



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Sarajevo on 21 May 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 21 May 2015 in Sarajevo, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee (Sarajevo, 22 May 2015):**
  - i. *Consideration of the draft agenda:* took note of the draft agenda;
  - ii. *Request for a current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure):* decided to propose that the Standing Committee hold a current affairs debate on *The situation in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"* and appointed Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EC) as first speaker;
- **Third part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June):**
  - i. *Draft agenda:* drew up the draft agenda;
  - ii. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate:* took note that, at this stage, no request had been received;
  - iii. *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, Thursday 25 June 2015, from 3.30 to 4 pm):* took note of the draft agenda and, subject to the transmission of candidatures by the Committee of Ministers, decided to invite the candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Assembly for an interview to be held by the Bureau at its meeting in Paris on 31 August 2015;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in the Appendix, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey:** took note of the programme of the visit to Turkey (14-16 June 2015); appointed Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, as Chairperson of the ad hoc committee; modified its composition to include Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee on *Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey* and Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on *Humanitarian consequences of the actions of the terrorist group known as "Islamic State"*; and decided that, for logistical reasons, members of the ad hoc committee could not be accompanied by the secretaries of national delegations;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Turkey: parliamentary elections (7 June 2015):* took note of the press release of the pre-electoral delegation;

- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication;
- **Other business:**
  - i. *World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015):* decided to constitute an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum, composed of members to be proposed by the Assembly committees before the Bureau meeting of 26 June 2015;
  - ii. *Written declaration No. 593 (2015):* decided to add in the title, after the word "Macedonia", a footnote with the following text: "*According to Resolution (95) 23 of the Committee of Ministers, for all purposes within the Council of Europe, this State is provisionally referred to as "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" pending settlement of the difference which has arisen over the name of this State*";
- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** interviewed the candidate *in camera*;
- **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2014:** took note of the communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Meeting elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Monitoring Committee to meet in Sarajevo on 3-4 September 2015;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

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.

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## Appendix

### References to committees

Doc. [13761](#), motion for a resolution, Mr Dan Adamescu and the right to a fair trial: *no further action*;

Doc. [13762](#), motion for a recommendation, Enhancing the efforts of the European Youth Foundation for the Balkans, *no further action*;

Doc. [13766](#), motion for a resolution, The impact of European populations dynamics on migration policies, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*.