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

### Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 30 September to 3 October 2019

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Strasbourg from 30 September to 3 October 2019, with Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the chair:

#### Monday 30 September 2019, as regards:

- **Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation** (*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur including a declaration of absence of conflict of interests; held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe; Mr Zoltan Taubner, Director of the Directorate of External Relations of the Council of Europe, Head of Brussels office; and Mr Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service;

#### Tuesday 1 October 2019, as regards:

- **Open discussion on current issues**: heard a statement by Mr Andreas Nick (Germany, EPP/CD), former Rapporteur for the January 2019 report under urgent procedure on *The escalation of tensions around the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait and threats to European security*, on the follow-up to his report further to recent developments and prospects of the Minsk process, followed by an exchange of views;
- **Hearing on the preparation of early parliamentary elections in Belarus on 17 November 2019**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Maksim Misko, Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Commission on Law, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus; Ms Anna Kanopatskaya, Member of the Standing Commission on Economic Policy, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus; Mr Ales Bialiatski, Chairperson, Viasna Human Rights Centre, Minsk; and Mr Vital Rymasheuski, Co-Chairman of the Belarusian Christian Democracy party;

#### Wednesday 2 October 2019, as regards:

- **Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur including a declaration of absence of conflict of interests and held a hearing with the participation of Ms Birgit Schippers, Senior lecturer in Politics at St Mary's University College, Belfast; Mr Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, "Strategies for cross-cutting justice policies or legal actions", Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission; and Mr Yannick Meneceur, Information Society and Action against crime Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, French magistrate on secondment to the Council of Europe;
- **Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*): took position on 5 amendments to the draft resolution;

– **Relations between the Assembly and the OECD:**

- took note of the programme of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10-11 October 2019) and proposed as members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly:

Ms Theodora BAKOYANNIS (Greece, EPP/CD)  
Ms Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC)  
Mr Georgios KATROUGKALOS (Greece, UEL)  
Mr Akif Çağatay KILIÇ (Turkey, NR)  
Ms Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN (Netherlands, EPP/CD)

- in view of the expiry of the current reference on 20 January 2020 and the resignation of the Rapporteur, Mr Ervin Bushati (Albania, SOC), considered and adopted a motion for a resolution ([see Doc 14976](#));

– **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019):** took note of the programme and proposed as members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly:

Mr Georgios KATROUGKALOS (Greece, UEL)  
Mr Akif Çağatay KILIÇ (Turkey, NR)  
Mr Betian KITEV (North Macedonia, SOC)  
Mr Simon MOUTQUIN (Belgium, SOC)  
Mr George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC);

– **Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan** (*Former Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): considered an information note by the former Rapporteur, held an exchange of views with the Jordanian delegation and, in view of the expiry of the current reference on 13 October 2019, considered and adopted a motion for a resolution ([see Doc 14975](#));

– **Call for candidates:** called for candidates for the following reports:

- . The situation in Kosovo\*
- . Assessing the functioning of the partnership for democracy;

**Thursday 3 October 2019, as regards:**

- **Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- **Follow-up to [Resolution 2277 \(2019\)](#) and [Recommendation 2153 \(2019\)](#) on the Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future** (*Former Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*): heard a statement by the former Rapporteur, as well as by Mr Wojciech Sawicki, Secretary General of the Assembly, followed by an exchange of views;
- **Follow-up to [Resolution 2298 \(2019\)](#) Situation in Syria: prospects for a political solution?** (*Former Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the former Rapporteur followed by an exchange of views and took note that she would keep the Committee updated on the matter when appropriate;
- **Open discussion on current issues (cont'd):** heard statements by Mr Ian Murray (United Kingdom, SOC), who replaced Lord George Foulkes, on the need for the Council of Europe to observe the respect of the separation of powers by the member States, and by Mr Bernard Sabella (Palestinian Partner for Democracy delegation) on the need for Europe to play a more active role in the neighbouring regions;
- **Authorisations by the Committee:** appointed Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD), former rapporteur on *Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* to represent it at the Lisbon Forum (Lisbon, 28 and 29 November 2019);

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

- **Composition of sub-committees:** appointed the following members:

**Sub-Committee on External Relations** (full list appended)

Mr Georges-Louis Bouchez (Belgium, ALDE) becomes alternate to Mr Hendrik Daems (Belgium, ALDE)

Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC) becomes member

Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou (Greece, EPP/CD) becomes alternate to Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

Mr Algirdas Butkevičius (Lithuania, SOC) becomes member

Mr Corneliu Mugurel Cozmanniuc (Romania, EPP/CD) becomes alternate to Mr Attila Korodi (Romania, EPP/CD)

Mr Leonid Kalashnikov (Russian Federation, UEL) becomes member with Mr Aleksei Kondratev (Russian Federation, NR) as his alternate

Mr Žarko Obradović (Serbia, SOC) becomes member

**Sub-Committee on the Middle East and Arab World** (full list appended)

Ms Kristien Van Vaerenbergh (Belgium, NR) becomes member with Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC) as her alternate

Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen (Finland, EPP/CD) becomes member

Mr Georgios Katrougkalos (Greece, UEL) becomes member with Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) as his alternate

Ms Rósa B. Brynjólfddóttir (Iceland, UEL) becomes member

Mr Aleksei Kondratev (Russian Federation, NR) becomes member with Mr Leonid Kalashnikov (Russian Federation, UEL) as his alternate;

- **Other business:** took note that Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Chairperson of the Finnish delegation, intended to invite the Sub-Committee on External Relations to hold a meeting in Rovaniemi (Finland) on 16 December 2019 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly) with a view to considering the challenges for international co-operation in the Arctic region and the model of the Arctic Council, including its parliamentary dimension;
- **Next meetings:** took note
  - of the programme and practical information for the meeting in Berlin, 14 November 2019
  - that the meeting in Paris on 9 December 2019 would take place at the OECD Headquarters.

D. Chatzivassiliou, P. Chevtchenko, S. Arzilli, V. Giannias

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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