



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis
of the meeting held in Strasbourg
on 27 June 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 27 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):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up:
 - . *current affairs debate on the "Political and humanitarian consequences of the crisis in Ukraine":* to refer the already tabled motion for a resolution by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on "The humanitarian situation in Ukraine" to this committee *for report*, and the issue of "Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine" to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
 - . to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to examine the existing Rules of Procedure (Rules 25 and 32) with regard to references to committees approved by the Bureau and their contestation at plenary sessions;
- **Fourth part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **The situation in Iraq:** adopted a statement on the situation in Iraq (Appendix 1);
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Turkey: presidential election (10 August 2014):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2);
 - ii. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (12 October 2014):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3);
 - iii. *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (5 October 2014, to be confirmed):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 4) and authorised the President of the Assembly to appoint the Chairperson of this ad hoc committee;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 5), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Special Rules on Honorary Association with the Parliamentary Assembly:** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- **Implementation by Council of Europe member states of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe:** took note of the conclusions of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs in this regard;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - . *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:* authorised Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), General Rapporteur on abolition of the death penalty, to carry out fact-finding visits to Morocco and Tunisia before the end of 2014 (dates to be confirmed);
 - . *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur on the Evaluation of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council to carry out a fact-finding visit in the Palestinian Territories in the framework of the preparation of his report by the end of 2014;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, as Chairperson of this ad hoc committee (Appendix 6);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 June – 29 September 2014):** appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as rapporteur for the progress report;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, appointed Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), Ms Aleksandra Djurović (Serbia, EPP/CD), Ms Hermine Naghdalyan (Armenia, EDG), Mr Zbigniew Girzyński (Poland, EDG) and Mr George Loukaides (Cyprus, UEL) to the Monitoring Committee and Mr Agustín Conde (Spain, EPP/CD), Baroness Judith Wilcox (United Kingdom, EDG) and Mr Ógmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL) to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Relations with the European Parliament:** took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings:
 - . Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Seminar on the “Code of conduct for parliamentarians and prevention of corruption” (Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs), in Rome on 1 July 2014;
 - . Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) in Macolin, Switzerland, on 17-19 September 2014;
 - . Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on “Celebrating the entry into force of the Istanbul Convention” (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination), in Rome on 18 - 19 September 2014;
 - . Ad hoc Sub-Committee on “Russia’s Neighbourhood Policy” (Monitoring Committee), in Vienna on 19 September 2014;
 - . Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) to participate in the High-level Conference on the European Social Charter, in Turin, Italy on 17-18 October 2014;
 - . Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, in Bucharest on 27-28 November 2014;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Oslo, 11-12 September 2014):** took note of the draft programme of the Conference;

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

- . Tuesday 2 September 2014, Paris at 2.30 pm;
- . Monday 29 September 2014, Strasbourg at 8 am;
- . Friday 3 October 2014, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
- . Monday 17 November 2014, Brussels at 2.30 pm.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

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APPENDIX 1

Statement on the situation in Iraq adopted by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) is deeply worried by the major humanitarian crisis developing in Iraq, where the rebels of the terrorist organisation known as “the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria” (ISIS) have seized substantial portions of the territory in the North and West of the country and are heading towards Baghdad.

The situation has quickly deteriorated over the past few days and ISIS is now reported to control several checkpoints on Iraq’s borders with Syria and the only one on the border with Jordan. It is said that ISIS’s aim is to establish a Caliphate in the area of Syria and Iraq, effacing the old border.

The Bureau is particularly concerned by reports of mass human rights violations by ISIS fighters, including summary executions of Iraqi security personnel, religious leaders and civilians, acts of violence against ethnic and religious communities, and the destruction of religious property. This is in total opposition to the values upheld by the Council of Europe and cannot be tolerated.

As a result of the massive violence, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis are fleeing from their homes seeking refuge in other areas of the country and abroad. Approximately 1 million Internally Displaced Persons and 110,000 stateless people in Iraq will be eligible for assistance from the UN Refugee Agency, including thousands of children. These are in addition to the 9 million already displaced by the civil war in Syria.

The situation is getting out of control and there is a serious risk of violence spilling over to neighbouring countries, including Jordan, whose Parliament has applied for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly. The whole region risks being further destabilised.

Europe cannot just stand by while this major crisis unfolds. Some Mediterranean countries, including some member States of the Council of Europe, are already facing a major burden trying to cope with massive arrivals of fugitives. Timely decisions on the question of European borders and on co-ordinated assistance to asylum seekers are urgent in order to share this burden.

All local, European and international actors must join forces to put an end to violence and protect the civilian population. The international community, under the auspices of the United Nations, must mobilise its resources to bring humanitarian aid to all those in need.

APPENDIX 2

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

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

Substitutes

Carina HÄGG, Sweden
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta
Dimitris SALTOUROS, Greece
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

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

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy
Zsolt CSENGER-ZALÁN, Hungary
Jim D'ARCY, Ireland
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy
Foteini PIPILI, Greece
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN *, Sweden
Konstantinos TZAVARAS, Greece
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

European Democrat Group (EDG)

Robert NEILL *, United Kingdom
Robert WALTER, United Kingdom
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Mark VERHEIJEN, Netherlands
Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania
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Doris FIALA, Switzerland

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Terry LEYDEN, Ireland
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Ionut STROE, Romania
Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU, Romania
Fazil MUSTAFA, Azerbaijan

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

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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 3

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

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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
Guguli MAGRADZE, Georgia
Maria GIANNAKAKI, Greece
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta

Substitute

Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

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

David BAKRADZE, Georgia
Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey
Naira KARAPETYAN*, Armenia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Mikael OSCARSSON, Sweden
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Sweden

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Tûlin ERKAL KARA, Turkey

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Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant, Interparliamentary Cooperation and election observation Unit

* members of the pre-electoral delegation

APPENDIX 4

Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (5 October 2014 – to be confirmed) - list of members

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Fatma PEHLIVAN, Belgium
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

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Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey
Thomas FEIST, Germany
Guiseppe GALATI, Italy
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania

Substitutes

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European Democrat Group (EDG)

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Zbigniew GIRZYŃSKI, Poland
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

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APPENDIX 5

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. [13523](#), motion for a resolution, Promoting best practice in tackling violence against women, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. [13533](#), motion for a resolution, Access to school and education for all children, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. [13534](#), motion for a resolution, Rethinking the anti-doping strategy, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. [13550](#), motion for a resolution, The humanitarian situation in Ukraine, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

B. REPLIES AFTER CONSULTATION

Doc. [13442](#), motion for a resolution, The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Doc. [13333](#), motion for a resolution, The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. [13426](#), motion for a resolution, Morocco: meeting new migration and asylum challenges, *no further action*

APPENDIX 6**Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 3-5 November 2014 in Strasbourg - list of members****Chairperson**

Ms Anne **BRASSEUR** (Luxembourg, ALDE)

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 Mr Christopher **CHOPE** (United Kingdom, EDG)
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 Mr Andreas **GROSS** (Switzerland, SOC)
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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Mr Rafael **HUSEYNOV** (Azerbaijan, ALDE)
 Mr Charles **KENNEDY** (United Kingdom, ALDE)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee)

Mr Indrek **SAAR** (Estonia, SOC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Ms Milica **MARKOVIĆ** (Bosnia Herzegovina, SOC)
 Mr Stefan **SCHENNACH** (Austria, SOC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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 Ms Maria **SPADONI** (Italy, NR)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

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Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

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 Mr André **SCHNEIDER** (France, EPP/CD)
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Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

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