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To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held in Tallinn on 27 May 2016

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 27 May 2016 in Tallinn, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, and then with Ms Maria Guzenina, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Eiki Nestor, Speaker of the Riigikogu, and held an exchange of views with Ms Marina Kaljurand, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Romania and San Marino;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the third part-session of the Assembly (20 - 24 June 2016);
- ratified the references which are contained in the Appendix I hereafter;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Marin Mrčela, President of the Group of States against corruption (GRECO) and Mr Daniel Thelesklaf, Chairman of the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL);
- took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committees of the Bureau on the:
“Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan (20 March 2016)”;
“Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Serbia (24 April 2016)”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:
Resolution 2116 (2016) Urgent need to prevent human rights violations during peaceful protests
Resolution 2117 (2016) Promoting city-to-city co-operation in the field of culture
- decided to hold its next meeting in Nicosia on 26 November 2016.

Kateryna Gayevska

cc. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
Director General, Director 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 I

Decisions on documents tabled for references to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Schennach and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 13978

Reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*

2. **Resolving the ongoing conflict in Turkey and finding a political solution to the Kurdish question**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Kox and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 13980

No further action

3. **Promoting diversity and equality in politics**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Osamor and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 13981

Reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

4. **The value of cultural heritage in a democratic society**
Motion for a resolution tabled by The Earl of Dundee and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14026

Consultation of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *on possible follow-up*

5. **Good football governance**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Brasseur and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14027

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

6. **Counter-Narratives to Terrorism**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Byrne and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14032

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

7. **A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Vésaité and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14033

Consultation of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *on possible follow-up*

8. **The "Panama Papers" – an opportunity to expose corruption and organised crime**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Omtzigt and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14034

9. **The "Panama Papers" and the concern about fiscal, social justice and public trust in our democratic system**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr van de Ven and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14045

10. **Panama Papers: what lessons for the state of democracy in Council of Europe member States?**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Van der Maelen and other members of the Assembly
Doc. 14047

Reference of the three motions to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion* with one new title “The concern about fiscal, social justice and public trust in our democratic system”

B. REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION OF REFERENCES

- 1. Closing the protection gap of unaccompanied children in Europe**
Motion for a recommendation tabled by Ms Strik and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13646](#)
Ref. 4099 of 26 January 2015

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

- 2. Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and rights of their staff**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Le Borgn' and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13905](#)
Ref. 4185 of 29 January 2016

Reference to the Committee on Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

- 3. Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”?**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Omtzigt and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13965](#)
Ref. 4188 of 4 March 2016

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*