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## To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 26 to 28 January 2015

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Strasbourg from 26 to 28 January 2015, first with Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC), oldest member present, then with Ms Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE) in the Chair:

#### Monday 26 January 2015, 13:50 – 15:00, room 1, as regards:

– **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:**

- re-elected, by acclamation, Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), Chairperson,
- elected, by acclamation, Ms Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
- re-elected, by acclamation, Mr Tadeusz Iwiński (Poland, SOC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
- re-elected, by acclamation, Mrs Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson;

– **Debate under urgent procedure: Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response:** appointed Mr Jacques Legendre (France, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;

– **Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response:** held a joint hearing with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media with the participation of Ms Caroline Fourest, journalist, and Mr Driss Ajbali, sociologist;

#### Tuesday 27 January 2015, 08:00 – 10:00, room 9

– **Debate under urgent procedure: Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Legendre, France, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

– **Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)** (*Rapporteur: Mr Robert Walter, United Kingdom, EC*): held a hearing with the participation of members of the Hungarian delegation; Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe; and Mr Thomas Markert, Secretary of the Venice Commission;

**Tuesday 27 January 2015, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9**

- **Reconstitution of Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the following Sub-Committees:
  - the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World,
  - the Sub-Committee on External Relations,
  - the Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD;
- **The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union** (*Rapporteur: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE*): took position on 9 amendments to the draft resolution and 1 amendment to the draft recommendation;
- **The political transition in Tunisia** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Marie Bockel, France, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the latest developments in the country; agreed to his request to carry out a fact-finding visit to Tunisia in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau); and held an exchange of views with Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **The political transition in Egypt** (*Rapporteur: Mr José María Beneyto, Spain, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to his request to carry out a fact-finding visit to Egypt in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
- **Open discussion on current issues:** held an exchange of views on the situation in Ukraine;

**Tuesday 27 January 2015, 19:00 – 20:00, room 9**

- **Debate under urgent procedure: Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Legendre, France, EPP/CD*): took position on 4 amendments to the draft resolution;

**Wednesday 28 January 2015, 14:00 – 14:45, room 9**

- **Work programme:**

**Appointment of Rapporteurs:**

- appointed Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) as Rapporteur on *Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria* and heard from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;
- appointed Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) as Rapporteur on *Political developments in Iran* and heard from her a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;
- appointed Mr Dirk Van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC) as Rapporteur on *Foreign fighters in Syria* subject to hearing from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;

**Appointment of the institutional representatives of the Committee:** in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation, appointed members and substitutes to represent the Committee at meetings of the following bodies in 2015 and decided to inform the Bureau accordingly:

- Council for democratic elections of the Venice Commission:
  - Member: Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC),
  - Substitute: Ms Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE);

- **The situation in Kosovo\*** and the role of the Council of Europe (*Rapporteur: Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD*): took note of a written statement by Father Sava Janjic, Archdeacon of the Visoki Decani Monastery in Kosovo; and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Adrian Zeqiri, Executive Director of the European Centre for Minority issues in Kosovo (ECMI), and of elected representatives of the Kosovo Assembly;
- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** appointed the members of its Sub-Committees (see appendix);
- **Authorisations by the Committee:**
  - authorised Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco in the framework of the preparation of his report on *the Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco*, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly;
  - authorised Mr Agustín Conde (Spain, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Kosovo and Belgrade in the framework of the preparation of his report on *The situation in Kosovo and the role of the Council of Europe*;
  - authorised Mr Dirk Van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC) to attend the first meeting of the Committee on Foreign terrorist Fighters and Related Issues (COD-CTE) on 23-24 February in Strasbourg in the framework of the preparation of his report on *Foreign fighters in Syria*;
  - authorised Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, in the framework of the preparation of his report on the *Situation in Belarus*;
  - authorised Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL) to attend meetings with OECD experts and member countries' delegations in the framework of the 3<sup>rd</sup> OECD Parliamentary Days, in Paris on 27 February 2015, in his capacity as Rapporteur on *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*;
- **Other business:**
  - agreed to present to the Bureau the following requests for an extension:
    - until 30 April 2016 for the report on the *Situation in Belarus*,
    - until 30 April 2016 for the report on *The political transition in Egypt*;
  - decided to authorise the elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community to attend the meetings of the Committee throughout 2015;
  - took note of the call for nominations for the 2015 Vaclav Havel Prize, that the list had been open since 15 January and that the deadline for applications was 30 April 2015.
- **Next meetings:** took note of an invitation from the Speaker of the Georgian Parliament to hold a meeting in Tbilisi in May 2015 and decided on forthcoming meetings as follows:
  - **16 March 2015, Paris, Sénat (6<sup>th</sup> arrondissement)**
  - during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session in Strasbourg (20-24 April 2015)
  - 29 May 2015 (date and place to be confirmed)
  - during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session in Strasbourg (22-26 June 2015)
  - 1 September 2015 (date and place to be confirmed)
  - during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session in Strasbourg (28 September-2 October 2015)
  - 4 November 2015 (date and place to be confirmed)
  - 8 December 2015 (date and place to be confirmed).

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\* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

The **Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD** (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), meeting in Strasbourg, on 28 January 2015 with Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD) Chairperson and Mr Tuur Elzinga<sup>1</sup> (Netherlands, UEL) Vice-Chairperson, both by acclamation;
- **Future work:** took note of the invitation by Mr Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD, to attend the 3rd OECD Parliamentary Days in Paris on 25-27 February 2015 and agreed to hold its next meeting on this occasion; heard a statement by Mr Elzinga on the plans concerning the preparation of his report on *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** 25-26 February 2015, OECD Conference Centre, Paris.

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The **Sub-Committee on External Relations** (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2015, with Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** re-elected Mr José María Beneyto (Spain, EPP/CD) Chairperson and Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson, both by acclamation;
- **Future work:** agreed with the proposals by the Chair:
  - to hold a meeting with the United Nations bodies and other international organisations based in Geneva, Switzerland (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau);
  - to organise, in Strasbourg or Paris, an exchange of views with representatives of the permanent Committee on Political Issues and International Co-operation of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS IPA);
  - to organise, in Strasbourg or Paris, an exchange of views with representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC);
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** April 2015 part-session.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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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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<sup>1</sup> Mr Elzinga subsequently resigned as he was elected to the Bureau of another Sub-Committee.

## APPENDIX

**Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World  
of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**

**Sous-commission sur le Proche-Orient et le monde arabe  
de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

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