



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 12 October 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 12 October 2018 in Strasbourg with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 8-12 October):** held an exchange of views on the fourth-part session;
- **Standing Committee meeting in Helsinki (23 November 2018):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **First part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observation :**
 - i. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (7 October 2018):* took note of the statement of the observation mission;
 - ii. *Armenia: possible early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed):* subject to these elections being called and subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 31 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 10, EC: 5, ALDE: 3, UEL: 2, FDG: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee and authorised the President of the Assembly to approve the list of members and appoint the Chairperson, and authorised the conduct of a pre-electoral mission;
 - iii. *"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": possible early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed):* subject to these elections being called and subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 31 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 10, EC: 5, ALDE: 3, UEL: 2, FDG: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee and authorised the President of the Assembly to approve the list of members and appoint the Chairperson, and authorised the conduct of a pre-electoral mission;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report;
- **2018 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 19-21 November):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum as set out in Appendix 2;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: authorised Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to New York, USA, on 3 December afternoon and 4 December 2018, in the framework of the preparation of his report on *Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, and in conjunction with the meeting of the Sub-committee on External Relations (5-6 December 2018);

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (12 October 2018 – 20 January 2019):** appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC) as Rapporteur;

- **Composition of the Committees:**

i. *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*

- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Vetle Wang Soleim (Norway) and Mr Corneliu Mugurel Cozmanciuc (Romania),
- on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, appointed Mr Petter Eide (Norway);

ii. *Monitoring Committee:*

- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus) and Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania),
- on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Mr Piero Fassino (Italy),
- on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Jokin Bildarratz (Spain);

iii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:*

- on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Michael Link (Germany);

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and drew up the list of candidates in respect of Spain to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.

- **Date and place of the next meetings:**

Thursday, 22 November 2018, Helsinki, at 2.30 pm
Friday, 14 December 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
Director of Communication
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Appendix 1 - References and transmissions to committees

A. References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 14596](#), Motion for a resolution, *Dietary-related ill health*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

[Doc. 14597](#), Motion for a resolution, *Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

[Doc. 14599](#), Motion for a resolution, *Undue influence of financial capital in political systems of microstates of the Council of Europe*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Request from the Committee of Ministers, *Granting of participatory status to the international non-governmental organisation ADF International*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14624](#), Motion for a resolution, *Protecting the environment through transparent, inclusive and accountable land use*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

[Doc. 14627](#), Motion for a resolution, *The gender dimension of foreign policy*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination *for report*

[Doc. 14628](#), Motion for a recommendation, *Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

B. Modification of references

[Doc. 14317](#), Motion for a resolution, *Establishment of an European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights*: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Monitoring Committee *for opinion*

[Doc. 14537](#), Motion for a resolution, *Impact of labour migration on left-behind children*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*

[Doc. 14261](#), Motion for a resolution, Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations (new title: *Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

C. Reply after consultation

[Doc. 14544](#), Motion for a resolution, *The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination *for opinion*

B. Extension of references

Bureau decision, Activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) (new title: *Promoting democracy by developing market economy: does the EBRD model work?*) Reference 4247 of 14 October 2016 - *extension until 30 April 2019*

[Doc. 14101](#), Motion for a resolution, *The need to enable the Committee of Ministers to give answers to the Assembly even in the absence of a consensus*

Reference 4236 of 14 October 2016 – *extension until 4 October 2019*

Appendix 2 – List of members of the Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 19-21 November 2018 in Strasbourg

Chairperson / Présidente

Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier – President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Présidente de l'Assemblée parlementaire

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

Mr José Cepeda (Spain, SOC / Espagne, SOC)
Ms Ioanetta Kavvadia (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)
Ms Patricia Riberaygua (Andorra, ALDE / Andorre, ADLE)
Mr Jordi Roca (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC / Géorgie, SOC)
Ms Klotilda Bushka (Albania, SOC / Albanie, SOC)
Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD / Lituanie, PPE/DC)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)

Ms Yuliya Lovochkina (Ukraine, SOC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

Ms Yolaine De Courson (France, NR/NI)
Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR/NI)
Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)
Ms Milica Markovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FDG / Bosnie-Herzégovine, GDL)
Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Mr Francesco Giro (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC)
Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE / Azerbaïdjan, ADLE)
Ms María Concepción de Santa Ana (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)
Mr Jordi Xucla (Spain, ALDE / Espagne, ADLE)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC / Azerbaïdjan, CE)
Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)
Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC / Hongrie, SOC)
Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE / Pays-Bas, ADLE)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL / Islande, GUE)
Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/DC / Pologne, PPE/DC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC / Belgique, SOC)