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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1409th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (7 July 2021)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 18 June 2021 (videoconference) and future activities up to the beginning of the September part-session, on Monday 27 September 2021.

I. 3rd part-session of 2021 (21-24 June 2021)

1. The June 2021 part-session was organised in a hybrid manner, with 201 members of the Assembly physically present in Strasbourg. Altogether, 264 members and delegation secretaries travelled to Strasbourg. To take this into account, the capacity of the Assembly Chamber has been increased, within the limits of the sanitary norms in force. In the light of the current epidemiological situation, the sanitary protocol put in place for the April 2021 part-session was maintained. In particular, antigenic tests on site for members and secretaries of delegation as well as PCR tests for delegations returning home were carried out. Altogether, 602 tests were performed and none of the persons travelling to Strasbourg for the part-session was tested positive. As during the previous part-session, the permanent representatives had the opportunity to follow the debates in the Chamber.

2. Statistics show a considerable increase in the physical participation of members as compared to the April 2021 part-session (101 members physically present in April, against 201 in June). This trend will be taken into account for the preparation of the September 2021 part-session of the Assembly, paying due regard to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

3. On 21 June 2021, the Assembly elected Vice-Presidents in respect of Italy and the Netherlands.

A. Personalities

4. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- Mr Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr António VITORINO, Director General, International Organization for Migration (by videoconference)
- Mr Notis MITARACHI, Minister of Migration and Asylum of Greece (by videoconference)
- Ms E. Tendayi ACHIUME, United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (by videoconference)

Their speeches can be found on the Assembly's website: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

The event organised on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) was a major highlight of the part-session. High-level personalities intervened in the debate, in particular:

- Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Alexander De CROO, Prime Minister of Belgium (by videoconference)
- Ms Anca Dana DAGU, President of the Senate of Romania (by videoconference)
- Ms Elisabeth MORENO, Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity & Equal Opportunities, France
- Ms Dubravka ŠIMONOVIĆ, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (by videoconference)

The debate opened with a moving statement by Ms Nadia MURAD, Vaclav Havel Human Rights recipient, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, victim of violence against women, currently leading advocate for survivors of genocide and sexual violence.

The speeches of the panellists, followed by an interactive exchange of views with the members of the Assembly, allowed to take stock of progress in the field of the prevention of violence against women and domestic violence, to highlight the real positive impact of the Istanbul Convention within the States which have ratified it, as well as to identify concrete measures that could be taken by parliamentarians, at national and international level, in order to promote the ratification of the Convention and its implementation through concrete tools. The General Rapporteur of the Assembly on violence against women, Ms Zita GURMAI, highlighted the way forward for the Assembly,

including by launching the idea of setting up a network of Speakers and Presidents of Parliaments to support the Istanbul Convention.

B. Current affairs debate

5. The Assembly held two current affairs debates on *The situation in Belarus: a threat to the whole of Europe* and on *The need for an effective solidarity mechanism between European countries to relieve migratory pressure on front line countries*.

C. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

6. On 22 June 2021, the Assembly elected Mr Davor Derenčinović as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Croatia.

D. Presidential Committee

7. The Presidential Committee of the Assembly met on 17 June (by videoconference) and 23 June 2021.

E. Prizes

8. On 22 June 2021, the Assembly held the ceremony of the 2021 Council of Europe Museum Prize, which was awarded to the Gulag History Museum (Moscow).

F. Media coverage

9. The June 2021 part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) generated considerable media coverage, with some 40 journalists present in Strasbourg to report on it, and around 400 articles appearing in the international press. With almost half of the articles (170), Spain leads the list of media coverage, followed by Ukraine (70) and the Russian Federation (40).

10. Indeed, the focus of the media attention was the debate on 'Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?' with articles published in the main Spanish (El País, El Mundo, La Vanguardia, ABC, La Razon) and international (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, The Guardian, Le Figaro...) newspapers, as well as a large audiovisual coverage (TVE, Antena 3, Telecinco, TV3, La Sexta, Cuatro...).

11. The debate on 'The situation of Crimean Tatars' was also a highlight of the session with articles in the main Russian and Ukrainian media (Sputnik, Ria Novosti, TASS, Interfax Ukraine, Ukrinform, Ukrainian News ...), together with the debate on 'Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications', as well as the communication by Péter Szijjártó, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (Magyar Hírlap, Novyy region, Magyarhirlap, Zerkalo Nedeli...)

12. On Twitter, the session earned 530,000 impressions across the week, with the greatest spike for the event marking ten years of the Istanbul Convention. This event was streamed live on three platforms and was the subject of a two-hour live-tweet, generating considerable "buzz" and thousands of mentions of the #IstanbulConvention hashtag across all platforms. Other issues attracting attention on social media were the report on "Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?" and the award of the 2021 Museum Prize to Moscow's Gulag History Museum.

13. The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly in Strasbourg or virtually, once again proved its usefulness for both Assembly members and journalists, with 9 interviews with parliamentarians published in the PACE website and social media supports.

G. Adopted texts and follow-up to the second part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 21-24 June)

14. The Assembly adopted the following texts:

No.	Title
Resolution 2381	Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?
Resolution 2382	Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know
Recommendation 2204	Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know
Resolution 2383	Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications
Resolution 2384	Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic
Recommendation 2205	Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic
Resolution 2385	Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's rights
Recommendation 2206	Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's rights
Resolution 2386	Enhancing participation of women from under-represented groups in political and public decision making
Resolution 2387	Human rights violations committed against Crimean Tatars in Crimea
Resolution 2388	For a European policy on diasporas
Recommendation 2207	For a European policy on diasporas
Resolution 2389	Combating Afrophobia, or anti-Black racism, in Europe
Resolution 2390	Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors
Recommendation 2208	Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors

15. All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

16. As far as the follow-up to the part-session is concerned, on 24 June 2021, the Bureau:

- as regards the current affairs debate on *The situation in Belarus: a threat to the whole of Europe*, decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on *Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus*.
- as regards the current affairs debate on *The need for an effective solidarity mechanism between European countries to relieve migratory pressure on front line countries*, decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to prepare a report on *European solidarity in the migration and asylum context*.

H. Hearings and events organised by committees during the part-session

During this part-session, the activity of Committees was mainly concentrated on activities related to the debates included in the agenda of the part-session. However, the following hearings and exchanges of views were organised during this part-session.

Monday 21 June 2021	
<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the 131st Session of the Committee of Ministers (21 May 2021, Hamburg (Germany) and by videoconference)</p> <p>heard statements by Mr Andreas Nick, Chairperson of the German delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, and Mr Matthias Heinz, Deputy Permanent Representative of the German Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe, on the stocktaking of the German Presidency; heard statements by Mr Zsolt Németh, Chairperson of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, and Ambassador Harry Alex Ruzs, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, Hungarian Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, on the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency, followed by an exchange of views.</p>
<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The Istanbul Convention, a powerful tool for protection against violence”</p> <p>ahead of the high-level panel and free debate during the plenary session on Wednesday 23 June 2021, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe • Ms Marcella Pirrone, President, Women Against Violence Europe • Ms Hillary Margolis, Senior Researcher, Women's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch • Ms Ana Sofia Fernandes, President, Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights
<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Sos Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Joan Barata, Non-residential researcher at the Centre for the Internet and Society at Stanford Law School • Mr Paddy Leerssen, PhD Candidate at the University of Amsterdam and Non-Resident Fellow at Stanford University's Centre for Internet and Society • Ms Gabrielle Guillemin, Senior Legal Officer, at ARTICLE 19, London
Tuesday 22 June 2021	
<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “World Forum for Democracy” on “Can Democracy Save the Environment?” (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2021)</p> <p>held an exchange of views with Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance of the Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe</p>

<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Gender Equality</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of the Council of Europe”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination, Directorate-General of Democracy, Council of Europe • Ms Vesna Crnić-Grotić, Chair, Committee of Experts, European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages <p>► Exchange of views on “Covid-19 pandemic responses and gender equality: good practices in recovery measures”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Constanza Tabbush, Research Specialist, UN Women</p>
<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Sports policies in times of crisis”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves (Portugal, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe <p>► Hearing on “The Museum Prize of the Council of Europe” with the <i>Committee representative for the Museum Prize of the Council of Europe, Mr Roberto Rampi, Italy, SOC</i></p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Roman Romanov, Director of the Gulag History Museum, Moscow, Russian Federation, Winner of the Museum Prize 2021 of the Council of Europe (ELF) • Ms Jette Sandahl, President of the European Museum Forum (EMF)
<p>Wednesday 23 June 2021</p>	
<p>Hybrid meeting</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Drahoslav Štefánek, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees

II. Elections

➤ **Armenia: early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021):**

[The press release](#) of the international election observation mission, to which an ad hoc Committee of the Assembly participated, was published on Monday 21 June 2021.

➤ **Republic of Moldova: early parliamentary elections (11 July 2021):**

On 18 June 2021, the Bureau took note of the statement of the pre-electoral delegation and approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1).

➤ **Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (11 July 2021):**

On 18 June 2021, the Bureau approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2).

➤ **Russian Federation: parliamentary elections (19 September 2021):**

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) as the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3).

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 18 and 24 June 2021)

➤ **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Russian Federation:**

On 18 June 2021, the Bureau considered and agreed to the request by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to postpone the consideration of the report drawn up by the Committee as regards the candidates for the post of a judge to the Court in respect of the Russian Federation to its next meeting, on 24 June 2021.

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau took note of the decision of the Committee on the Election of Judges to convene the candidates for interviews for the post of a judge in respect of the Russian Federation at the committee's next meeting on 16-17 September 2021.

➤ **Organisation of the committee meetings as of 1st September 2021:**

Taking into account the evolution of the circumstances created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bureau decided, on 18 June 2021, that committee meetings should be held in a hybrid manner (combined remote and in-person participation of members) or fully in-person, in Strasbourg or Paris, sanitary conditions permitting.

➤ **Issues raised by committees:**

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: on 18 June 2021, the Bureau decided to authorise Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), rapporteur on *Combating antisemitism in Europe*, to participate in the 7th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, to be held in Jerusalem, on 13-15 July 2021.

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: subject to international travel conditions relating to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Bureau, on 24 June 2021:

- authorised Mr Jacques Maire (France, ALDE), Rapporteur on Review of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Kyrgyz Republic, by the end of 2021;
- authorised Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL), Rapporteur on Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan, by the end of 2021.

➤ **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:**

On 18 June 2021, the Bureau authorised the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to hold the Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine, on 23-24 September 2021.

➤ **Fourth part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 27-30 September):**

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau decided to hold this part-session in a hybrid format and drew up the preliminary draft agenda.

➤ **References and transmissions to committees:**

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 4, subject to the ratification by the Assembly.

➤ **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - List of candidates in respect of Austria, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, and Ukraine:**

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau approved the lists of candidates in respect of Austria, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Poland, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers, and approved the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Spain to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT.

➤ **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2020:**

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau approved the communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs; and decided to elaborate, in the course of 2022, in close consultation with the political groups, a concise set of financial guidelines for the budgets of the groups.

➤ **2021 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November):**

On 24 June 2021, the Bureau took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed the President of the Assembly as its chairperson (Appendix 5).

IV. Activities of Committees and Networks, and election observation missions

➤ On 22 June 2021, in the Palais Rohan (Strasbourg), the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held an award ceremony of the 2021 Museum Prize, awarded to the Gulag History Museum in Moscow, with the participation of: Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly; Mr Roman Romanov, Director of the Gulag History Museum; Ms Jette Sandahl, President of the European Museum Forum (EMF) (by video); Ms Anne Mistler, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of the Arts and Cultures; Mr Olivier Becht, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media; Mr Roberto Rampi, Committee representative for the Museum Prize; Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly; Ambassadors and members of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly.

V. Hearings and online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary***

Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) and Mr František Kopřiva (Czech Republic, ALDE) will hold an exchange of views by with the participation of a representative of the Venice Commission at the hybrid meeting of the committee foreseen **for 13 September 2021 (tbc)**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey***

Mr Thomas Hammarberg (Sweden, SOC) and **Mr John Howell (United Kingdom, EC/DA)** will hold an exchange of views with the participation of experts at the hybrid meeting of the committee foreseen **for 13 September 2021 (tbc)**.

➤ ***Ending enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe***

Mr André Gattolin (France, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will hold a hearing with invited experts at the hybrid meeting of the committee foreseen **for 14 September 2021**.

➤ ***Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by the law enforcement officers***

Mr Oleksandr Merezhko (Ukraine, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will hold a hearing with invited experts at the hybrid meeting of the committee foreseen **for 14 September 2021**.

➤ ***Misuse of the Schengen system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction***

Ms Irina Rukavishnikova (Russian Federation, NR), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will hold a hearing with invited experts at the hybrid meeting of the committee foreseen **for 14 September 2021**.

➤ ***Draft Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence***

Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, NR), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will hold a hearing with invited experts at the hybrid meeting of the committee foreseen **for 14 September 2021**.

VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and Commitments by the Russian Federation***

Mr Axel Schäfer (Germany, SOC) and **Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD)**, co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Moscow on **28-30 June 2021**.

➤ ***Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus***

Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Tbilisi on **1-2 July 2021**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and Commitments by Ukraine***

Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE) and **Mr Birgir Thórarinsson (Iceland, EPP/CD)**, co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, are carrying out a fact-finding visit to Kyiv on **5-7 July 2021**.

➤ ***Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan***

Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan on **26-28 July 2021 (tbc)**.

➤ ***Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines***

Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, aims to carry out a fact-finding visit to Denmark in **summer 2021**.

➤ ***Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue***

Mr Vladimir Kruglyi (Russian Federation, NR), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, aims to carry out a fact-finding visit to WHO headquarters in Geneva, in **summer 2021**.

- **70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees**

Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Geneva on **2-3 September 2021**.

VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

- **June, 25, 2021, Strasbourg:** the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development* (through its Sub-Committee on Children) organised an event intitled *Climate change and Children*, in partnership with the World Forum for Democracy, in the framework of the report on "Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights" by Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE).
- **July 13, 2021, Rabat (Morocco):** the Assembly will organise, at the invitation of the Parliament of Morocco, a "*Conference on Women in Politics: How to move towards equality?* ", in the framework of the joint program with the European Union "Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco".

VIII. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

- **127th meeting of the Venice Commission (2-3 July 2021):** An institutional representative of the Assembly participated in the plenary session of the Venice Commission.

IX. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

The Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly is holding meetings with several interlocutors in the European Parliament, including with the Secretary General of the European Parliament, during the European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg, from 5-8 July 2021.

X. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee (between 24 June and 27 September 2021)

- . **24 June 2021** : *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **6 September 2021**: *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **7 September 2021** : *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **8 September 2021** : *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **9 September 2021** : *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Sub Committee on the European Charter*
- . **13 September 2021** : *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **14 September 2021** : *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **15 September 2021** : *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **16-17 September 2021** : *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **27 September 2021** : *Bureau of the Assembly*

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Appendix 3 -

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

19 September 2021

List of members

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Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Turkey / Turquie
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France
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Ms / Mme Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia / Serbie
Mr / M. Alain MILON, France
Mr / M. Szabolcs NAGY, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne (P)
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Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France
Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France

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Mr / M. Axel KASSEGGGER, Austria / Autriche
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Appendix 4 –

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE

- [Doc. 15319](#), Motion for a resolution, *Belarus state terrorism as a threat to the whole European continent*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the framework of the report “Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus”* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion* on the main report
- Bureau decision, *European solidarity in the migration and asylum context*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

B. REQUEST BY A COMMITTEE (Rule 26.4 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure)

- [Doc. 14588](#), Motion for a recommendation *Reshaping the foundations of multilateralism: lapse of the reference*

Appendix 5:

**Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy
on 8-10 November 2021 in Strasbourg**

LIST OF MEMBERS

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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / *Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie*

Mr / M. Ahmet Ünal Çeviköz (Turkey, SOC / Turquie, SOC)

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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / *Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme*

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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / *Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)*

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Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / *Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable*

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Mr / M. Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / *Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias*

Mr / M. Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus / Chypre, SOC),

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Ms / Mme Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ADLE / ADLE)

Mr / M. Roberto Rampi (Italy / Italie, SOC).

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination

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Mr / M. Jean Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

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Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Mr / M. Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL / Irlande, GUE)

Mr / M. Sokratis Fanellos (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland / Suisse, SOC)

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Ms / Mme Diana Stoica (Romania, ADLE / Roumanie, ADLE)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

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