



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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11 March 2014

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 6 March 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 6 March 2014 in Paris, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, and then with Mr René Rouquet, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 7 March 2014):**
 - i. *Request for a current affairs debate:* decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold a current affairs debate on “The political crisis in Ukraine” and designated Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as introductory speaker;
 - ii. took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 7-11 April):**
 - i. *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:* decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions” and referred the matter to the Monitoring Committee for report;
 - ii. drew up the draft agenda;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly:* approved the amendments to the Guidelines proposed at the meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections (29 January 2014), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - ii. *Early Parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014):* took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (see Appendix 1);
 - iii. *Presidential election in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 and 27 April 2014):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (see Appendix 2);
 - iv. *Early parliamentary elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (27 April 2014):* decided (subject to the receipt of an invitation) that the same ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election would also observe the early parliamentary elections, and invited political groups to propose more substitutes to be included in the ad hoc Committee;

- v. *Early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014)*: decided to observe the early presidential election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 42 members: SOC: 13; EPP/CD: 13, ALDE: 6, EDG: 6, UEL: 2 (in accordance with the D'Hondt system) and the two Co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring committee; authorised a pre-electoral mission to take place one month ahead of the election;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the proposals as presented in Appendix 3;
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe – procedure**: took note of the Resolution CM/Res(2014)1 transmitted by the Committee of Ministers and decided to invite the candidates to interviews at the Bureau meeting on 22 May 2014 in Baku;
- **Mandate of General Rapporteurs**:
 - . approved the terms of reference of a general rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, upon the request of Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
 - . agreed that general rapporteurs can keep their function after the expiry of their mandate until a new general rapporteur is appointed by the committee concerned;
- **Use in French of the feminine equivalent of the term “rapporteur”**: took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and confirmed the current practice to use the term “rapporteure”;
- **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 2013, in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007);
 - invited the President of the Assembly to notify in writing the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates or to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations;
 - decided to make publicly available on the Assembly’s website the statistics related to the participation of national delegations;
 - . *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*: took note of the designation of Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) as General Rapporteur on the Death Penalty;
- **Other business**: granted the title of Honorary President of the Parliamentary Assembly to Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, former President of the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**: nominated Ms Valentina Leskaj (Albania, SOC) on the basis of a proposal submitted by the Socialist Group, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Appointment of an Assembly representative for an official activity**: appointed Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) to represent the Assembly at the 130th IPU Assembly on 16-20 March 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland (at no cost for the Assembly);
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Baku (22 May 2014)**: took note of the practical information;

- ***Date and place of next meetings:***

- . Strasbourg, Monday 7 April 2014 at 8 am,
- . Strasbourg, Friday 11 April 2014 at 8.30 am,
- . Baku, Thursday 22 May 2014 at 3 pm.

Markus Adelsbach

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Director 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 1

Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in the Republic of Serbia (16 March 2014) - list of members

Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group / Groupe socialiste (SOC)

Ferdinando AIELLO	Italy / Italie
Philippe BLANCHART	Belgium / Belgique
Maria GIANNAKAKI	Greece / Grèce
Igor IVANOVSKI **	"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"
Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / Suisse
Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS	Greece / Grèce

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Pedro AGRAMUNT **	Spain / Espagne
Viorel BADEA	Romania / Roumanie
Giuseppe GALATI	Italy / Italie
Foteini PIPILI	Greece / Grèce
Kimmo SASI	Finland / Finlande

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des Démocrates et des Libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Andrea RIGONI	Italy / Italie
Hirakli CHIKOVANI	Georgia / Géorgie
Ionuț-Marian STROE	Romania / Roumanie

European Democratic Group (EDG) / Groupe des démocrates européens (GDE)

Reha DENEMEÇ	Turkey / Turquie
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN **	Norway / Norvège
Igor MOROZOV	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Grigore PETRENCO **	Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova
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Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant
Daniele GASTL, Assistant

** members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale (19-20 February 2014)

APPENDIX 2**Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the Presidential election in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13-27 April 2014) - List of members****Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Head of the delegation****Socialist Group (SOC) / Groupe socialiste (SOC)**

Andreas GROSS	Switzerland / Suisse
Stefan SCHENNACH **	Austria / Autriche
Josette DURRIEU	France
Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / Suisse
Damian DRĂGHICI	Romania / Roumanie
Deniza KARADJOVA	Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Maryvonne BLONDIN	France

Substitutes / Suppléants

Joe BENTON	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
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Werner AMON	Austria / Autriche
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA	Georgia / Géorgie
Şaban DİŞLİ**	Turkey / Turquie
Bernd FABRITIUS	Germany / Allemagne
Yves POZZO di BORGO	France
Cezar Florin PREDA	Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / Suppléants

Denis JACQUAT	France
Giorgi KANDELAKI	Georgia / Géorgie

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André BUGNON	Switzerland / Suisse
Tudor-Alexandru CHIURIU	Romania / Roumanie
Margus HANSON**	Estonia / Estonie

Substitutes / Suppléants

Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI	Georgia / Géorgie
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Alexander SIDYAKIN**	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie
Reha DENEMEÇ	Turkey / Turquie

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Morten WOLD	Norway / Norvège
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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Vassiliy LIKHACHEV **	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie
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Rapporteur AS/MON (ex-officio)

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APPENDIX 3 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. [13400](#), motion for a resolution, The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on a possible follow-up*

Doc. [13401](#), motion for a resolution, Combating sexual violence against children: towards a successful conclusion of the ONE in FIVE campaign, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. [13402](#), motion for a resolution, Improving children's access to child-friendly health and social services, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. [13404](#), motion for a resolution, Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*

B. EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

Doc. [12841](#), motion for a resolution, Witness protection as an indispensable tool in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in Europe (Ref. 3850 of 23 April 2012 – validity: 23 April 2014), extension until 31 December 2014

Bureau decision, The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights: the Brighton declaration and beyond (Ref. 3864 of 27 April 2012 – validity: 27 April 2014), extension until 31 December 2014