



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 3 October 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 3 October 2014 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for follow-up;
- *The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (October 2013 - September 2014):* asked the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider modifying the Rules of Procedure in order to involve members not belonging to a political group and members of Partner for democracy delegations in the work of the Monitoring Committee;
- *Threats against humanity posed by the terrorist group known as "IS": violence against Christians and other religious or ethnic communities:* decided to refer the motion for a resolution on *Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called "Islamic State"* (Doc. 13615) to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*; invited the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to continue to follow closely the situation in the region and, in due course, make a request for a report;
- **Standing Committee (Brussels, 18 November 2014):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Enlarged Standing Committee (Strasbourg, 25 November 2014):** took note of the draft agenda of the Enlarged Standing Committee convened on the occasion of the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Council of Europe as well as of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **First part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26 – 30 January):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Slovak Republic:** took note of the report of the Sub-Committee on the election of judges of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, including its decision to reject the list, and decided to transmit it to the Assembly for ratification;
- **Election observations:**
 - i. *Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (26 October 2014):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1);
 - ii. *Tunisia: parliamentary elections (26 October 2014) and presidential election (23 November 2014):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committees (Appendices 2 and 3);

- iii. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014)*: approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 4);
- **References and transmissions to committees**: considered and approved the proposals as presented in Appendix 5;
- **Communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**: took note of the communication;
- **Issues raised by committees**:
 - i. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*:
 - authorised Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur on the “Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan by the end of 2014 (*dates to be confirmed*), in the framework of the preparation of her report;
 - authorised Ms Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE), Rapporteur on the “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic” to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Kyrgyz Republic by the end of 2014 (*dates to be confirmed*), in the framework of the preparation of her report;
 - ii. *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*:
 - took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee concerning the motion for a resolution on “Greece under pressure: Europe’s front door to irregular migration”;
 - authorised Mr Manlio di Stefano (Italy, NR) to attend a Conference on “Addressing social cohesion and effects of migrants’ integration in Europe and Asia” co-organised by the National University of Singapore and the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation to be held in Singapore on 3-4 November 2014 (*at no cost for the Assembly*);
 - iii. *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*: took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee concerning the follow-up to Resolution 1966 (2014) on “Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky”;
 - iv. *Commission on Equality and Non-Discrimination*: authorised Mr Robert Biedroń (Poland, SOC), General Rapporteur on “The rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs)”, to participate in the XXVII International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) World Conference, on 27-28 October 2014, in Mexico City;
- **European Conservative Group (EC)**: took note of the change of the title of the European Democrat Group (EDG) to European Conservative Group (EC) and the election of Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom) as its Chairperson;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014)**: approved the final composition of its ad hoc committee to participate in the Forum (Appendix 6);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (3 October 2014 – 26 January 2015)**: appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC) as rapporteur;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Ireland, to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the following meetings:
 - Sub-Committee on External Relations (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), on 19-21 November 2014, in New York, United States of America;
 - Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), on 28-30 November 2014, in Israel and Palestinian Territories;

- Ad hoc Sub-Committee on “Russia’s Neighbourhood Policy” (Monitoring Committee), on 1 December 2014 (*date to be confirmed*), in Berlin;
- Sub-committee on gender equality (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) and Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence” on 9 December 2014, in London.

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

Monday 17 November 2014, Brussels at 9.30 am;
Monday, 15 December 2014, Paris at 9.30 am;
Monday 26 January 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;
Friday 30 January 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

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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
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Appendix 1

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Ukraine (26 October 2014) - list of members

Christopher CHOPE (EC, United Kingdom), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

Claude ADAM, Luxembourg
Arcadio DIAZ TEJERA*, Spain
Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS, Greece
Tadeusz IWINSKI, Poland
Aleksandrs SAKOVSKIS, Latvia
Birute VESAITE, Lithuania
Fatma PEHLIVAN, Belgium
Deniz BAYKAL, Turkey
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Annalore BAERBOCK, Germany
Franck SCHWABE, Germany

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Mónika BARTOS, Hungary
José Maria BENEYTO, Spain
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA**, Georgia
Lolita ČIGĀNE, Latvia
Jim D'ARCY, Ireland
Şaban DİŞLİ*, Turkey
Jacques LEGENDRE, France
Catherine NOONE, Ireland
José Ignacio PALACIOS, Spain
François ROCHEBLOINE, France
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia
Tobias ZECH, Germany
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

Substitute

Rubén MORENO PALANQUES, Spain

European Conservative Group (EC)

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Christopher CHOPE*, United Kingdom
Sir Roger GALE, United Kingdom
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway
Ömer SELVI, Turkey
Morten WOLD, Norway

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Marieluise BECK, Germany
Karl GARDASSON*, Iceland
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain
Kristyna ZELIENKOVA, Czech Republic
Judith OEHRI, Liechtenstein

Substitutes

Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia
Ms Liv HOLM ANDERSEN, Denmark

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Andrej HUNKO*, Germany
Nikolaj VILLUMSEN, Denmark

Co-rapporteurs (*ex officio*)

Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN*, Sweden
Mailis REPS*, Estonia

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Véronique FREUND, Assistant, PACE Secretariat
Amaya UBEDA DE TORRES, Administrator, Venice Commission

* members of the pre-electoral delegation

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Appendix 2

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Tunisia (26 October 2014) - list of members

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

Socialist Group (SOC)

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
Carina HÄGG, Sweden
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ-MARINOVIĆ, Croatia

Substitutes

Josette DURRIEU, France
Robert BIEDROŃ, Poland
Denis BAYKAL, Turkey
Fatma PEHLIVAN, Belgium

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

Elena CENTEMERO, Italy

European Conservative Group (EC)

Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey
Adam HOFMAN, Poland

Substitutes

Mehmet TEKELIOĞLU, Turkey
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

André BUGNON, Switzerland
Adele GAMBARO, Italy

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Trine Pertou MARCH, Denmark

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Serguei KOUZNETSOV, Head of Division, Neighbourhood cooperation, Venice Commission

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Appendix 3

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Tunisia (23 November 2014) - list of members

Jean-Marie BOCKEL (France, EPP/CD), Head of the delegation

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Josette DURRIEU, France
Birute VESAITE, Lithuania
Maria GIANNAKAKI, Greece

Substitutes

René ROUQUET, France
Robert BIEDROŃ, Poland
Carina HÄGG, Sweden
Denis BAYKAL, Turkey
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José Maria BENEYTO, Spain
Jean-Marie BOCKEL, France
Jan KAŻMIERCZAK, Poland

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David BAKRADZE, Georgia
Rubén MORENO PALANQUES, Spain
Foteini PIPILLI, Greece
Yves POZZO di BORGO, France
François ROCHEBLOINE, France
Konstantinos TZAVARAS, Greece

European Conservative Group (EC)

Robert WALTER, United Kingdom
Judith WILCOX, United Kingdom

Substitutes

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Appendix 4

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (30 November 2014)

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Stefan SCHENNACH*, Austria
Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden
Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan
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Lolita ČIGĀNE, Latvia
Zsolt CSENGER-ZALÁN, Hungary
Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey
Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany
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Foteini PIPILI, Greece
Yves POZZO di BORGIO, France
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Appendix 5

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

Bureau decision, Modification of the Rules of Procedure (follow-up to Resolution 2018 (2014)), reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report

Doc. [13555](#), motion for a resolution, Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria, reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Doc. [13556](#), motion for a resolution, Political developments in Iran, reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Doc. [13557](#), Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, democracy, rights and the rule of law, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [13558](#), motion for a resolution, The need to prevent and combat separatist practices, transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

Doc. [13559](#), motion for a resolution, Foreign fighters in Syria, reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Doc. [13560](#), motion for a resolution, Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media, consultation of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *on a possible follow-up to be given*

Doc. [13561](#), motion for a resolution, Non-discrimination and the right to use sign languages in Europe, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities" (Ref. 3986)*

Doc. [13562](#), motion for a resolution, Human Rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

Doc. [13563](#), motion for a recommendation, Improving the prevention of socio-economic abortions in Europe, transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*

Doc. [13564](#), motion for a resolution, Inquiring improper pressure and interferences by European Union officials to cause the Berlusconi government to resign in autumn 2011, *no further action*

Doc. [13565](#), motion for a resolution, Urgent need to prevent human rights violations during peaceful protests, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13566](#), motion for a resolution, Abusive use of the Interpol system: the need for more stringent legal safeguards, transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13567](#), motion for a resolution, The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. [13568](#), motion for a resolution, Addressing tax avoidance by net firms, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [13569](#), motion for a resolution, Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. [13570](#), Motion for a resolution, Harassment of investigative journalists in Azerbaijan reporting on corruption, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Protection of media freedom in Europe" (Ref. 3943)*

Doc. [13571](#), motion for a resolution, Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. [13573](#), motion for a resolution, The fate of critically ill prisoners in Turkish prisons, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13574](#), motion for a resolution, Promoting gender education in the member States of the Council of Europe, consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on the possible follow-up to be given*

Doc. [13575](#), motion for a resolution, Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Doc. [13576](#), motion for a resolution, Promoting Roma inclusion at the local level, consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on the possible follow-up to be given*

Doc. [13589](#), motion for a resolution, Freedom of speech on the internet: promoting a uniform approach, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

Doc. [13592](#), motion for a resolution, Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

Doc. [13607](#), motion for a resolution, Systematic collection of data on violence against women, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. [13615](#), motion for a resolution, Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called "Islamic State", reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

B. Extension of references

Doc. [12932](#), motion for a resolution, Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christianity (Ref. 3877 of 30 November 2012 – validity: 30 November 2014), extension until 30 April 2015

Doc. [12986](#), motion for a resolution, So-called "honour" crimes in the North Caucasus (Ref. 3893 of 1 October 2012 – validity: 1 October 2014), extension until 31 October 2015

Doc. [13074](#), motion for a resolution, Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for Europe of tomorrow? (Ref. 3918 of 30 November 2012 - validity: 30 November 2014), extension until 15 June 2015

Doc. [13046](#), Motion for a resolution, Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice (Ref. 3917 of 30 November 2012 – validity: 30 November 2014), extension until 31 May 2015

C. Reply after consultation

Doc. [13496](#), motion for a recommendation, The creation of a European observatory on violence against women, 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

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Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mr André **BUGNON** (Switzerland, ALDE)
Mr Igor **KOLMAN** (Croatia, ALDE)
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Mr Stefan **SCHENNACH** (Austria, SOC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

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Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Mr Paolo **CORSINI** (Italy, SOC)

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Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

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