



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Nicosia on 24 November 2016

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 24 November 2016 in Nicosia, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, then with Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the President and asked him to write to the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey to draw the authorities' attention to the need to respect the immunity of members of parliament, including the immunity of members of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee (Nicosia, 25 November 2016):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **First part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):** updated the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Morocco: parliamentary elections (7 October 2016):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 and 30 October 2016):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. *Montenegro: parliamentary elections (16 October 2016):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iv. *Republic of Moldova: presidential election (30 October and 13 November 2016):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - v. *Bulgaria: presidential election (6 and 13 November 2016):* took note of the statement of the observation mission;
 - vi. *Kyrgyzstan: referendum on changes to the Constitution (11 December 2016):* took note that the Assembly had been invited to observe the referendum and appointed Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur on *Evaluation of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic* of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to ensure the presence of the Assembly on the occasion of the referendum;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and transmissions as presented in the Appendix, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

i. *Monitoring Committee*: took note of the decision of the Committee not to prepare a separate report on *Creating a Europe without dividing lines* (Doc. 13842, Reference 4150 of 2 October 2015);

ii. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*:

- authorised Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur on *The political transition in Egypt*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Egypt, from 4 to 6 December 2016, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

- authorised Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur on *The situation in Belarus*, to participate in a seminar on the death penalty, organised by the Belarusian authorities in cooperation with the Council of Europe on 13 December 2016 in Minsk, Belarus, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

- **Composition of the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights**: on the basis of a proposal by the Socialist Group, appointed Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania);

- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

- Friday, 16 December 2016, Paris at 9 am;
- Monday, 23 January 2017, Strasbourg at 8 am;
- Friday, 27 January 2017, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

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Appendix

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

[Doc. 14163](#), motion for a resolution, The situation in Turkey: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey”*;

[Doc. 14164](#), motion for a resolution, Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14167](#), motion for a resolution, Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*;

[Doc. 14168](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;

[Doc. 14170](#), motion for a resolution, Supporting humanitarian actions in favour of vulnerable refugees in the Mediterranean: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe” (Reference 4203 of 22 April 2016)*;

[Doc. 14171](#), motion for a resolution, Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

[Doc. 14172](#), motion for a resolution, New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member States: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system” (Reference 4087 of 17 November 2014)*;

[Doc. 14173](#), motion for a resolution, State of media freedom in Hungary: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe” (Reference 4136 of 22 June 2015)*.

B. Modification of a reference

[Doc. 14032](#), motion for a resolution, Counter-narratives to terrorism (Ref. 4209 of 27 May 2016 – validity: 27 May 2018): reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*.

C. Extension of a reference

[Doc. 13653](#), motion for a resolution, The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan (Reference 4106 of 30 January 2015 – validity: 30 January 2017): extension until 30 June 2017.