



SECRETARIAT

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## To the members of the Standing Committee

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Prague on 30 May 2017

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 30 May 2017 in Prague, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, and then with Sir Roger Gale and Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard welcome addresses by Mr Milan Štěch, President of the Senate, and Mr Jan Hamáček, President of the Chamber of Deputies;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Belgium, Bulgaria and Serbia ;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the third part-session of the Assembly (26 - 30 June 2017);
- ratified the references which are contained in the Appendix I hereafter;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Paolo Alli, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;
- took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committees of the Bureau on the:
  - “Observation of the parliamentary elections in Armenia (2 April 2017)”;
  - “Observation of the presidential election in Serbia (2 April 2017)”;
  - “Observation of the referendum on the constitutional amendments in Turkey (16 April 2017)”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

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| <b>Opinion 294 (2017)</b>         | <b>Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2018-2019</b>  |
| <b>Opinion 295 (2017)</b>         | <b>Draft protocol amending the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 167)</b> |
| <b>Recommendation 2103 (2017)</b> | <b>The political transition in Tunisia</b>  |
| <b>Recommendation 2104 (2017)</b> | <b>Human rights of older persons and their comprehensive care</b>   |
| <b>Resolution 2165 (2017)</b>     | <b>Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2018-2019</b>   |
| <b>Resolution 2166 (2017)</b>     | <b>The political transition in Tunisia</b>  |

**Resolution 2167 (2017)**

**The employment rights of domestic workers, especially women, in Europe**

**Resolution 2168 (2017)**

**Human rights of older persons and their comprehensive care**

- decided to hold its next meeting on 24 November 2017, in Copenhagen.

Kateryna Gayevska

- cc. Secretary General of the 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 COMMITTEE

1. **Addressing the massive curtailment of democratic rights and freedoms in Israel, especially the “Transparency Law”/”NGO Law”**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Groth and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14094](#)

No further action

2. **Illegal elections in the occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in the city of Sebastopol**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Goncharenko and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14188](#)

No further action

3. **Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**  
[Doc. 14271](#)

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

4. **Co-operation with United Nations human rights mechanisms – a challenge for the Council of Europe and its member States**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Schwabe and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14275](#)

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

5. **The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Di Stefano and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14276](#)

Transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

6. **Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Anderson and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14295](#)

Transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

7. **A two-State solution in Israel and Palestine**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Kox and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14296](#)

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

8. **A commitment to introduce rules to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Foulkes and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14299](#)

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

9. **Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Chugoshvili and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14301](#)

Consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *on possible follow-up*

**10. Review of regulations for election observations by the Parliamentary Assembly  
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Hardt and other members of the Assembly  
[Doc. 14302](#)**

No further action

**11. The situation in Kosovo\*  
Bureau Decision**

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

\*Any reference to Kosovo in this text, whether to the territory, institutions or population, shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.