



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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7 April 2014

## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 7 April 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 7 April 2014 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 7-11 April):**
  - i. *Request for debate under urgent procedure:* further to its decision of 6 March, decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on "Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine" on Wednesday 9 April 2014 afternoon;
  - ii. *Motions for resolution on the "Credentials of the Russian Delegation" and on the "Suspension of the voting rights of the Russian delegation (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)":* took note of the motions and decided to refer them to the Monitoring Committee for report and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for opinion, and proposed to hold the debate on Thursday 10 April 2014 morning;
  - iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (31 January – 7 April 2014 (Rapporteur: Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC)):** approved the progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Serbia: early parliamentary elections (16 March 2014):* took note of the press release of the ad hoc committee;
  - ii. *"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": presidential election (13 and 27 April 2014) and early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014):* took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1);
  - iii. *Ukraine: early presidential election (25 May 2014):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee, decided to increase the number of members of the ad hoc committee to 52, in accordance with the D'Hondt system: SOC: 16, EPP/CD: 16, EDG: 8, ALDE: 7, UEL: 3, and the two Co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as chairperson (Appendix 2);
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals as presented in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014 – appointment of a contact parliamentarian to a preparatory group:** took note of the concept paper of the 2014 World Forum and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) and Ms Polonca Komar (Slovenia, ALDE) as the Assembly representatives to the preparatory group in charge of the organisation of the Forum;
- **Other business:** took note of the “Open letter from Ukrainians of Europe to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe” and considered the petition inadmissible on the grounds that the form is not in accordance with Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly;
- **Date of the next meeting:**
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 11 April 2014 at 8.30 am.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

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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 presidential and early parliamentary elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 and 27 April 2014) - List of members**

#### **Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria / SOC), Head of the delegation**

#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Joe BENTON, United Kingdom  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Josette DURRIEU, France  
Andreas GROSS, Switzerland  
Deniza KARADJOVA, Bulgaria  
Luc RECORDON, Switzerland  
Stefan SCHENNACH \*\*, Austria

#### ***Substitute***

Melita MULIĆ, Croatia

#### **Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD)**

Werner AMON, Austria  
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA, Georgia  
Şaban DİŞLİ\*\*, Turkey  
Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany  
Denis JACQUAT, France  
Yves POZZO di BORGIO, France

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

André BUGNON, Switzerland  
Margus HANSON\*\*, Estonia  
Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

#### **European Democrat Group (EDG)**

Brian BINLEY, United Kingdom  
Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey  
Sir Roger GALE, United Kingdom

#### ***Substitutes***

Tülin ERKAL KARA, Turkey  
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan  
Morten WOLD, Norway

#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

Vassiliy LIKHACHEV, Russian Federation

#### **Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex-officio*)**

Robert WALTER\*\*, United Kingdom

#### **Venice Commission**

Owen MASTERS, expert of the Venice Commission

#### **Secretariat**

Mr Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

Mr Gaël MARTIN-MICALLEF, Secretariat of the Venice Commission

Ms Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

\*\* members of the pre-election delegation (11-12 March 2014)

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014) - List of members**

**Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Head of the delegation**

#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Robert BIEDROŃ, Poland  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Bernadette BOURZAI, France  
Arcadio DIAZ-TEJERA, Spain  
Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany  
Andreas GROSS \*\*, Switzerland  
Pierre-Yves LE BORGNIÉ, France  
Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland  
Lia QUARTAPELLE, Italy  
René ROUQUET, France  
Aleksandrs SAKOVSKIS, Latvia  
John TOMLINSON, United Kingdom  
Gisela WURM, Austria

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)**

Charlò BONNICI, Malta  
Lolita ČIGĀNE, Latvia  
Frank JENSSEN, Norway  
François ROCHEBLOINE \*\*, France  
Tobias ZECH, Germany

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Jacques LEGENDRE, France  
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Edward LEIGH\*, United Kingdom

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

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Doris FIALA, Switzerland  
Karl GARÐARSSON, Iceland  
Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Tinatin KHIDASHELI \*\*, Georgia  
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden

#### **Substitutes**

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Emma NICHOLSON, United Kingdom  
Andrea RIGONI, Italy  
Kristýna ZELIENKOVÁ, Czech Republic

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Andrej HUNKO \*\*, Germany  
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Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Sweden  
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**Venice Commission**

Srdjan DARMANOVIC, Montenegro  
Amaya ÚBEDA, Administrative Officer, Venice Commission

**Secretariat**

Vladimir DRONOV, Head of Secretariat, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit  
Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit  
Yann de BUYER, Head of the Central Division  
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit  
Catherine LAKBAR, Assistant, Parliamentary Assembly

\*\* members of the pre-election delegation

### APPENDIX 3

#### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. [13419](#), Motion for a resolution, Investigation of the incidents in Farmakonisi and Lampedusa to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *to take it into account in the preparation of the reports on "Greece under pressure: Europe's front door for irregular migration" (Ref. 3925), "The "left-to-die boat": actions and reactions" (Ref. 3954) and "The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries" (Ref. 4010)*

Doc. [13421](#), Motion for a resolution, Clear definition of the criteria of political persecution, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13422 Rev](#), Motion for a resolution, Implementation of resolutions on the humanitarian consequences of the war between Russian and Georgia: five years later, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

Doc. [13423](#), Motion for a resolution, The humanitarian emergency concerning the resettlement of refugees and the strengthening of the international assistance to the southern European countries, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

Doc. [13424](#), Motion for a resolution, The need for a citizenship income, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. [13425](#), Motion for a resolution, Non-formal education and good citizenship, transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for information*

Doc. [13426](#), Motion for a resolution, Morocco: meeting new migration and asylum challenges, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for consultation on the follow-up to be given*

Doc. [13427](#), Motion for a resolution, The situation regarding human rights activists in Estonia, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to take it into account in the preparation of the report on "Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States" (Ref. 3885)*

Doc. [13464](#), Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Bureau decision, Motion for a resolution, Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine, to the Monitoring Committee *for report*

Bureau decision, Motions for resolution, Credentials of the Russian Delegation and Suspension of the voting rights of the Russian delegation (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly), to the Monitoring Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*

#### B. EXTENSION OF REFERENCE

Doc. [12252](#), Motion for a resolution, The rule of law in Council of Europe member States: upholding the authority of the Parliamentary Assembly's recommendations (Ref. 3684 of 21 June 2010 – validity: 30 June 2014), extension until 31 December 2014