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

### Synopsis

#### of the meetings held in Strasbourg in a hybrid manner on 26-27 April 2022

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in a hybrid manner on 26-27 April 2022, with Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EC/DA), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday 26 April 2022 from 8:30 to 10:00**, as regards:
  - **Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): heard statements by the Rapporteur and by Ms Dinara Ashimova, Chairperson of the Kyrgyz partner for democracy delegation, considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
  - **Meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 17-18 March 2022)**: heard a statement by Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), Chairperson of the ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network;
  - **Call for candidates for report**: called for candidates for “Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America”;
  - **General policy debate on Consequences of the Russian Federation’s continued aggression against Ukraine: role and response of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC*): took position on 24 amendments to the draft Resolution; decided to table two sub-amendments and to present an oral amendment;
- **on Tuesday 26 April 2022 from 2pm to 3:30pm**, as regards:
  - **General policy debate on Consequences of the Russian Federation’s continued aggression against Ukraine: role and response of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC*): took position on 5 amendments to the draft Resolution and 13 amendments to the draft Recommendation and decided to table two sub-amendments;
  - **Authorisations by the Committee**: authorised Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “Safeguarding peace and stability in the East Mediterranean Sea”, to carry out fact-finding visits to Athens and Ankara, in the framework of the preparation of her report (subject to the availability of funds);
- **on Wednesday 27 April 2022 from 2pm to 3:30pm**, as regards:
  - **Safeguarding and promoting genuine democracy in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz, France, EPP/CD*): took position on 11 amendments to the draft Resolution and decided to table one sub-amendment;
  - **Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture** (*Rapporteur: Ms Laima Liucija Andrikiénė, Lithuania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and considered an introductory memorandum;
  - **Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Bogdan Klich, Poland, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and considered an outline report;

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- **Appointment of a Rapporteur for report:** appointed Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC) as Rapporteur on “Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America” and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Institutional representation:** appointed Ms Krista Baumane (Latvia, ALDE) as substitute member to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and decided to inform the Bureau of the Assembly accordingly;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings as follows:

16-17 May 2022, Chania, Crete (Greece), physical presence only  
During the June part-session (20-24 June 2022), Strasbourg  
13 September 2022, Paris  
During the October part-session (10-14 October 2022), Strasbourg  
November 2022, date and place to be decided  
13 December 2022, Paris

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