



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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20 November 2014

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Brussels on 17 November 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 17 November 2014 in Brussels, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication by the President of the Assembly:** took note of the communication;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee (Brussels, 18 November 2014):** took note of the draft agenda and that no requests for a current affairs debate (under Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure) had been tabled;
- **Enlarged Standing Committee: visit of His Holiness Pope Francis (Strasbourg, 25 November 2014):** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with the Secretary General and took note of the communication;
- **First part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (5 October 2014):* approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (12 October 2014):* approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. *Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (26 October 2014):* approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iv. *Tunisia: parliamentary elections (26 October 2014) and presidential election (23 November 2014):* took note of the press release of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections, approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election (Appendix 1) and decided to constitute an ad hoc committee composed of 5 members, one nominated by each political group, to observe the second round of this election (28 December 2014), provided that it takes place;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;

- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** approved the timetable for this election and instructed the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Deprivation or suspension of the rights of participation or representation of Assembly members in the context of a challenge or reconsideration of the credentials of a delegation under Rules 7, 8 and 9 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:** took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **References to committees approved by the Bureau and their contestation in plenary sitting (Rules 26 and 33 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure):** took note of the position of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Other business:**

The adoption of declarations by committees: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for its opinion as to the advisability of establishing a framework for the adoption of declarations by the Assembly's collegial bodies (general committees, sub-committees, Bureau, Standing Committee), through the elaboration of regulatory or complementary provisions or guidelines/good practices;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** nominated Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) on the basis of a proposal submitted by the EPP/CD Group, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

Tuesday, 9 December 2014, Paris at 9 am;
Monday, 26 January 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;
Friday, 30 January 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

Sonia Sirtori

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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**List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Tunisia (23 November 2014)****Jean-Marie BOCKEL (EPP/CD, France), Chairperson of the ad hoc committee****Socialist Group (SOC)**

Josette DURRIEU	France
Birute VESAITE	Lithuania
Maria GIANNAKAKI	Greece
René ROUQUET	France

Substitutes

Robert BIEDROŃ	Poland
Carina HÄGG	Sweden
Denis BAYKAL	Turkey
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Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)

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David BAKRADZE	Georgia
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Yves POZZO di BORGO	France
François ROCHEBLOINE	France
Konstantinos TZAVARAS	Greece

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Robert WALTER	United Kingdom
Judith WILCOX	United Kingdom

Substitutes

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN	Norway
Brian BINLEY	United Kingdom

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Alfred HEER	Switzerland
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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Trine Pertou MACH	Denmark
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Venice Commission

Gaël Martin MICALEFF, Administrative Officer, Secretariat of the Venice Commission

SecretariatBogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary co-operation and election observation
Sevda GÜNDÜZ, Assistant, Interparliamentary Co-operation and election observation

Appendix 2

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

[Doc. 13613](#), motion for a resolution, Promoting Regional or Minority Languages in Central and Eastern Europe, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

[Doc. 13614](#), motion for a resolution, Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

[Doc. 13616](#), motion for a recommendation, Obesity in Europe and expressing sugar in teaspoonfuls on packaging, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*;

[Doc. 13617](#), motion for a resolution, Radicalism in Europe, transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;

[Doc. 13619](#), motion for a resolution, The protection of independent experts co-operating with the Council of Europe, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken 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. 13620](#), motion for a resolution, Effective representation and participation in the Parliamentary Assembly of opposition parliamentarians in the member States, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;

[Doc. 13621](#), motion for a resolution, Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;

B. Extension of a reference

[Doc. 12306](#), motion for a resolution, Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: Election of judges (Ref. 3700 of 4 October 2010 – validity: 31 December 2014 (extended on 22 November 2013)): extension until 31 December 2015.