



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

23 April 2012

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 23 April 2012 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee (Paris, 9 March 2012):** approved the proposals for follow-up to the texts adopted by the Standing Committee;
- **Second part-session of 2012 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April 2012):**
 - i. **Requests for debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates:** decided to propose to the Assembly:
 - . to hold the debate under urgent procedure on “The situation in Syria” and to refer it to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for opinion;
 - . to hold the current affairs debate on “The future of the European Court of Human Rights and the Brighton Declaration”, to be introduced by Mr Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD);
 - . not to hold the current affairs debate on “Rule of law and legal certainty: their protection at international level”.
 - ii. **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Belgium:**
 - . took note of the decision of the sub-committee on the election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights that there were no exceptional circumstances warranting acceptance of the request by the Belgian government to withdraw the list of candidates and decided to transmit it to the Assembly for ratification;
 - . took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights following interviews with candidates for the post of judge to the Court in respect of Belgium and decided to transmit the report to all members of the Assembly.
 - iii. **Draft agenda:** updated the draft agenda;
 - iv. **Joint committee (25 April 2012):** took note of the date and time of the meeting (12.30 pm);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 January – 23 April 2012):** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): approved the Progress report;
- **Election observation :**
 - i. **Russian Federation: presidential election (4 March 2012):** approved the report issued by the ad hoc committee which observed this election and took note of the press release of the post-electoral delegation;
 - ii. **Armenia: parliamentary elections (6 May 2012):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and took note of the press release of the pre-electoral delegation;
 - iii. **Serbia: parliamentary and presidential elections (6 May 2012):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and took note of the press release of the pre-electoral delegation;

- **Order of precedence of vice-chairpersons of committees:** took note of the opinion prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on the interpretation of Rule 45.3 of the Rules of Procedure regarding the order of precedence of committee vice-chairpersons, and invited committees to proceed accordingly;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix I;
- **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;
- **Issues raised by Committees:**
 - i. **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:** further to a recommendation by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of 12 March 2012, the Bureau decided to ask the Assembly to request an opinion from the Venice Commission on the suspension of the constitutional amendment procedure in Belgium;
 - ii. **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:** authorised a fact-finding visit of Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) to Kyrgyzstan in May or June 2012 in the context of the preparation of the report on the "Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic".
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, nominated Mr Koç (Turkey, SOC) to replace Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC) subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** see Appendix II;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 27 April 2012 at 8.30 am.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

cc.

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

REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. [Doc. 12841](#)
Witness protection as an indispensable tool in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in Europe
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gardetto and others: to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
2. [Doc. 12858](#)
Violence on television and its consequences on children
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Kovačs and others: to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*
3. [Doc. 12859](#)
The impact of global financial power on democracies
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others: to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “The crisis of democracy and the role of the state in today’s Europe” (Ref. 3711 of 4/10/2010)*
4. [Doc. 12860](#)
The idea of Big Society, development of subsidiarity and common good
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Toshev and others: to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
5. [Doc. 12861](#)
Stalking
Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Wurm and others: to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*
6. [Doc. 12862](#)
Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Dendias and others: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*
7. [Doc. 12863](#)
The urgent need to solve the IDP and refugee problems arising from the Nagorno Karabakh conflict
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rzayev and others: to Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*
8. [Doc. 12866](#)
The political transition in Egypt
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gardetto and others: to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
9. [Doc. 12867](#)
Refugees and the fight against AIDS
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Fiala and others: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*
10. [Doc. 12868](#)
LGBT-related claims for asylum
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Strik and others: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*

11. [Doc. 12869](#)
Mass-unemployment as a systemic threat for the future of Europe, democracy and human rights
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others: to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The young generation sacrificed: political, social, economic and other consequences of the financial crisis" (Ref. 3832 of 23/01/2012)*

Action to be taken on an Adopted Text (Rule 25.2)

1. [Resolution 1871 \(2012\)](#)
Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines to improve the quality of parliamentary work: to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

Request to modify a reference

1. Ref. 3722 of 8 October 2011 (reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for opinion)
The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration
Decision of the Bureau: to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

Extensions of references (for information)

1. [Doc. 12154](#)
Increasing drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Markov and others
Ref. 3661 of 26 April 2010 - validity: 26 April 2012: extension until 30 April 2013

Appendix II

Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

- i. Ms Naghdalyan (Armenia, ALDE), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Economic Conference "Fostering Economic Co-operation and Stability in the OSCE region", Batumi (Georgia), 11-14 May 2012;
- ii. Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), 4th Congress of World and Traditional Religions, Astana (Kazakhstan), 30-31 May 2012;
- iii. Mr Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), 80th Rose-Roth Seminar "Eastern Partners: Contemporary Challenges and Future Prospects", organised by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in co-operation with the Parliament of Lithuania, 18-19 June 2012 (at no cost for the Assembly).