



SECRETARIAT

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## To the members of the Standing Committee

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Helsinki on 23 November 2018

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 23 November 2018 in Helsinki, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Ms Paula Risikko, Speaker of the Parliament of Finland;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Timo Soini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- held an exchange of views with Ms Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of the INGOs, Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland and Slovenia;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (21-25 January 2019);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau which are contained in the appendix hereafter;
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the "observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (7 October 2018)";
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Recommendation 2143 (2018)</b>	<b>Protecting and promoting sign languages in Europe</b>
<b>Resolution 2247 (2018)</b>	<b>Protecting and promoting sign languages in Europe</b>
<b>Resolution 2248 (2018)</b>	<b>Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights</b>
<b>Resolution 2249 (2018)</b>	<b>The provision of palliative care in Europe</b>
<b>Resolution 2250 (2018)</b>	<b>Encouraging the movement of international students across Europe</b>

- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Kateryna Gayevska

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

### Decisions on documents tabled for references to committees

#### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **The use of innovative technologies for the benefit of migrants**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Doris Fiala and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14594](#)

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

2. **Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship**  
**Motion for a recommendation tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**  
[Doc. 14637](#)

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*

3. **Urgent need to strengthen Financial Intelligence Units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**  
[Doc. 14638](#)

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

4. **Fighting corruption – General principles of political responsibility**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**  
[Doc. 14639](#)

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

5. **Following up on the Genocide Convention and developing processes for reflecting on historic genocides in Council of Europe member States**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Kerstin Lundgren and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14640](#)

No further action

6. **Forced and child labour in the sectors of cocoa, coffee and tea**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Ulrich Oehme and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14641](#)

No further action

#### B. MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE

1. **The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco**  
Bureau decision  
**Reference 4246 of 14 October 2016 – validity: 14 October 2018** (reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*)

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