



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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23 June 2014

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23 June 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 23 June 2014 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Third part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 23-27 June)**
 - i. *Request for a current affairs debate*: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on "Political and humanitarian consequences of the crisis in Ukraine", designated Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) as introductory speaker and decided to invite the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Nils Muižnieks, to intervene in the debate;
 - ii. updated the draft agenda of the session;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (11 April – 23 June 2014)** (Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE)): approved the progress report;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Ukraine: early presidential election (25 May 2014)*: approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Turkey: presidential election (10 August 2014)*: approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) as Chairperson (Appendix 1);
 - iii. *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed)*: decided to observe these elections (subject to the receipt of the invitation), constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members: SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 6; EDG: 3; ALDE: 3; UEL: 1, and the rapporteur of the post-monitoring dialogue on Bulgaria of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
 - iv. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (12 October 2014)*: approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee (Appendix 2).
 - v. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014)*: decided to observe these elections (subject to the receipt of an invitation), to constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 32 members: SOC: 10; EPP/CD: 10; EDG: 4; ALDE: 4; UEL: 2, and the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and authorise a pre-electoral mission;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 3), subject to ratification by the Assembly;

- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - . Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: took note of the extension of the mandate of Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) as General Rapporteur on Children until April 2015;
- **Debate on the activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD):** took note of the letter from Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD giving his formal agreement to the proposals on the modalities of the OECD debates within the enlarged Assembly contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of a proposal from the Socialist Group, nominated Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - . Friday 27 June 2014, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

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 election in Turkey (10 August 2014) – list of members

Meritxell MATEU PI (Andorra, ALDE), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
Gisela WURM, Austria
Tadeusz IWINSKI *, Poland
Birute VESAITE, Lithuania
Bernadette BOURZAI, France
Ingrid ANTICEVIC-MARINOVIC, Croatia
Ermira MEHMETI, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS, Greece
Florin IORDACHE, Romania
Athina KYRIAKIDOU, Cyprus

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

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Jim D’ARCY, Ireland
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN *, Sweden

European Democrat Group (EDG)

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN*, Norway

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Mark VERHEIJEN, Netherlands
Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania
Meritxell MATEU PI *, Andorra
Doris FIALA, Switzerland

Substitutes

Andrea RIGONI, Italy
Terry LEYDEN, Ireland
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Ionuț STROE, Romania
Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU, Romania
Fazil MUSTAFA, Azerbaijan

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Andrej HUNKO *, Germany

Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex-officio*)

Josette DURRIEU *, France

Venice Commission

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Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit
Sylvie AFFHOLDER, Secretary, Monitoring Committee
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit
Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

* members of the pre-election delegation

APPENDIX 2

Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (12 October 2014) – list of members

Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

René ROUQUET*, France
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Melita MULIĆ, Croatia
Gisela WURM, Austria
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ-MARINOVIĆ, Croatia
Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland

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

David BAKRADZE, Georgia
Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Sweden

European Democrat Group (EDG)

Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Naira ZOHRABYAN*, Armenia
Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU, Romania
André BUGNON, Switzerland
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden

Substitutes

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Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Margus HANSON, Estonia
Alina Stefania GORGHIU, Romania

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Tiny KOX *, Netherlands

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (*ex-officio*)

Roger GALE*, United Kingdom
Egidijus VAREIKIS*, Lithuania

Venice Commission

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Secretariat

Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat of the Inter parliamentary Cooperation and election observation unit
Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant, Inter parliamentary Cooperation and election observation unit

* members of the pre-electoral delegation

APPENDIX 3**A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES**

Doc. 13440, motion for a resolution, Recognising and preventing neo-racism, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 13484, motion for a resolution, Azerbaijan's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe: what follow-up on respect for human rights?, reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to take it into account in the preparation of the report on The Honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan, to be presented to the Assembly in principle in January 2015*

Doc. 13496, motion for a recommendation, The creation of a European observatory on violence against women, consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on a possible follow-up to be given*

Doc. 13498, motion for a resolution, Gay to straight conversion therapy and regulation of psychotherapists, consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on a possible follow-up to be given*

Doc. 13499, motion for a resolution, Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

B. EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

Doc. 12844, Motion for a resolution, Abuse of pre-trial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights (Ref. 3839 of 9 March 2012 – validity: 30 June 2014): extension until 31 March 2015;

Doc. 12998, Motion for a resolution, Administrative detention (Ref. 3900 of 1 October 2012 – validity: 1 October 2014): extension until 31 March 2015.