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To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held in Nicosia on 25 November 2016

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 25 November 2016 in Nicosia, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, and then with Sir Roger Gale, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Demetris Syllouris, President of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, and held an exchange of views with Mr Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Andorra and Spain;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (23 – 27 January 2017);
- ratified the references which are contained in the Appendix I hereafter;
- adopted the “Declaration of Nicosia: Call for an inclusive constituent process to tackle today’s challenges”;
- took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committees of the Bureau on the:
 - “Observation of the parliamentary elections in Morocco (7 October 2016)”;
 - “Observation of the parliamentary elections in Georgia (8 October 2016)”;
 - “Observation of the parliamentary elections in Montenegro (16 October 2016)”;
 - “Observation of the presidential election in the Republic of Moldova (30 October and 13 November 2016)”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Recommendation 2096 (2016)	The situation in Aleppo
Resolution 2138 (2016)	The situation in Aleppo
Resolution 2139 (2016)	Ensuring access to health care for all children in Europe
Resolution 2140 (2016)	The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe
- decided to hold its next meeting in March 2017, in Madrid [tbc].

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 situation in Turkey**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr M.A. Jensen and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14163](#)

Reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey"*

- 2. Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe**
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
[Doc. 14164](#)

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

- 3. Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Destexhe and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14167](#)

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

- 4. Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Strik and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14168](#)

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

(The Assembly has adopted [Resolution 2073 \(2015\)](#) and [Recommendation 2078 \(2015\)](#) "Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges", and [Resolution 2050 \(2015\)](#) "The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed")

- 5. Supporting humanitarian actions in favour of vulnerable refugees in the Mediterranean**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Santerini and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14170](#)

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe" (Ref. 4203 of 22 April 2016)*

- 6. Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr van de Ven and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14171](#)

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

- 7. New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member States**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Fabritius and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14172](#)

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system" (Reference 4087 of 17 November 2014, extended until 30 June 2017)*

8. State of media freedom in Hungary
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Mesterházy and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14173](#)

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Attacks against journalists and media freedom in Europe" (Ref. 4136 of 22 June 2015)*

B. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

1. Counter-narratives to terrorism
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Byrne and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 14032](#)
Ref. 4209 of 27 May 2016 – validity: 27 May 2018

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