



## To the members of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 28 to 29 January 2020

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 and 29 January 2020, with first Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC/DA), senior member present, and then Ms Ingrid Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Composition of the Bureau of the Committee:**
  - elected by acclamation Ms Ingrid Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) Chairperson,
  - elected by acclamation Mr Haluk Koç (Turkey, SOC) 1st Vice-Chairperson, Sir Edward Leigh (United Kingdom, EC/DA) 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Mr José Badia (Monaco, EPP/CD) 3rd Vice Chairperson;
- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegations of North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland:**
  - heard statements by Mr Nikola Poposki (EPP/CD), member of the parliamentary delegation of North Macedonia; Mr Pedro Bacelar de Vasconcelos (SOC), Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of Portugal ; Mr Marco Nicolini (UEL), Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of San Marino; Ms Boriána Åberg (EPP/CD), Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of Sweden; and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (SOC), Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of Switzerland;
  - following an exchange of views, considered and unanimously adopted an opinion for the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, concluding that the credentials of the parliamentary delegations of North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland should be ratified;
- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Moldova:**
  - heard a statement by Mr Vlad Batrincea (SOC), Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Moldova;
  - following an exchange of views, considered and unanimously adopted an opinion for the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, concluding that the credentials of the Moldovan parliamentary delegation should be ratified;
- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Spain:**
  - heard a statement by Mr Antonio Gutiérrez (SOC), Chairperson of the Spanish parliamentary delegation;
  - following an exchange of views, considered and unanimously adopted an opinion for the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, concluding that the credentials of the Spanish parliamentary delegation should be ratified;

- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation** (presented at the June 2019 part-session) (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD): took note of an information memorandum prepared by the rapporteur summarising the conclusions of the experts' opinions requested by the committee in 2019 and decided to declassify it;
- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation:**
  - appointed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) rapporteur and heard from him a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
  - considered a draft report;
  - following an exchange of views, adopted an opinion for the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, concluding that the credentials of the Russian parliamentary delegation should be ratified;
- **Challenge on substantive grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation:**
  - appointed Mr Alvis Maniero (Italy, NR) rapporteur for opinion and heard from him a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest,
  - considered a report presented by the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), approved an opinion and invited its rapporteur for opinion to present it in plenary;
- **Assessment of the conformity of the decision-making processes developed by committees with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly:** approved an opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Revision of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly** (Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the basis of an introductory memorandum, and held an exchange of views;
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** on the basis of a presentation by the Director of general services of the Assembly and of an information memorandum, held an exchange of views and approved proposals for the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Reconstitution of the sub-committee on ethics:** reconstituted the sub-committee (see list of members contained in the appendix);
- **Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure – Follow up to Resolution 2319 (2020) of the Assembly on a New joint complementary procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly** (subject to the reference to the committee for report): appointed Sir Edward Leigh (United Kingdom, EC/DA) rapporteur and heard from him a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
- **Recommendation 2151 (2019) on the "Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights":** took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers;
- **Other business:** was informed on the call for nominations for the 2020 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize;
- **Next meetings:**
  - Paris, Office of the Council of Europe (4 March 2020);
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session (20-24 April 2020).

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- Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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**Sub-Committee on ethics / Sous-commission sur la déontologie**

List of members / *Liste des membres*

13 seats / *13 sièges*

**Members / membres :**

Sir	GALE Roger	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	EC/DA / CE/AD
Mr/M.	KOX Tiny	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Chairperson UEL <i>Président GUE</i>
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Mr/M.	WADEPHUL Johann	Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	EPP/CD / <i>PPE/DC</i>

**Ex officio member / membre de droit :**

Ms/Mme SCHOU Ingjerd (Norway / *Norvège*, EPP/CD / *PPE/DC*), Committee Chairperson / *Présidente de la commission*