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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Berlin, Germany on 14 November 2019

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Berlin, Germany, on 14 November 2019 with Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **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*), in the presence of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly:
  - heard a statement by the former Rapporteur, joined by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur on *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*, welcoming the adoption, by the Council of the European Union, of supplementary negotiating directives aimed at the swift resumption of negotiations with the Council of Europe on EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights;
  - upon the proposal of the former Rapporteur and following a vote, considered and adopted a motion for a resolution and a recommendation on the *New complementary procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to the lack of compliance by a member State with its statutory obligations*;
  - appointed Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) as Rapporteur (subject to the referral of the motion to the Committee), and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
  - agreed to consider a draft report for possible adoption at its next meeting (subject to the referral of the motion to the Committee) with a view to an Assembly debate during the January 2020 part-session;
- **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 with the participation of Mr Erwin van Veen, Senior Research Fellow, Conflict Research Unit, Clingendael Institute (Netherlands Institute of international relations);
- **Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections** (*Rapporteur: Mr Hendrik Daems, Belgium, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, followed by an exchange of views, and considered an introductory memorandum; agreed to consider a draft report for possible adoption at its next meeting with a view to an Assembly debate during the January 2020 part-session;
- **Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors** (*Rapporteur: Mr Konstantin Kuhle, Germany, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, including a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Institutional Representation of the Committee**: heard a statement by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) on his participation in the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for democratic elections (Venice, 10 October 2019);

- **Invitation to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee on External Relations in Rovaniemi (Finland), on 16 December 2019, on the developments in the Arctic region and opportunities for international co-operation:** considered and accepted the invitation (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly) and took note of the draft programme and practical information;
- **Invitation to hold a meeting of the Committee in Chania, Crete (Greece) on 17-18 September 2020:** heard a statement by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the PACE, and decided to accept the invitation (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly);
- **Participation in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, Paris, 10-11 October 2019:** postponed this item to one of its next meetings;
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019:** postponed this item to one of its next meetings;
- **Appointment of Rapporteurs:** appointed the following Rapporteurs:
  - Mr Peter Beyer (Germany, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur on *The situation in Kosovo*\*
  - Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur on *Assessing the functioning of the partnership for democracy*

and heard from them their declarations of absence of conflict of interests;

- **Other business:** took note that the deadline for submission of candidatures for the Raoul Wallenberg Prize 2020 had been extended to 30 November 2019;
- **Authorisations by the Committee:** authorised Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur on *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*, to participate in a Seminar on the accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights, Strasbourg, 18 November 2019;
- **Composition of sub-committees:** appointed the following members:

Sub-Committee on External Relations (full list appended)

Mr Krzysztof Truskolaski (Poland, EPP/CD) becomes alternate to Mr Bernacki  
Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) becomes alternate to Ms Karamanli  
Ms Maša Kociper (Slovenia, ALDE) becomes alternate to Mr Šircelj

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

Mr Krzysztof Mieszkowski (Poland, ALDE) becomes alternate to Mr Klich

- **Next meetings:** agreed on the following meetings:
  - . Paris, 9 December 2019 (OECD Headquarters)
  - . Rovaniemi (Finland), 16 December 2019 (meeting of the Sub-committee on External Relations, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly).

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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.

**Joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**

The **Committees on Political Affairs and Democracy and on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, meeting in Berlin, Germany, on 14 November 2019, with Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) co-chairing, as regards:

- held an exchange of views with Ambassador Jens Plötner, Political Director of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Norbert Röttgen, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag;
- **Democracy hacked? How to respond?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frithjof Schmidt, Germany, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the basis of his preliminary draft report; heard a statement by the Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD); held a hearing with the participation of Mr Georg Thiel, President of the German Federal Statistical Office and Federal Returning Officer (via videolink); Ms Astrid Schumacher, Head of Branch "IT Security Consulting and Security of Classified Material", German Federal Office for Information Security, Bonn; Mr Johan Farkas, Malmö University, Chairperson of YECREA (Young Scholars Network); and Ms Ulrike Klinger, Assistant Professor, Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität, Berlin; agreed to consider a draft report for possible adoption at its next meeting with a view to an Assembly debate during the January 2020 part-session.

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