



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 16 December 2016

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday, 16 December 2016 in Paris, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Draft agenda of the meeting:** decided to postpone the consideration of item 6.ii on *Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly* and, following a vote, item 8 on *Stepping up dialogue with the Assembly of Kosovo* to one of its next meetings;
- **First part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):**
  - i. *Draft agenda:* drew up the draft agenda;
  - ii. *Requests for debate under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate:* took note of a request tabled by the Monitoring Committee for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey* and took note of the intention of the UK delegation to table a request for a current affairs debate on *The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries*;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": early parliamentary elections (11 December 2016):* took note of the statement of the observation mission;
  - ii. *Schedule of elections:* took note of the elections calendar for 2017 as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and transmissions as presented in the Appendix, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2017 financial year:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities: work plan 2017:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - i. *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*: took note of a letter by Mr Arieu, Chairperson of the Committee; approved a draft proposal on the setting up of a platform for dialogue between the Council of Europe and senior representatives of religions and non-denominational organisations; and decided to transmit the proposal to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions (July to December 2016)**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2017**: approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation;
- **Meeting elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to meet in Baku on 15-16 March 2017;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**
  - Monday, 23 January 2017, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
  - Friday, 27 January 2017, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am;
  - Thursday, 2 or 9 March 2017, Madrid, at 3 pm (to be confirmed).

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## Appendix

### References and transmissions to committees

#### A. References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 14175](#), motion for a resolution, Promotion of child-friendly age assessment practices for unaccompanied minors: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;

[Doc. 14177](#), motion for a resolution, Moratorium on arms sales in the Middle East: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;

[Doc. 14179](#), motion for a resolution, Nuclear security in light of emerging terror threats in Europe: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus" (Doc. 14033 – Ref. 4225)*;

[Doc. 14180](#), motion for a resolution, Assessing political consequences of foreign funding of Islam in Europe: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;

[Doc. 14181](#), motion for a recommendation, The case for drafting a European Convention on the profession of lawyer: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

[Doc. 14182](#), motion for a resolution, Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14183](#), motion for a resolution, State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

[Doc. 14184](#), motion for a resolution, Are social media contributing to limiting freedom of expression?: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

[Doc. 14185](#), motion for a resolution, Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14186](#), motion for a resolution, Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

[Doc. 14187](#), motion for a resolution, Allegations of torture and ill treatment in Turkey in the aftermath of the coup attempt: *no further action*;

[Doc. 14188](#), motion for a resolution, Illegal elections in the occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in the city of Sebastopol: consultation of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *on possible follow-up*;

[Doc. 14190](#), motion for a resolution, Organ transplant tourism to China: consultation of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *on possible follow-up*.

#### B. Modification of a reference

Bureau decision, The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco (Ref. 4246 of 14 October 2016): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*.

**C. Extension of references**

[Doc. 13424](#), motion for a resolution, The need for a citizenship income (Ref. 4034 of 7 April 2014 – validity: 7 April 2017 (extended on 4 March 2016)): extension until 30 June 2017;

[Doc. 13630](#), motion for a resolution, Parental authority conflicts (Ref. 4095 of 26 January 2015 – validity: 26 January 2017): extension until 30 June 2017.