

AS/Pol (2022) CB 01rev
31 January 2022

To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on 25 and 27 January 2022

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on 25 January 2022, with first Mr Bernard Fournier (France, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EC/DA), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** re-elected, by acclamation, Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EC/DA), Chairperson, and elected, by acclamation:
 - Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Laima Liucija Andrikiénė (Lithuania EPP/CD), 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain, EPP/CD), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
- **Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC*): held a hearing on constitutional reform in Belarus with the participation of:
 - Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary, Secretariat of the Enlarged Agreement on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission),
 - Mr Andrei Savinykh, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on International Affairs, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus,
 - Mr Anatol Liabedzka, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya's representative for constitutional reform and parliamentary co-operation,
 - Mr Alexander Shlyk, Special Representative of Svetlana Tikhanovskaya on Elections;
- **Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Serguei Kouznetsov, Head of Division, Secretariat of the Enlarged Agreement on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission);
- **Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the Sub-Committee on External Relations and the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World; constituted a new Sub-Committee on Democracy; and approved their composition (see Appendix);
- **Relations with the OECD:** constituted an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee of five members (to be appointed taking into account gender and political balance) to participate in the next meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, to be held in Paris on 17-18 March 2022 in person (subject to authorisation by the Bureau); and called for candidates with a view to approving its composition at the next meeting of the Committee;
- **Open discussion on current political issues:** heard a statement by its Chairperson in view of the current affairs debate on *Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?*, and held an exchange of views;

– **Work programme:**

- called for candidates for a report on *Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture* and for opinions on *The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society* and *The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants*;
- appointed, following a vote, Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC) as a member of the Network of contact parliamentarians for a healthy environment;

– **Institutional representation:** in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation, and in view of Assembly Resolution 2394 (2021) on *Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*, following a call for candidatures, appointed the following members and substitutes, and decided to inform the Bureau of the Assembly accordingly:

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE):
Member: Mr Michael Georg Link (Germany, ALDE), following a vote,
Substitute: Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain, EPP/CD), following a vote;
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI):
Member: Mr Ahmet Yıldız (Turkey, NR), by acclamation;

– **Standing invitations:** decided, in accordance with Resolution 1376 (2004) and with the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of 4 October 2004 approved the same day by the Assembly, and according to Article 48.7 of the Rules of Procedure, to invite the elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community to attend its meetings during the Assembly 2022 Ordinary Session;

– **Meetings in 2022:** took note of the meetings in 2022 to be held as follows:

1st February 2022, by videoconference
16 March 2022, place and manner to be decided
During the April part-session (25-29 April 2022)
19-20 May 2022, Chania, Crete (Greece)
During the June part-session (20-24 June 2022)
13 September 2022, place and manner to be decided
During the October part-session (10-14 October 2022)
November 2022, date, place and manner to be decided (tbc)
13 December 2022, place and manner to be decided

* * * * *

The **Sub-Committee on External Relations**, meeting in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on Thursday 27 January 2022 with first Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau:** following a vote, elected Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), Chairperson and, by acclamation, Mr Ahmet Yıldız (Turkey, NR), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

* * * * *

The **Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World**, meeting in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on Thursday 27 January 2022 with first Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Chairperson:** re-elected, by acclamation, Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL);
- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** took note of the candidature of Mr Mehmet Mehdi Eker (Turkey, NR) and decided to postpone the election to its next meeting so as to invite additional candidatures from women, in view of Assembly Resolution 2394 (2021) on *Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*;
- **Current dynamics in the Middle East and North Africa:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Julien Barnes-Dacey, Director of the Middle East and North Africa programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations, Brussels;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The **Sub-Committee on Democracy**, meeting in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on Thursday 27 January 2022 with first Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Chairperson:** elected, by acclamation, Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC);
- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** took note of the candidature of Sir Tony Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC) and decided to postpone the election to its next meeting so as to invite additional candidatures from women, in view of Assembly Resolution 2394 (2021) on *Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*;
- **Future work:** held an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Sonia Sirtori, Pavel Chevtchenko, Ayşegül Elveriş, Elia Boggia

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
 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
 Directors General
 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
 Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX

**Sub-Committee on External Relations
of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**

**Sous-commission des relations extérieures
de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

30 seats / 30 sièges

LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES

Chairperson / Président

Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES (Spain, SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président

Mr Ahmet YILDIZ (Turkey, NR)

Full Members / Membres titulaires

Alternates / Remplaçant-e-s

1. Ms BONELL Mònica (ALDE)	Andorra / Andorre	
2. Mr RUBINYAN Ruben (EPP/CD)	Armenia / Arménie	Mr VARDANYAN Vladimir (EPP/CD)
3. Mr LOPATKA Reinhold (EPP/CD)	Austria / Autriche	
4. Mr SEYIDOV Samad (EC/DA)	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Mr HAJIYEV Sabir (SOC)
5. Mr BOUCHEZ Georges-Louis (ALDE)	Belgium / Belgique	Ms Van VAERENBERGH Kristien (NR)
6. Mr LOUCAIDES George (UEL)	Cyprus / Chypre	
7. Mr BENEŠIK Ondřej (EPP/CD)	Czech Republic / République tchèque	
8. Mr JENSEN Michael Aastrup (ALDE)	Denmark / Danemark	
9. Mr KILJUNEN Kimmo (SOC)	Finland / Finlande	
10. Ms KARAMANLI Marietta (SOC)	France	Mr MARIE Didier (SOC)
11. Ms FUNKE Fabian (SOC)	Germany / Allemagne	Mr DAĞDELEN Sevim (UEL)
12. Ms BAKOYANNIS Theodora (EPP/CD)	Greece / Grèce	Mr CHATZIVASILEIOU Anastasios (EPP/CD)
13. Mr CALLEARY Dara (ALDE)	Ireland / Irlande	
14. Mr RIBOLLA Alberto (EC/DA)	Italy / Italie	Ms POLIDORI Catia (EPP/CD)
15. Ms ANDRIKIENĖ Laima Liucija (EPP/CD)	Lithuania / Lituanie	Mr ZINGERIS Emanuelis (EPP/CD)
16. Mr GRAAS Gusty (ALDE)	Luxembourg	
17. Mr AZZOPARDI Jason (EPP/CD)	Malta / Malte	Mr ATTARD Jonathan (SOC)
18. Ms VUKIČEVIĆ Maja (NR)	Montenegro / Monténégro	
19. Mr BERNACKI Włodzimierz (EC/DA)	Poland / Pologne	Mr TRUSKOLASKI Krzysztof (EPP/CD)
20. Ms MEIRELLES Isabel (EPP/CD)	Portugal	
21. Mr STROE Ionuț-Marian (EPP/CD)	Romania / Roumanie	Mr COZMANCIUC Corneliu Mugurel (EPP/CD)
22. Mr DAČIĆ Ivica (SOC)	Serbia / Serbie	Ms TOMIĆ Aleksandra (EPP/CD)
23. Ms KOCIPER Maša (ALDE)	Slovenia / Slovénie	
24. Mr GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES A. (SOC)	Spain / Espagne	Mr ROBLES Gonzalo (EPP/CD)
25. Ms ÅBERG Boriána (EPP/CD)	Sweden / Suède	
26. Ms MARET Marianne (EPP/CD)	Switzerland / Suisse	Ms CAROBBIO GUSCETTI Marina (SOC)
27. Mr YILDIZ Ahmet (NR)	Turkey / Turquie	Mr ÇEVİKÖZ Ahmet Ünal (SOC)
28. Ms VASYLENKO Lesia (EPP/CD)	Ukraine	Ms YASKO Yelyzaveta (EPP/CD)
29. Sir CHOPE Christopher (EC/DA)	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Sir LLOYD Tony (SOC)
30. Mr DAEMS Rik (ALDE)	Immediate past President of the Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée sortant	

Ex officio: Mr Zsolt Németh
(Hungary, EC/DA)

Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy /
Président de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

**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**

30 seats / 30 sièges

LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES

Chairperson / Président

Mr George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président-e

...

Full Members / Titulaires

Alternates / Remplaçant-e-s

1.	Mr LOPATKA Reinhold (EPP/CD)	Austria / Autriche	
2.	Mr MOLLAZADA Asim (EC/DA)	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	
3.	Mr MOUTQUIN Simon (SOC)	Belgium / Belgique	Ms Van VAERENBERGH Kristien (NR)
4.	Mr LOUCAIDES George (UEL)	Cyprus / Chypre	
5.	Mr RASMUSSEN Lars Aslan (SOC)	Denmark / Danemark	
6.	Ms VIROLAINEN Anne-Mari (EPP/CD)	Finland / Finlande	
7.	Mr KERN Claude (ALDE)	France	Ms KARAMANLI Marietta (SOC)
8.	Mr LUCKS Max (SOC)	Germany / Allemagne	Mr ULLRICH Volker (EPP/CD)
9.	Mr KATROUGALOS George (UEL)	Greece / Grèce	Mr PAPANDREOU George (SOC)
10.	Ms O'LOUGHLIN Fiona (ALDE)	Ireland / Irlande	
11.	Mr FASSINO Piero (SOC)	Italy / Italie	Ms DE CARLO Sabrina (NR)
12.	Mr ZINGERIS Emanuelis (EPP/CD)	Lithuania / Lituanie	
13.	Ms HEMMEN Cécile (SOC)	Luxembourg	
14.	Mr MULARCZYK Arkadiusz (EC/DA)	Poland / Pologne	Mr SZEJNA Andrzej (SOC)
15.	Mr BACELAR DE VASCONCELOS P. (SOC)	Portugal	
16.	Mr CORLĂȚEAN Titus (SOC)	Romania / Roumanie	Mr MANG Ioan (SOC)
17.	Mr RADIN Milan (EPP/CE)	Serbia / Serbie	
18.	Mr ROBLES Gonzalo (EPP/CD)	Spain / Espagne	Mr GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES A. (SOC)
19.	Mr HAMMARBERG Thomas (SOC)	Sweden / Suède	Ms ÅBERG Boriana (EPP/CD)
20.	Ms ARSLAN Sibel (SOC)	Switzerland / Suisse	Mr HEER Alfred (ALDE)
21.	Mr EKER Mehmet Mehdi (NR)	Turkey / Turquie	Mr YILDIZ Ahmet (NR)
22.	Ms YASKO Yelyzaveta (EPP/CD)	Ukraine	Mr SOBOLIEV Serhii (EPP/CD)
23.	Mr SHEPPARD Tommy (NR)	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr HOWELL John (EC/DA)
24.			
25.			
26.			
27.			
28.			
29.			
30.			

Ex officio: Mr Zsolt Németh
(Hungary, EC/DA)

Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy /
Président de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

Sub-Committee on Democracy
of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Sous-commission de la Démocratie
de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

30 seats / 30 sièges

LIST OF MEMBRES / LISTE DES MEMBRES

Chairperson / Président

Mr George PAPANDEOU (Greece, SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président-e

...

Full Members / Membres titulaires

1. Mr RUBINYAN Ruben (EPP/CD)
2. Mr SEYIDOV Samad (EC/DA)
3. Mr BOUCHEZ Georges-Louis (ALDE)
4. Mr KILJUNEN Kimmo (SOC)
5. Ms TRISSE Nicole (ALDE)
6. Mr ULLRICH Volker (EPP/CD)
7. Mr PAPANDEOU George (SOC)
8. Mr CALLEARY Dara (ALDE)
9. Mr SCERRA Filippo (NR)
10. Mr GRAAS Gusty (ALDE)
11. Mr AZZOPARDI Jason (EPP/CD)
12. Ms SCHOU Ingjerd (EPP/CD)
13. Mr MUNCACIU Sorin-Titus (NR)
14. Mr KISLYAK Sergey (NR)
15. Ms SUMELZO Susana (SOC)
16. Ms CAROBBIO GUSCETTI M. (SOC)
17. Mr HEER Alfred (ALDE)
18. Mr BÜYÜKGÜMÜŞ Ahmet (NR)
19. Sir LLOYD Tony (SOC)
20. Mr DAEMS Rik (ALDE)

Armenia / Arménie
Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
Belgium / Belgique
Finland / Finlande
France
Germany / Allemagne
Greece / Grèce
Ireland / Irlande
Italy / Italie
Luxembourg
Malta / Malte
Norway / Norvège
Romania / Roumanie
Russian Federation / Fédération Russie
Spain / Espagne
Switzerland / Suisse
Switzerland / Suisse
Turkey / Turquie
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Immediate past President of the Assembly /
Président de l'Assemblée sortant

Alternates / Remplaçant-e-s

Mr MOUTQUIN Simon (SOC)
Mr MILON Alain (EPP/CD)
Mr LINK Michael Georg (ALDE)
Mr CHATZIVASILEIOU Anastasios (EPP/CD)
Mr RIBOLLA Alberto (EC/DA)
Mr ATTARD Jonathan (SOC)
Ms MITREA Dumitrina (EC/DA)
Ms ARSLAN Sibel (SOC)
Ms MARET Marianne (EPP/CD)
Mr ÇEVİKÖZ Ahmet Ünal (SOC)

- 21.
- 22.
- 23.
- 24.
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
- 28.
- 29.
- 30.

Ex officio: Mr Zsolt Németh
(Hungary, EC/DA)

Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy /
Président de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie