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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis

of the meeting held at the OECD Headquarters in Paris on 9 December 2019

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, on 9 December 2019 with Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections** (*Rapporteur: Mr Hendrik Daems, Belgium, ALDE*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;
- **Democracy hacked? How to respond?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frithjof Schmidt, Germany, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;
- **Early parliamentary elections in Belarus**: heard a statement by Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Chairperson of the PACE Ad hoc Committee for the Observation of the early parliamentary elections in the Republic of Belarus (17 November 2019), and held an exchange of views;
- **Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- **Call for candidates**: called for candidates for the following reports:
 - The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan;
- **Other business**: thanked Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten for her strong leadership throughout the last two years;
- **Proposals for 2020 meetings**: agreed on the following meetings:
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session, 27-31 January 2020
 - . Paris, 9 March 2020
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session, 20-24 April 2020
 - . Paris, 18 May 2020
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session, 22-26 June 2020
 - . Chania, Greece, 17-18 September 2020 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly)
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session, 12-16 October 2020
 - . Paris, 9 December 2020

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