



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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29 September 2015

## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 28 September 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 28 September 2015 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of France:** took note of the opinion of the Monitoring Committee not to open a monitoring procedure in respect of France and considered that there was no need to open such a procedure (*decision subject to confirmation by the Assembly*);
- **Fourth part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October):**
  - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate:* took note of the withdrawal, by the ALDE Group, of a request for a debate under urgent procedure on “Humanitarian and political response to the migration crisis in Europe”; decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe” and designated Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) as first speaker;
  - ii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda of the part-session;
  - iii. *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Slovak Republic:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the post of judge in respect of the Slovak Republic;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (26 June – 28 September 2015)** (Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): approved the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (4 October 2015):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1) and took note of the appointment, by the President of the Assembly, of Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE) as its Chairperson;
  - ii. *Belarus: presidential election (11 October 2015):* took note of the appointment, by the President of the Assembly, of Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey, EC) as Chairperson of the pre-electoral delegation, following Ms Hovhannisyanyan’s resignation; took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission; approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2); and appointed Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey, EC) as its Chairperson;
  - iii. *Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee which would observe the elections as part of the electoral mission of the Congress (Appendix 3) and appointed Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as its leader;

- iv. *Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)*: reviewed the situation in the light of the OSCE/ODIHR decision to cancel its observation mission; confirmed its decision to observe these elections; took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 4);
- v. *Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)*: approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 5) and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**: took note of the communication by the Secretary General and decided to postpone the communication by the Deputy Secretary General to its next meeting;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights**:
  - i. *Monitoring Committee*: on the basis of proposals respectively by the Socialist Group and the European Conservatives Group, nominated Ms Yuliya L'Ovochkina (Ukraine) and Lady Diana Eccles (United Kingdom), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
  - ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*: on the basis of a proposal by the European Conservatives Group, nominated Mr Reha Denemeç (Turkey);
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Sofia, 26 November 2015**: took note of the practical information;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to participate in the Conference on "Monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention: New Synergies", which would take place in Sarajevo on 20 October 2015;
- **Date and place of the next meeting**:

Friday, 2 October 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

Sonia Sirtori

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## **Appendix 1**

### **Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan (4 October 2015) - list of members**

**Chairperson:** Meritxell MATEU PI (Andorra, ALDE)

#### **Socialist Group (SOC) - 7 seats**

Paolo CORSINI, Italy  
Josette DURRIEU, France  
Gisela WURM, Austria  
Florin IORDACHE, Romania

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) - 7 seats**

Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy  
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia  
Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium  
Andres HERKEL, Estonia  
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France  
Attila TILKI, Hungary

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) - 3 seats**

André BUGNON, Switzerland  
Meritxell MATEU PI, Andorra  
Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia  
Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

#### **European Conservatives Group (EC) - 2 seats**

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom  
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) - 1 seat**

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#### **Rapporteur - Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic**

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#### **Expert - Venice Commission**

Nicolae ESANU, Moldova

#### **Secretariat**

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## **Appendix 2**

### **Ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Belarus (11 October 2015) - list of members**

**Chairperson:** Reha DENEMEÇ (Turkey, EC)

#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden\*  
Titus CORLATEAN, Romania  
Luc RECORDON, Switzerland

#### **Substitutes**

Paolo CORSINI, Italy  
Gisela WURM, Austria  
Arcadio DIAZ TEJERA, Spain  
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France  
Birute VESAITE, Lithuania  
Marit MAIJ, The Netherlands

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

Thierry MARIANI, France  
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania  
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

#### **Substitutes**

Ben-Oni ARDELEAN, Romania  
Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania  
Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania  
Attila KORODI, Romania  
Olivia MITCHELL, Ireland

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

Marieluise BECK, Germany\*  
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

#### **Substitutes**

Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR, Slovenia  
Goran TUPONJA, Montenegro

#### **European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Robert NEILL, United Kingdom  
Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey\*

#### **Substitutes**

Ömer SELVI, Turkey  
Richard BALFE, United Kingdom  
Egemen BAĞIŞ, Turkey

#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

Andrej HUNKO, Germany\*

#### **Rapporteur AS/POL**

Andrea RIGONI, Italy\*

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\* members of the pre-election delegation

### Appendix 3

#### Ad hoc committee for the observation of the local elections in Ukraine (25 October 2015) - list of members

**Leader:** Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

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

Imer ALIU, "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

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#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania

Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium

Ferdinand AIELLO, Italy

Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain

Claude ADAM, Luxembourg

#### **Substitute**

Anna ASCANI, Italy

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

Krýstina ZELIENKOVÁ,

Marieluise BECK, Germany

Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden

#### **Suppléants**

Andrea RIGONI, Italy

Alfred HEER, Switzerland

#### **European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

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#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

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#### **Appendix 4**

#### **Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (1 November 2015) – list of members**

**Chairperson:** Jordi XUCLÀ\* (Spain, ALDE)

#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Franck SCHWABE, Germany  
Maria GUZENINA, Finland  
Silvia BONET PEROT, Andorra  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria  
Luc RECORDON, Switzerland  
Michael McNAMARA, Ireland  
Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain  
Attila MESTERHÁZY, Hungary  
Valentina LESKAJ, Albania  
Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany

#### **Substitutes**

René ROUQUET, France  
Pascale CROZON, France  
Ferdinando AIELLO, Italy  
Josette DURRIEU, France  
Ol'ga NACHTMANNOVÁ, Slovak Republic  
Dana VÁHALOVÁ, Czech Republic  
Milica MARKOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia  
Birute VESAITE, Lithuania  
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro  
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium  
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta  
Florin PÂSLARU, Romania  
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

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

Pedro AGRAMUNT, Spain  
Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ, Serbia  
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy  
Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova  
Evangelos MEIMARAKIS, Greece  
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI\*, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania  
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Karin STRENZ, Germany

#### **Substitutes**

Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden  
Werner AMON, Austria  
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy  
Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey  
Nicole DURANTON, France  
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy  
Hans FRANKEN, Netherlands  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Nermína KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia  
Marija OBRADOVIĆ, Serbia  
Gabriela PECKOVÁ, Czech Republic  
François ROCHEBLOINE, France  
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia

Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania  
Attila TILKI, Hungary  
Tobias ZECH, Germany

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Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium  
Andrea RIGONI, Italy  
Jordi XUCLÀ\*, Spain

***Substitutes / suppléants***

Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco  
Adele GAMBARO, Italy  
Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR, Slovenia

**European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Egemen BAĞIŞ \*, Turkey  
Roger GALE, United Kingdom  
Oleksii HONCHARENKO, Ukraine

***Substitutes***

Brian BINLEY, United Kingdom  
Margaret EATON, United Kingdom  
Tüllin ERKAL KARA, Turkey  
Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

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\* members of the pre-election delegation

## Appendix 5

### Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Turkey (1 November 2015) – list of members

**Chairperson:** Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)

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

Volodymyr ARIEV, Ukraine\*  
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy  
Nicole DURANTON, France  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Anže LOGAR, Slovenia  
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania  
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#### Substitutes

Imer ALIU, "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Ben-Oni ARDELEAN, Romania  
Yves POZZO di BORGO, France  
François ROCHEBLOINE, France  
Attila TILKI, Hungary

#### Socialist Group (SOC)

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland \*  
Josette DURRIEU, France  
René ROUQUET, France  
Athina KYRIAKIDOU, Cyprus  
Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania  
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro  
Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Philippe BIES, France  
Paolo CORSINI, Italy  
Yuliya L'OVOCHKINA, Ukraine

#### Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

André BUGNON, Switzerland  
Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine\*  
Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra

#### European Conservatives Group (EC)

Richard BALFE, United Kingdom  
Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom \*

#### Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Nikolaj VILLUMSEN, Denmark \*  
George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus

#### Suppléant

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

#### Rapporteur AS/MON (ex officio)

Ms Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway\*  
Ms Nataša VUCKOVIC, Serbia\*

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