Ceremony of the Council of Europe, Lisbon, 27 March 2012 (at no cost for the Assembly).