



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 26 June 2017

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 26 June 2017 in Strasbourg, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication by the President:** took note of the communication;
- **Third part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 26-30 June):**
 - i. *Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of a request tabled by Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC), on behalf of the Turkish delegation, for the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on *Europe's common fight against terrorism: successes and failures*; decided to recommend that the Assembly hold such a debate and designated Mr Küçükcan as the first speaker;
 - ii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (28 April – 25 June 2017)** (Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL)): approved the Progress report;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of a proposal by the EC Group, nominated Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia); on the basis of proposals by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Jordi Roca (Spain) and Mr Tobias Zech (Germany), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:* took note of the letter by Mr Alain Destexhe (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee, concerning reports on *Towards a democratic approach to the issues of governance in European multinational States*, *Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: Election of Judges*; and *State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights*;
 - ii. *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:* took note of the letter by Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee, concerning the appointment of Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) as General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities of the Parliamentary Assembly for a second year;
 - iii. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur on *The evaluation of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan*, to carry out an additional fact-finding visit to Jordan in 2017, in the framework of the preparation of her report;

- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in 2016:** took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and decided:
 - o to invite the President of the Assembly to notify in writing the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates (Rule 44.10 of the Rules of Procedure and paragraph 7.2 of Resolution 1583 (2007) or to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations;
 - o to make publicly available the statistics related to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website;

- **Date and place of next meeting:**

Friday, 30 June 2017, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

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