



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Helsinki on 22 November 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 22 November 2018 in Helsinki with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Procedure for the election of personalities by the Assembly:** asked the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to review the list of rights of participation and representation whose exercise may be deprived or suspended in the context of a challenge of credentials under Rule 10.1.c with respect to voting rights in the procedure for electing personalities by the Assembly;
- **Standing Committee meeting (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;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation :**
  - i. *“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: Referendum (30 September 2018) following the Final Agreement\* signed by Greece and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” on 17 June 2018:* took note of the memorandum prepared by the Chairperson of the Election Assessment mission;
  - ii. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (7 October 2018):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
  - iii. *Georgia: presidential elections (28 October 2018):* took note of the statement of the election observation mission and of the fact that a second round will be held on 28 November 2018;
  - iv. *Armenia: early parliamentary elections (9 December 2018):* approved the list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/DC) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee (Appendix 2);
  - v. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019):* approved the list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee (Appendix 3);

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\* “Final Agreement for the Settlement of the Differences as described in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the Termination of the Interim Accord of 1995 and the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership between the Parties” signed by Greece and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” on 17 June 2018.

- **Rules on access to and movement and security within the Council of Europe during sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly and meetings of Assembly committees and sub-committees:** adopted the Rules on access to and movement and security within the Council of Europe during sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly and meetings of Assembly committees and sub-committees, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress Report;
- **Initiative by Ms Kasimati's to propose to proclaim 18 September the European Day of Remembrance of the Victims and the Fight against Neo-Nazism:** took note of Ms Kasimati's initiative expressed at the meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on 18 September 2018;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to hold a meeting in Brussels on 15 January 2019;
- **Dates and places of the next meetings:**  
  
Friday 14 December 2018, Paris, at 9.00 am  
Monday 21 January 2019, Strasbourg, at 8.00 am  
Friday 25 January 2019, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am  
Thursday 28 February 2019, Paris, at 2.30 pm

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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. 14594**, Motion for a resolution, The use of innovative technologies for the benefit of migrants: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*

**Doc. 14637**, Motion for a recommendation, Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

**Doc. 14638**, Motion for a resolution, Urgent need to strengthen Financial Intelligence Units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

**Doc. 14639**, Motion for a resolution, Fighting corruption – General principles of political responsibility: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*

**Doc. 14640**, Motion for a resolution, Following up on the Genocide Convention and developing processes for reflecting on historic genocides in Council of Europe member States: *no further action*

**Doc. 14641**, Motion for a resolution, Forced and child labour in the sectors of cocoa, coffee and tea: *no further action*

### B. Modification of a reference

Bureau decision: The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco: reference to Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

### C. Extension of a reference

**Doc. 13978**, Motion for a resolution, The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland  
Reference 4206 of 27 May 2016 – *extension until 25 July 2019*

**Appendix 2 - List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections in Armenia (9 December 2018)**

**Chairperson / Président:** Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne

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

Mr / M. Damien ABAD, France

Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne

Mr / M. Jordi ROCA, Spain / Espagne

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

Mr / M. José MONTILLA, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Roberto RAMPI, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne

Ms / Mme Adriana Diana TUȘA, Romania / Roumanie

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

Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie (NR / NI)

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /**

**Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Mr / M. Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI, Ukraine

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

Ms / Mme Feleknas UCA, Turkey / Turquie

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

**Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee / Co-rapporteurs de la commission de suivi (*ex-officio*)**

Ms / Mme Yuliya LOVOCHKINA, Ukraine

Mr / M. Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia / Slovénie

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Ms / Mme Katharina PABEL, Substitute Member

**Appendix 3 - List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019)**

**Chairperson / Président:** Mr / M. Claude KERN, France

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

Mr / M. Jason AZZOPARDI, Malta / Malte  
Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie  
Ms / Mme Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. Killion MUNYAMA, Poland / Pologne  
Ms / Mme Maria Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain / Espagne  
Ms / Mme Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER, Switzerland / Suisse  
Mr / M. Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania / Roumanie\*  
Mr / M. Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium / Belgique  
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Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne  
Ms / Mme Peta BAYR, Austria / Autriche  
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