



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25 January 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 25 January 2013 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2013):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up as set out in Appendix I;
- **Standing Committee (Paris, 8 March 2013):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 22-26 April 2013):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in Appendix II, to be submitted for ratification by the Assembly on the same day;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. **Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections (22 January 2013):** took note of the conclusions of the meeting and agreed to return to the matter at its next meeting;
 - ii. **Parliamentary elections in Monaco (10 February 2013):** approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. **Presidential election in Armenia (18 February 2013):** approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee;
 - iv. **Presidential election in Montenegro (7 April 2013):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Roman Jakič (Slovenia, ALDE) as Chairperson;
- **Communications:** took note of the communication by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:** at the request of Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Committee, decided to invite Dr Margaret Chan, Director General of WHO (World Health Organisation) to address the Assembly in the context of a debate on "Health as a human right" during the June part-session;
 - ii. **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:** authorised Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to attend the 57th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women, at the United Nations in New York (USA) from 4-6 March;
- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 January – 22 April 2013):** appointed Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) as rapporteur;

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Georgia, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:**
 - . nominated Ms Lolita Cigane (Latvia, EPP/CD), Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) to the Monitoring Committee, on the basis of proposals submitted by the EPP/CD group, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - . nominated Ms Ingjerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD), Mr Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) Mr Spyridon Taliadouros (Greece, EPP/CD) and Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, on the basis of proposals submitted by the EPP/CD and ALDE Groups, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** Appendix III;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** Appendix IV;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2013:** Appendix V;
- **Bureau meeting in Dubrovnik (Croatia) (2 September 2013):** agreed to accept the invitation to hold the meeting in Dubrovnik;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:
 - . Thursday 7 March 2013, Paris (National Assembly, Salle Lamartine), at 3 pm;
 - . Monday 22 April 2013, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
 - . Friday 26 April 2013, Strasbourg, 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

Proposals for follow-up to the 1st part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2013)

Resolution 1912 (2013) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe:

- to invite the Secretary General to prepare a proposal, in consultation with the rapporteur, for the Bureau meeting of 7 March 2013, on how to intensify dialogue with representatives of the political forces elected to the Assembly of Kosovo*, in full respect of the policy of status neutrality;
- to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for a further report on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe, subject to ratification by the Assembly on the same day;

Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of Ms Zaroulia (Greece, NR) and Mr Gaudy Nagy (Hungary, NR):

- to invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider, in the context of Rule 7, the possibility of sanctioning the actions or words of a member where these seriously and persistently violate the principles and values defended by the Council of Europe;

Public register of gifts and other benefits exceeding the value of €200:

- to task the secretariat to send letters to all national delegations, informing them of the new procedures;

Appendix II

A. REQUEST TO EXTEND REFERENCES

1. Integration of migrants: is Europe failing?

Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Doris Fiala and other members of the Assembly

Doc. 12498

Ref. 3748 of 11 March 2011 – validity: 11 March 2013: extension until 31 December 2013

2. Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern Border

Motion for a recommendation tabled by Ms Tineke Strik and other members of the Assembly

Doc. 12525

Ref. 3758 of 11 April 2011 – validity: 11 April 2013: extension until 30 June 2013

3. The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries

Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Luca Volontè and other members of the Assembly

Doc. 12557

Ref. 3766 of 15 April 2011 – validity: 15 April 2013: extension until 30 June 2013

B. MODIFICATIONS OF REFERENCES

1. Corruption as a threat to the Rule of Law (Ref. 3915 of 5 October 2012)

Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*.

* Any references to Kosovo in this text, whether to the territory, institutions or population, shall be understood in full compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo

2. **The World Beyond 2015 - Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework (Ref. 3922 of 21 January 2013)**

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*.

Appendix III

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

The Bureau authorised the following meetings:

- . Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, to meet in Warsaw on 18 and 19 March 2013;
- . Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, to meet in Rabat (Morocco) on 4-5 April 2013;
- . Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), to meet in Tallinn on 23-24 May 2013;
- . Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Izmir (Turkey) on 27-28 May 2013;

Appendix IV

Assembly representatives for official activities

The Bureau appointed the following members:

- . Mr Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly winter meeting, in Vienna, 21-22 February 2013, at no cost to the Assembly;
- . Mr André Schneider (France, EPP/CD), International colloquy "Democracy: a spiritual value?", in Paris, 20 April 2013;

Appendix V

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2013

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2013 nominations
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)	Members: Mr Çavuşoğlu, EDG appointment by the President Mr Chope – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Mahoux – SOC (AS/Jur)
Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003	Members : Ms Durrieu - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Gross – SOC (AS/Jur) Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Substitutes : Ms Khidasheli - ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Xuclà – ALDE (AS/Mon) ... (AS/Jur)
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 Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach – SOC (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 : Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Mr Cilevičs – SOC (AS/Ega) Mr Schneider – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Ms Memecan - ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Davies - EDG (AS/Ega) Mr Jensen - SOC (AS/Cult)
Group of States against Corruption GRECO	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO	Member : Mr Neill – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)
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)	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Members: - Baroness Eccles – EDG (AS/Cult) - Ms Marjanović - SOC (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Lord Tomlinson – SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Hübner – NI (AS/Jur)
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Mr Nicolaidis - SOC (AS/Cult) Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage