



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

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## To the members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 June 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 24 June 2013 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Third part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 24-28 June):***

*i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates:* decided to propose to the Assembly:

- . to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “The situation in Georgia” on Thursday 27 June 2013 and to refer this item to the Monitoring Committee for report;
  - . to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “Popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech” on Thursday 27 June 2013 and to refer this item to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report;
  - . to hold a current affairs debate on “State interference on privacy in the Internet” on Thursday 27 June 2013 and designated Mr Gvozden Flego (Croatia, SOC) as the introductory speaker;
  - . not to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “Religious persecution in Iran”;
  - . took note that the Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, withdrew the request for a current affairs debate on “Riots in Sweden: European immigration policy in the spotlight”;
- ii. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Iceland, Lithuania and Slovak Republic:*
- . took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of Judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of Iceland and Lithuania and the Slovak Republic;
  - . took note of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights concerning the rejection of the list of candidates for the post of Judge in respect of the Slovak Republic and submitted the recommendation of the Sub-Committee to the Assembly for approval within the progress report;

*iii. Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (26 April – 23 June 2013)** (Rapporteur: Mr Giacomo Santini, Italy, EPP/CD): approved the progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - . *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (12 May 2013)*: approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in the appendix, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly and by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Issues raised by the Committees:**
  - . *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur on the “Political transition in Tunisia” to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country, in the framework of the preparation of her report;
  - . *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:* authorised Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC), to attend a conference organised by the Mexican Federal Institute of Access to Information and Protection of Data, in Mexico City on 4 July 2013, in his capacity as Rapporteur on “National Security and access to information” (at no cost for the Assembly);
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013):** decided to postpone the discussion of this item to one of its next meetings;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Madrid on 16-17 September 2013;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Vienna (21 November 2013):** took note of the practical information;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 28 June 2013 at 8.30 am.

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 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

#### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. [13197](#), motion for a resolution, Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Doc. [13198](#) motion for a resolution, The status of minorities and their relations with their kin-States, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*

Doc. [13199](#), motion for a resolution, Development challenges in Europe's islands: what follow-up on Resolution 1441 (2005)?, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [13200](#), motion for a resolution, Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13201](#), motion for a resolution, Prosecution of the Labour Party (Darbo partija) in Lithuania, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

Doc. [13202](#), motion for a resolution, Equality and the crisis, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

Doc. [13210](#), motion for a resolution, The Armenian presidency of the Committee of Ministers: *no further action*

#### B. REQUESTS TO MODIFY REFERENCES

Doc. [13105](#) (Ref. 3934 of 8 March 2013), motion for a recommendation, European Forum about the future, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Bureau decision (Ref. 3920 of 30 November 2012), The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2012-2013, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

#### C. REQUEST TO EXTEND REFERENCES

Doc. [12661](#) (Reference 3816 of 3 October 2011 – validity: 3 October 2013), motion for a resolution, Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia: extension until 3 October 2014

Doc. [12752](#) (Ref. 3820 of 25 November 2011 – validity: 25 November 2013), motion for a recommendation, Revision of the European Convention on transfrontier television: extension until 31 December 2013