



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 27 April 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 27 April 2018 in Strasbourg, with Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and held an exchange of views (partly *in camera*);
- **Standing Committee meeting (Zagreb, 1 June 2018):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 25-29 June):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Elections observation:**
 - i. *Turkey: early presidential and parliamentary elections (24 June 2018):*
 - approved the list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections provided that the respective declarations on conflict of interest are submitted prior to the mission;
 - appointed Ms Olena Sotnyk (Ukraine, ALDE) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee (Appendix 2);
 - **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2018 (Ankara, 13-14 September 2018):** took note that, in agreement with the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, due to the early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey, the Conference is postponed to a later date ;
 - **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:* authorised Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) to conduct a fact-finding visit to Burkina Faso, at no cost for the Assembly (exact date to be confirmed), in the context of the preparation of his report on "Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises";
 - ii. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan, in June 2018 (exact date to be confirmed), in the framework of the preparation of her report on "The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries";

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 April – 24 June 2018):** appointed Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE) as Rapporteur;
- **Request from Sir Graham Watson to consult the archives of the Assembly during Lord Russell-Johnston's Presidency (1999 to 2002) for his Biography:** consented to the archives of the Private Office during Lord Russell-Johnston's Presidency (1999 to 2002) being opened to Sir Graham Watson to allow consultation and quotation from correspondence and visits files;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018:** approved the appointment of the Monitoring Committee for the Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission, as set out in Appendix 3;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:**
 - authorised the sub-committee on Diasporas of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to participate in the Annual Diaspora Forum to be held on 18 May 2018 in Geneva (Switzerland);
 - authorised the *ad hoc* sub-committee of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to participate in a Conference on "Building democratic security in the Mediterranean: Common challenges, Shared responsibility" to be held in Dubrovnik (Croatia) on 6 November 2018;
- **Meetings of the Bureau, of the Standing Committee and of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly in Zagreb (31 May and 1 June 2018):** took note of the practical information;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Thursday, 31 May 2018, Zagreb, at 2.30 pm
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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Appendix 1

A. References and transmissions to committees

Doc. 14486, motion for a resolution, Teachers as agents for change and the fight against corruption: *no further action*

Doc. 14489, motion for a resolution, The treatment of people with autism and their families: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. 14490, motion for a resolution, Legal aspects of the prison conditions in Turkey: reference to the Monitoring Committee *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on the "Honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey"*

Doc. 14491, motion for a resolution, Defend human rights and the rule of law in the context of international football events: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on "Football governance and ethics: business or values?"*

Doc. 14494, motion for a resolution, Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 14495, motion for a resolution, Obstetrical and gynaecological violence: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 14497, motion for a resolution, Civil liberties in Poland, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova must be preserved: 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 framework of the reports on "The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland", the "Honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova" and the "Honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine"*

Doc. 14507, motion for a resolution, Achievements and challenges in implementing the Istanbul Convention on violence against women reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 14508, motion for a resolution, An ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

B. Modification of a reference

Doc. 14419, motion for a resolution, Anonymous donation of gametes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and offspring (Ref. 4349 du 22 January 2018): reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

C. Reply after consultation

Doc. 14441, motion for a resolution, Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

D. Requests to extend references

Doc. 13978, motion for a resolution, The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland, Ref. 4206 of 27 May 2016 – validity: 27 May 2018: extension until 25 January 2019

Doc. 14039, motion for a resolution The provision of elderly and palliative care in Europe (new title: The provision of palliative care in Europe), Ref. 4213 of 20 June 2016 – validity: 20 June 2018: extension until 31 December 2018

Doc. 14041 motion for a resolution, Safeguarding and enhancing Europe’s intangible heritage, Ref 4215 of 20 June 2016 – validity: 20 June 2018: extension until 31 January 2019

Doc. 14042, motion for a resolution, Reshaping the role of education for “digital citizens” (new title: The role of education in the digital era: from “digital natives” to “digital citizens”), Ref. 4216 of 20 June 2016 – validity: 20 June 2018: extension until 31 January 2019

Doc. 14072, motion for a resolution, Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections, Ref. 4222 of 24 June 2016 – validity: 24 June 2018: extension until 24 December 2018

Appendix 2

List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey (24 June 2018)

Chairperson / Présidente: Ms / Mme Olena SOTNYK (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)

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

Mr / M. Zsolt CSENGER-ZALÁN, Hungary / Hongrie
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France *
Mr / M. Giuseppe GALATI, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. Andreas NICK, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne
Ms / Mme María Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain / Espagne

Substitutes / suppléants:

Mr / M. Matern von MARSCHALL, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France
Ms / Mme Tabea RÖSSNER, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche *
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIC, Montenegro / Monténégro

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

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Rt. Hon. Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Jaak MADISON, Estonia / Estonie
Sir Edward LEIGH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Ms / Mme Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine*
Ms / Mme Petra STIENEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Mr / M. Andrea RIGONI, Italy / Italie

Substitutes / suppléants:

Ms / Mme Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden / Suède
Ms / Mme Gyde JENSEN, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. František KOPŘIVA, Czech Republic / République tchèque

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Nikolaj VILLUMSEN, Denmark / Danemark *
Ms / Mme Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Mr / M. Marco NICOLINI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre
Ms / Mme Ioanneta KAVVADIA, Greece / Grèce
Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Petter EIDE, Norway / Norvège

Free Democrats Group (FDG) / Groupe des démocrates libres (GDL)

Mr / M. Sergio DIVINA, Italy / Italie

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Ms / Mme Adele GAMBARO, Italy / Italie

Rapporteur of Monitoring Committee / rapporteur de la commission de suivi

Mr / M. Nigel EVANS, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Marianne MIKKO, Estonia / Estonie

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

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Appendix 3

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly

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: Mr Cozmanziuc – EPP/CD (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) Mr Pocij - EPP/CD (AS/Mon)
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) Substitutes : 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)