



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis
of the meeting held in Strasbourg
on 28 June 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 28 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):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up to the part-session:
 - . *Resolution 1940 (2013) on the Situation in the Middle East:* to invite the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to make proposals regarding the implementation of paragraphs 16 and 18 of the Resolution;
 - . *Resolution 1941 (2013) on the Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary:* to discuss the implementation of paragraph 14 of the Resolution at its next meeting;
 - . *Resolution 1942 (2013) on the Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco:* to refer the issue to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report and committees on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and on Equality and Non-Discrimination for opinion;
 - . *Resolution 1943 (2013) on Corruption as a threat to the rule of law:* to invite the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Rules, of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to make proposals regarding the implementation of paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Resolution;
 - . *Current Affairs debate on State interference with privacy on the Internet:* to invite the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to take into account the content of the debate in the preparation of the reports on *Improving user protection and security in cyberspace* and on *Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy*;
- *Resolution 1948 (2013) on Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity:* to invite the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to make proposals regarding the implementation of paragraph 11.3 of the Resolution;
- **Fourth part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 30 September – 4 October):**
 - . drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
 - . decided to invite Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children, in the context of the debate on *Children's right to physical integrity*;

- . decided to invite Mr Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC, in the context of the debate on *Missing persons from Europe's conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers*;

Election observations:

- . *Parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013)*: took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee;
- . *Presidential election in Azerbaijan (October 2013, date to be confirmed)*: approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (see Appendix 1) and appointed Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) as chairperson;
- . *Presidential election in Georgia (October 2013, date to be confirmed)*: subject to the receipt of an invitation, approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (see Appendix 2) and appointed Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) as chairperson;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Relations with the European Parliament**: took note of an information memorandum prepared by the Secretariat regarding the period from January to June 2013;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - . *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*: authorised Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur on *Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Irak: how to organise and support international assistance?*, to conduct a fact-finding visit to Lebanon, Turkey and possibly Syria in August 2013, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
 - . *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*: authorised Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur on the Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict, to conduct a fact-finding visit to Algeria, and Mr José Maria Beneyto (Spain, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the *Political transition in Egypt* to conduct a fact-finding visit to Egypt, in the framework of the preparation of their respective reports;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013)**: took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Secretariat; decided to ask national delegations and members of the Bureau to submit suggestions on the content of the programme before 15 July 2013 and, meanwhile, to defer the decision on constituting an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2013 World Forum for Democracy to the next meeting of the Bureau;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 June – 30 September 2013)**: appointed Mr Davit Harutyunyan (Armenia, EDG) as rapporteur;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Austria, Denmark, Republic of Moldova, Norway, and Ukraine, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:**
 - . *Monitoring Committee*: appointed Mr Brynjar Nielsson (Iceland, EDG) and Mr Luc Recordon (Switzerland, SOC), on the basis of proposals submitted by the EDG and SOC groups respectively, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - . *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*: appointed Mr Konstantinos Triantafyllos (Greece, SOC), on the basis of a proposal submitted by the SOC group, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**: appointed Mr Paolo Corsini (Italy, SOC) to participate in the *Council of Europe 2013 Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue* on 2-3 September 2013 in Yerevan;

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings:
 - . 6-7 November 2013, Belgrade: Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media);
 - . 12-13 November 2013, Geneva, Switzerland: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Dubrovnik, Croatia (2 September 2013):** took note of the draft programme;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Vienna (21 November 2013):** took note of the practical information;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - . Monday 2 September 2013, Dubrovnik (Croatia) at 9 am;
 - . Monday 30 September 2013, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - . Friday 4 October 2013, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
 - . Thursday 21 November 2013, Vienna at 2.30 pm.

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APPENDIX 1

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APPENDIX 3

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. 13218, motion for a recommendation, The situation of women in emerging democracies following the Arab revolutions, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 13224 motion for a resolution, Kyoto Climate Change Protocol, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. 13234, motion for a recommendation, Impunity of perpetrators of crimes committed by totalitarian communist regimes in Europe, transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

B. REQUESTS TO EXTEND REFERENCES

Doc. 12557 (Ref. 3766 of 14 April 2011 – validity 30 June 2013), motion for a resolution, The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries: extension until 31 December 2013

Doc. 12676 (Reference 3798 of 3 October 2011 – validity: 3 October 2013), motion for a resolution, Alternatives to Europe's sub-standard IDP collective centres: extension until 11 April 2014

Doc. 12678 (Ref. 3800 of 3 October 2011 – validity: 3 October 2013), motion for a resolution, Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18: extension until 11 April 2014