



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2015) 02
2 February 2015

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 30 January 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 30 January 2015 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Status of Ms Nadiia Savchenko with regard to Council of Europe immunity:** took note of, and declassified, the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Standing Committee (Paris, 6 March 2014):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 20-24 April):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in Appendix 2, to be submitted for ratification by the Assembly on the same day in the addendum to the Progress Report;
- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:** considered the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly under the instructions of the President, approved the timetable for the election of the Secretary General of the Assembly and asked the President to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2015 edition (deadline 30 April 2015) as well as the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, containing *inter alia* the calendar of events and a call for candidatures for the renewal of the Selection Panel and invited members to submit names and CVs of candidates no later than 15 April 2015;
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2016 – 2019):** considered and revised a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to come back to the issue at its next meeting, after having consulted national delegations on the proposed dates;
- **The adoption of declarations by committees:** took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and decided to come back to the issue at its next meeting with a view to approving the guidelines contained therein, to be subsequently submitted for ratification by the Assembly;

- **Fair representation of the opposition in national delegations:** took note of the letter by the former Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:*
 - . authorised Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “The political transition in Tunisia” to carry out a fact-finding visit to Tunisia during the first semester of 2015, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
 - . authorised Mr José María Beneyto (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “The political transition in Egypt”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Egypt during the first semester of 2015, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
 - . authorised Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco during the first semester 2015, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
 - ii. *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:*
 - . authorised Mr Luc Recordon (Switzerland, SOC) to participate in the 7th World Water Forum in Daegu-Gyeongbuk (Republic of Korea) between 12 and 17 April 2015, at no cost to the Assembly;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 January – 20 April 2015):** appointed Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) 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 Slovenia, to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:**
 - . *Monitoring Committee:* on the basis of proposals by the political groups, appointed Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EPP/CD), Ms Sirkka-Liisa Anttila (Finland, ALDE), Ms Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE), and Mr Matjaž Hanžek (Slovenia, UEL), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - . *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* on the basis of proposals by the political groups, appointed Mr José María Beneyto (Spain, EPP/CD), Ms Yuliya L’Ovochkina (Ukraine, EC) and Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL);
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings:
 - . Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, to meet in The Hague (Netherlands) on 11-12 March 2015;
 - . Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, to meet in Istanbul (Turkey) on 26-27 March 2015;
 - . Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons), to meet in Lagos (Portugal) on 30-31 March 2015;
 - . Ad hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to visit refugee camps of Ukrainians in the Russian Federation in April-May 2015 (subject to receiving an invitation from the host authorities of the Russian Federation);
 - . Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, to meet in Bishkek on 9-10 June 2015;

- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** appointed:
 - . Mr Cesar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) to participate in the annual session of the Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organisation, organised jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the European Parliament in Geneva (Switzerland) on 16-17 February 2015;
 - . Ms Doris Barnett (Germany, SOC) to participate in the Winter meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Vienna on 18-20 February 2015, at no cost to the Assembly;
 - . Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EC) to participate in the 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Hanoi on 28 March-1 April 2015, at no cost to the Assembly;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015:** approved the appointments as set out in Appendix 3;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:
 - Thursday, 5 March 2015, Paris at 3 pm;
 - Monday, 20 April 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - Friday, 24 April 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
 - Thursday, 21 May 2015, Sarajevo;
 - Monday, 22 June 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - Friday, 26 June 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
 - Monday, 31 August 2015, Paris, at 9 am.

Sonia Sirtori, Ivi-Triin Odrats

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors 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

Proposals for follow-up to the 1st part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January)

- **Resolution 2028 (2015) on The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons** (Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Mr Jim Sheridan, United Kingdom, SOC):

to seize the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for a report on “Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine”;

- **Resolution 2031 (2015) on Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response (urgent debate)** (Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Jacques Legendre, France, EPP/CD)

Paragraph 18. “For its part, the Assembly resolves to continue to follow closely and try to tackle, through the work of its committees and the newly launched No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, the main challenges rising from the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, namely: the need to live together; the upsurge of the jihadist threat and the issue of jihadists arriving from Europe to fight in Iraq and Syria; the protection of human rights in the fight against terrorism; the need to combat the root causes of radicalisation and religious fanaticism, such as social exclusion, discrimination or even segregation; the process of radicalisation in prisons; the continuing fight against hate speech, racism and intolerance, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia; and the role of education for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue”.

to invite the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, the Committee on Culture, Education, Science, Education and Media and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to proceed with concrete follow-up proposals;

- **Resolution 2034 (2015) on Challenge of the still unratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation** (Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC)

Paragraph 15. “In addition to the sanctions outlined in paragraphs 14.1 to 14.3, the Assembly resolves to suspend the voting rights and the right to be represented in the Bureau of the Assembly, the Presidential Committee and the Standing Committee of the Russian delegation to the Assembly. However, it resolves to return to this issue, with a view to reinstating these two rights at its April 2015 part-session if Russia has made marked and measurable progress towards implementing the demands of the Assembly formulated in this resolution in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.9, paragraph 11 and paragraphs 12.1 to 12.4; and has given its full co-operation to the working group mentioned in paragraph 17 of this resolution”.

to refer this issue to the Monitoring Committee for a report on “Reconsideration of sanctions in respect of the delegation of the Russian Federation to the Parliamentary Assembly (follow-up to paragraph 15 of [Resolution 2034 \(2015\)](#))”, to be debated during the April 2015 part-session;

Paragraph 17. “The Assembly invites the Bureau of the Assembly to consider setting up, pending the agreement of the parliaments concerned, a special working group with the participation of the Speakers of the Russian State Duma and the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada, or their representatives, to contribute to the realisation of all the propositions made in this resolution and to formulate further possible action by the Parliamentary Assembly in support of the implementation of the Minsk protocols”.

to invite the President of the Assembly to consult on the setting up of such a working group with the Speakers of the two parliaments concerned;

- **Resolution 2037 (2015) on Post-electoral shifting in members' political affiliation and its repercussions on the composition of national delegations** (Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE)

Paragraph 10. "In order to promote its recommendations, the Assembly decides to conduct an active and constructive dialogue with the national parliaments of the Council of Europe member States, as well as with parliaments enjoying observer and partner for democracy status with the Assembly, whose regulations do not adequately address issues raised by post-electoral changes in the political affiliation of their members".

. to invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to proceed with concrete proposals on the implementation of paragraph 10.

Appendix 2

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

Doc. [13653](#), motion for a resolution, The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan, reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;

Doc. [13682](#), motion for a resolution, Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;

Doc. [13700](#), motion for a resolution, Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report, with a recommendation to consider a change of title*;

Bureau decision, Reconsideration of sanctions in respect of the delegation of the Russian Federation to the Parliamentary Assembly (follow-up to paragraph 15 of [Resolution 2034 \(2015\)](#)), to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report* (to be debated during the April 2015 part-session).

B. Reference after consultation

Doc. [13560](#), motion for a resolution, Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*.

C. Extension of references

Doc. [12866](#), motion for a resolution, Political transition in Egypt (Ref. 3857 of April 2012 – validity 23 April 2015 – extended on 31 January 2014): extension until 30 April 2016;

Bureau decision, Situation in Belarus (Ref. 3841 of 9 March 2012 – validity: 9 March 2015 – extended on 27 January 2014): extension until 30 April 2016.

Appendix 3

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2014	2015 nominations
I. Council of Europe bodies				
European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)	Members: Mr Mignon, EPP/CD appointment by the President Mr Chope – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Díaz Tejera – SOC (AS/Jur)	Members: Mr Mignon, EPP/CD appointment by the President Mr Díaz Tejera – SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Lord Tomlinson – SOC (AS/Jur)
Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003	Members: Ms Durrieu – SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Gross – SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Jordi Xuclà – ALDE (AS/Mon) Substitutes: Ms Khidasheli – ALDE (AS/Pol) Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Mr McNamara – SOC (AS/Jur)	Members: Ms Durrieu - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr McNamara – SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Xuclà – ALDE (AS/Mon) Substitutes: Ms Khidasheli – ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Beneyto – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Mr Kox – UEL (AS/Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 5.1(b) of the North-South Centre Statute (Res CM (1993) 51)	Members: Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult) Substitutes: Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)	Members: Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Denemeç - EC (AS/Cult) Substitutes: Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)	Members: Ms Gillan – EDG (AS/Pol) Mr Valen – UEL (AS/Ega) Mr Chaouki – SOC (AS/Cult) Substitutes: - (AS/Pol) Mr D. Davies - EDG (AS/Ega) - (AS/Cult)	Members: ... (AS/Pol) Mr Čilevičs - SOC (AS/Ega) Mr Le Borgn' – SOC (AS/Cult) Substitutes: ... (AS/Pol) Mr Santerini - NR (AS/Ega) ... (AS/Cult)

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2014	2015 nominations
Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO	Member: Mr Neill – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)	Member: Mr Neill – EC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)
CE Committee for Works of Art	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Members: Baroness Eccles – EDG (AS/Cult) Ms Marjanović - SOC (AS/Cult)	Members: Baroness Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) ... (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Mr Omtzigt – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Hübner – NR (AS/Jur)	Member: Mr Omtzigt – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Hübner - NR (AS/Jur)
II. Other				
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Mr Nicolaidis - SOC (AS/Cult) Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage	... (AS/Cult)