To the members of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Synopsis (revised)
of the meeting held in Paris
on 11 January 2019

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 11 January 2019 with Lord Donald Anderson (United Kingdom, SOC) 2nd Vice-Chairperson in the Chair, as regards:

– Consideration of lists of candidates for a post of judge in the European Court of Human Rights:
  • Sweden: held interviews with the candidates in respect of Sweden and adopted its recommendation for the attention of the Assembly;
  • Italy: held interviews with the candidates in respect of Italy and adopted its recommendation for the attention of the Assembly;

– Other business: in view of the Assembly’s decision that a list of candidates shall be rejected when “the national selection procedure did not fulfil minimum requirements of fairness and transparency” (paragraph 8.2.2. of Resolution 2248 (2018)), decided that the Committee would henceforth not consider any lists of candidates in the absence of interviews during the national selection procedure, as requested by the Committee of Ministers’ Guidelines, and invited the Secretary General of the Assembly to inform the Committee of Ministers and all States Parties to the Convention of this decision;

– Next meetings: took note of the forthcoming meetings of the Committee as follows:
  • Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 1st part-session (21-25 January 2019)
  • Paris, 28-29 March 2019 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
  • Paris, 13-14 June 2019 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
  • Paris, 19-20 September 2019 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed).

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