



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25 June 2012

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 25 June 2012 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Third part-session (Strasbourg, 25-29 June 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 crisis of democracy in Egypt” on Thursday 28 June 2012 and to refer this item to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report;
 - . to hold the current affairs debate on “The European institutions and human rights in Europe” and to propose that the debate should be introduced by Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE);
 - . not to hold the current affairs debate on “The economic crisis in Europe and increasing illegal organ trade”.
 - ii. *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United Kingdom:*
 - . 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United Kingdom and decided to transmit the report to all members of the Assembly.
 - . took note of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee concerning the rejection of the list of candidates in respect of Croatia and decided to transmit this recommendation of the Sub-Committee to the Assembly for approval within the Progress report.
 - . took note that, subsequent to the withdrawal of a candidate on the lists of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Russian Federation respectively, the procedure was suspended with respect to these countries and their authorities were invited to nominate a third candidate in order to complete the list for their countries.
 - iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 April – 25 June 2012):** (*Rapporteur: Mr João Bosco Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CD)*): approved the Progress report;

- **Election observation :**
 - i. *Participation of co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee in election observation missions:* decided to add the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee of the countries concerned as “ex officio” members of the ad hoc committees, not to be included in the d’Hondt quota for political groups.
 - ii. *Ukraine: parliamentary elections (28 October 2012):* decided to increase the number of observers to 41 persons, approved the partial composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson;
 - iii. *Georgia: parliamentary elections (October 2012):* decided to increase the number of observers to 31 persons, approved the partial composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix 1;
- **Communications:** took note of communication by the President and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** see Appendix 2;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 29 June 2012 at 8.30 am.

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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

A. MOTIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION

Doc. [12920](#), Motion for a resolution, Criminalising the purchase of sex to combat the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

Doc. [12921](#), Motion for a resolution, Promoting the human rights of prisoners in Council of Europe member States, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [12924](#), Motion for a resolution, Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*;

Doc. [12925](#), Motion for a resolution, Metsamor nuclear power station – a permanent danger to the South Caucasus and Europe, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [12926](#), Motion for a resolution, Flights of shame in Europe, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers” (Doc. 12771 - Ref. 3826)*

Doc. [12927](#), Motion for a resolution, Profiling of Roma and other asylum seekers from the Western Balkans, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*

Doc. [12928](#), Motion for a recommendation, Earthquakes and nuclear safety, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [12931](#), Motion for a resolution, Paving the way to full public participation in the drafting of a new constitution for Turkey, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the “Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey”*

Doc. [12932](#), Motion for a resolution, Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christianity, transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*

Doc. [12933](#), Motion for a resolution, The right to work for refugees, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

B. REQUESTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (letter of 24 May 2012), Activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Appendix 2 : Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

i. Mr Patrick Moriau (Belgium, SOC), 38th session of the Parliamentary Assembly of French-speaking communities, Brussels, 8-12 July 2012 (at no cost to the Assembly);

ii. Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG), 31st Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Justice, Vienna, 19-21 September 2012.