



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 16 December 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 16 December 2013 in Paris, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January):**
 - i. *Draft agenda:* drew up the draft agenda;
 - ii. *Requests for debate under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate:* decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on "The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine" on Thursday 30 January 2014 and to refer this item to the Monitoring Committee for report;
 - iii. *Joint Committee meeting (Strasbourg, 30 January 2014):* took note of the draft agenda;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Repeated parliamentary elections in five single member constituencies in Ukraine (15 December 2013):* took note of the press statement issued by the Election Assessment Mission;
 - ii. *Presidential election in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (March 2014):* decided to observe the election (subject to the receipt of an invitation) and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members: SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 6; ALDE: 3; EDG: 3; UEL: 1, and the Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
 - iii. *Schedule of elections 2014:* took note of the elections calendar 2014 as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in the Appendix, subject to ratification by the Assembly (Appendix);
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2014 financial year:** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Parliamentary Co-operation activities: draft work plan 2014:** took note of the information provided in the document;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

i. **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

- . authorised Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur on the "The situation of women in emerging democracies following the Arab revolutions", to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Egypt, Libya and Tunisia in 2014, in the framework of the preparation of her report;

ii. **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**

- . postponed the decision on the authorisation of the ad hoc Sub-Committee on the situation in Ukraine to visit the country;
- . authorised Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), Rapporteur on the "Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic", to carry-out a fact-finding visit to the country between January and March 2014, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
- . authorised Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the "Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of Morocco", to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country between January and March 2014, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

- **Cooperation with the European Parliament:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat;

- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2014:** approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation;

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:

- . Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) to meet in Valletta on 27-28 February 2014;
- . Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Vienna on 4-5 March 2014;
- . Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Helsinki on 26-27 May 2014;

- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

- . Monday, 27 January 2014, Strasbourg at 8 am;
- . Friday, 31 January 2014, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
- . Thursday, 6 March 2014, Paris 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

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. 13330, motion for a resolution, Pressure exerted by the Russian Federation on Council of Europe member States / Eastern Partnership countries, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

Doc. 13332, motion for a resolution, The rise of neo-nazi parties in Europe: the need to develop legal principles to defend pluralist democracy and human rights, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia" (Ref. 3816 of 3 October 2011)*

Doc. 13333, motion for a resolution, The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities, consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on a possible follow-up to be given*

Doc. 13334, motion for a resolution, The XXth United Nations Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. 13340, motion for a resolution, Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion tabled by Ms Quintanilla and other members of the Assembly, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13341, Motion for a recommendation, Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13355, Motion for a resolution, Judicial corruption: urgent need to implement the Assembly's proposals, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Bureau decision, The nature of the mandate of members of the Parliamentary Assembly, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

B. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF A REFERENCE

Doc. 12498, motion for a resolution, Integration of migrants: is Europe failing? (Ref. 3748 of 11 March 2011 – validity: 31 December 2013, extended on 25 January 2013): extension until 30 June 2014