



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 15 March 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 15 March 2018 in Paris, with Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 16 March 2018):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April):**
 - i. *Draft agenda:* drew up the draft agenda;
 - ii. *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:* took note of the request tabled by Mr Akif Çağatay Kiliç (Turkey, EC) and 25 members of the Assembly for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *Rising anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and xenophobia in Europe: a threat to European values*;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Meeting of the Chairpersons and members of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections (24 January 2018):* took note of the report of the meeting;
 - ii. *Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly and draft Code of conduct for International Election Observation Missions (IEOM):*
 - took note of the revised Guidelines;
 - approved paragraph 16 of the Guidelines to be applied with immediate effect, and;
 - fixed 30 April 2018 as a deadline for submission of comments/amendments on other parts of the Guidelines to the Secretary General of the Assembly with a view to adopting these Guidelines at the Bureau meeting in Zagreb on 31 May 2018;
 - iii. *Azerbaijan: presidential election (11 April 2018):*
 - considering its earlier decision, taken by a written consultation, that in case the ODHIR – for any reasons - was unable to deploy its mission, the observation mission of the Assembly would be cancelled, confirmed its decision to observe this election in co-ordination with ODHIR and OSCE PA and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 31 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 10, EC: 5, ALDE: 3, UEL: 2, FDG: 1), as well as the 2 co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee;

- approved the list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe this election provided that the respective declarations on conflict of interest are submitted prior to the mission;
 - appointed Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee (Appendix 2);
- iv. *Montenegro: presidential election (15 April 2018)*: approved the revised list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe this election (Appendix 3);
- v. *Schedule of elections for 2018*: took note of the document;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2182 (2017): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members:**
- i. *Content and format of declaratory requirements*:
- took note of the declaration of interest form as approved by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
 - set a deadline of 30 September 2018 for the members of the Assembly to return their signed sworn declaration of interest for 2018;
 - took note that, at the expiry of this deadline, a failure to make a declaration, a refusal to complete and submit a declaration, a failure to disclose a relevant interest or the submission of an untruthful declaration will automatically lead to the deprivation of the right to be appointed rapporteur or to act as committee rapporteur, or to be a member of an ad hoc election observation committee (pursuant to paragraph 27 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly);
 - invited the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to elaborate, at its next meeting, the guidelines/explanatory note to be added to the declaration of interest form;
- ii. *Rules on access to and movement within the Council of Europe premises during Assembly sessions and meetings*:
- held an exchange of views on the memorandum on the rules on access to and movement within the Council of Europe premises during Assembly sessions and meetings prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and;
 - decided to fix for 30 April 2018 the deadline for possible comments by Bureau members on those rules to be submitted to the Secretary General of the Assembly with a view to adopting these rules at the Bureau meeting in Zagreb on 31 May 2018;
- **Preparation of the Bureau meeting on 22 April 2018 (3 pm to 6.30 pm)**: took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly on the preparation of the meeting (exchange of views with members of the Independent external investigation body on the allegations of corruption within the Assembly) and decided:
- i. *to organise the meeting on 22 April 2018 in two parts*:
- “in camera” exchange of views with members of the investigation body, followed by
 - discussion on possible reaction of the Bureau to the report of the investigation body (not “in camera”);
- ii. *to authorise the Secretary General of the Assembly to*:
- transmit the report of the investigation body, upon its receipt, exclusively to the President of the Assembly;
 - make the report available to Bureau members as from 2 pm on 22 April 2018 by providing members with a paper copy to be read exclusively inside the meeting room;
 - release the report, excluding any confidential parts, to the public at the end of the Bureau meeting on 22 April 2018;
 - transmit the report, after the Bureau meeting on 22 April 2018, to all Speakers of national Parliaments of Council of Europe member States;
- iii. *as a preliminary measure*:
- to invite the members of the Assembly whose behavior has been found by the investigation body as unethical or in violation of the Assembly’s code of conduct, or who have refused to co-operate with the investigation body, to suspend all their activities within the Assembly with immediate effect;
 - to invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider further possible actions;

- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** approved the proposals contained in paragraph 51 of the information memorandum;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:* took note of the Committee's decision to merge two references (Reference 4346 and Reference 4347 of 24/11/2017) into a single report currently under preparation (Reference 4316 of 9/10/2017) under the new title "Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure";
 - ii. *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:* took note of the letter and the draft statement concerning the draft Declaration on the European Human Rights system in the future Europe, as adopted by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights at its meeting on 14 March 2018;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2018 (Ankara, 13-14 September 2018):** took note of the information provided and, in view of problems in sending out invitation letters to Presidents of Parliaments of all 47 member States of the Council of Europe, unanimously agreed to propose that a new nominative invitation letter be signed by both the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to be sent by the Parliamentary Assembly to each President of Parliament of the 47 member States of the Council of Europe and that this procedure will also be followed for future Conferences of Presidents of Parliament;
- **Composition of 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. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:* on the basis of proposals by the EC Group, nominated Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Türkeş, Turkey;
 - ii. *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP Group, appointed Mr Vusal Huseynov, Azerbaijan and Ms Biljana Pantić Pilja, Serbia ;
 - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus ;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018:** approved the appointments of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights concerning the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and of the Monitoring Committee for the Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission, as set out in Appendix 4;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to meet in Tbilisi on 25 September 2018;
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** took note of the letter from one of the Turkish Cypriot political parties (the Republican Turkish Party) informing the President of the Assembly of the name of one of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly in 2018, namely Mr Armağan Candan, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;

- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

Sunday, 22 April 2018, Strasbourg at 3 pm
Monday, 23 April 2018, Strasbourg, at 8 am
Friday, 27 April 2018, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
Thursday, 31 May 2018, Zagreb, afternoon
Monday, 25 June 2018, Strasbourg, at 8 am
Friday, 29 June 2018, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
Monday, 3 September 2018, Paris, at 9 am

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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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Appendix 1

References and transmissions to committees

A. References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 14474](#), motion for a resolution, Greek islands: more needs to be done: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

[Doc. 14476](#), motion for a resolution, Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

[Doc. 14477](#), motion for a resolution, Jewish cultural heritage preservation: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

[Doc. 14478](#), motion for a resolution, Concerted action on human trafficking: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

[Doc. 14479](#), motion for a resolution, Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14480](#), motion for a resolution, Stepping up co-operation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

[Doc. 14482](#), motion for a resolution, European weapons and funds for Daesh: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

[Doc. 14483](#), motion for a resolution, Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14485](#), motion for a resolution, So-called "tax optimisation" and policy, two incompatible concepts: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

[Doc. 14262](#), motion for a resolution, Russian racial discrimination of Crimean Tatars in Crimea: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

B. Modification of references

[Doc. 14380](#), motion for a resolution, Defining guidelines for international NGOs (Ref. 4331 of 13 October 2017) reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

[Doc. 13812](#), motion for a resolution, Libya's future between the threats of terrorism and a democratic prospect (Ref. 4140 of 26 June 2015) reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*

C. Extension of references

[Doc. 13972](#), motion for a resolution, Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion (Ref. 4194 of 22 April 2016 – validity: 22 April 2018): extension until 22 April 2019

Appendix 2

List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in Azerbaijan (11 April 2018)

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey / Turquie
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France
Mr / M. Claudio FAZZONE, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Guiseppe GALATI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova
Ms / Mme Marija OBRADOVIĆ, Serbia / Serbie
Mr / M. Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie
Mr / M. Ion POPA, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / suppléants

Mr / M. Kęstutis MASIULIS, Lithuania / Lituanie

Socialist Group / Groupe socialiste (SOC)

Ms / Mme Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Marianne MIKKO, Estonia / Estonie
Ms / Mme Adriana Diana TUŞA, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Idália SERRÃO, Portugal
Mr / M. Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy / Italie

Substitutes / suppléants

Ms / Mme Daniela WAGNER, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Betian KITEV, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"
Ms / Mme Didem ENGIN, Turkey / Turquie
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
Mr / M. Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy / Italie

European Conservatives Group (EC) / Groupe des conservateurs européens (CE)

Mr / M. Dominik TARCZYŃSKI, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Tom PACKALÉN, Finland / Finlande
Mr / M. Suat ÖNAL, Turkey / Turquie
Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
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Mr / M. Józef LEŚNIAK, Poland / Pologne

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Ms / Mme Feleknas UCA, Turkey / Turquie

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Ms / Mme Adele GAMBARO, Italy / Italie

Rapporteur of Monitoring Committee / rapporteur de la commission de suivi

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Appendix 3

List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in Montenegro (15 April 2018)

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Jonas GUNNARSSON (SOC, Sweden / Suède)

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Mr / M. Jan SKOBERNE, Slovenia / Slovénie
Mr / M. Jérôme LAMBERT, France
Ms / Mme Idália SERRÃO, Portugal
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Substitutes / suppléants

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Mr / M. Fazil MUSTAFA, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

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Appendix 4**Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018**

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2018
I. Council of Europe bodies			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)	Members: Ms Kyriakides, EPP/CD appointment by the President Mr Vlasenko – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mme Rojhan Gustafsson - SOC (AS/Jur)
Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003	Members : Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Cozmanziuc – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Mr Kox - UEL (AS/Mon) Substitutes : Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Xuclà - ALDE (AS/Pol)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6)	Members : Ms Günay - EC (AS/Soc) Mr Leite Ramos – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Gonçalves - EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Mr Schennach - SOC (AS/Soc)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)	Members : Mr Sorre - NR (AS/Cult) Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Thiéry – ALDE (AS/Ega) Substitute : Mr Davies - EC (AS/Ega)
Group of States against Corruption GRECO	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO	Member : Mr Logvynskyi- EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Ms Sotnyk – ALDE (AS/Jur)
Committee for Works of Art	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Members: Lady Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) Ms Gambaro – FDG (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr van de Ven – ALDE (AS/Jur)
Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1	Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Cult)
II. Other			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Mr Gryffroy – NR (AS/Cult)