



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 7 March 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 7 March 2013 in Paris, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 8 March 2013):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 22-26 April 2013):** drew up the draft agenda and agreed that the Secretary General of the Assembly would issue it after confirmation of all guest speakers;
- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. **Monaco: parliamentary elections (10 February 2013):** approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. **Armenia: presidential election (18 February 2013):** took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. **Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (12 May 2013):** decided to observe the early parliamentary elections (subject to the receipt of an invitation); decided to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members: EPP/DC: 7, SOC: 6; ALDE: 3; EDG: 3; UEL: 1, and the Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee, appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as chairperson; and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in the appendix, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Relations with Belarus:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat;
- **Implementation of paragraph 13.3 of Resolution 1912 (2013) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe:** considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the proposals contained in the memorandum, for ratification by the Assembly within the framework of the Progress Report;

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

- **Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize: how to enhance its attractiveness, prestige and media impact:** considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and, subject to ratification by the Assembly within the framework of the Progress Report, approved:
 - . the draft Regulations of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, the transitional provisions and the calendar for the 2013 Prize award;
 - . the draft Co-operation Agreement on the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize;
- **International parliamentary conference: Role of Parliamentary Organisations in building a Europe without dividing lines (St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 12 April 2013):** approved the programme of the conference, constituted an ad hoc Committee of the Bureau chaired by the President of the Assembly, and invited the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to nominate members to it;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - . *Committee on the Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:*
 - took note of an information memorandum on the participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in 2012 in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007);
 - invited the President of the Assembly to inform the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates and in particular to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations, preferably on an individual basis, in order to enquire about the reasons of a low participation;
 - decided to make publicly available on the Assembly's website the statistics related to the participation of national delegations;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** approved the following proposal:
 - . Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), NATO PA Joint Seminar Rose-Roth and Special Mediterranean and Middle East Group (GSM), Marrakech (Morocco), 3-5 April 2013;
- **Next meetings:**
 - . decided to hold the following meetings:
 - Strasbourg, Monday 22 April 2013 at 8 am;
 - Strasbourg, Friday 26 April 2013 at 8.30 am;
 - Yerevan, Thursday 30 May 2013 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

References and transmissions to committees

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.
13104	Motion for a resolution	The implementation of Resolution 1625 (2008) on the Turkish islands Gökçeada (Imbros) and Bozcaada (Tenedos)	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for information</i>	3933
13105	Motion for a recommendation	European Forum about the future	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>for information</i>	3934
0	Bureau decision	Budgets of the Council of Europe for the financial years 2014-2015	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>for report</i>	3935
0	Bureau decision	Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the financial years 2014-2015	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>for report</i>	3936

Consultation of committee (for information)

Doc N°	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned
13103	Motion for a resolution	Measures to combat the rising popularity of right-wing extremism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in the Council of Europe's member States	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy