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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1445<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>\*</sup> (5 October 2022)**

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<sup>\*</sup> This document covers activities of the Assembly since 30 June 2022 up to the meeting of the Bureau of 10 October 2022.

## **I. Main developments between the Assembly's June part-session and the October part-session**

### **A. Assembly's response to the to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine**

The Parliamentary Assembly continued to keep the developments in Ukraine in the focus of its attention. On 30 September, in response to the illegal annexation of the territories it currently occupies in Ukraine, as well as the so-called "referenda" that preceded it, a [joint statement](#) has been issued by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers, strongly condemning the actions by the Russian Federation. Council of Europe leaders also reiterated the Organisation's full support to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.

Turning to the work of the Assembly on the field, the most significant activity held during the reporting period is the visit to Ukraine of the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on carrying out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine for the purpose of gathering information on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine. The ad hoc sub-committee carried out its mission between 27 and 29 June 2022. The 8-members delegation, chaired by Mr Damien Cottier, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, travelled to Kyiv, visited Bucha and Irpin, and met with senior representatives of the Verkhovna Rada, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Justice and the Prosecutor General, as well as representatives of leading NGOs. The main findings of the visit were published in a [public statement](#). The full report of the visit is available [here](#).

During the October part-session, Ukraine will stay high on the Assembly's agenda, at both the level of Committees and in the plenary. The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will organise a hearing on *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine* and will also exchange views with Mr Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. The Committee on Migration, Refugees, and Displaced Persons will exchange views with Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), in the framework of the follow-up to the report on *Humanitarian consequences and internal and external displacement in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*. The Committee is also expected to appoint a rapporteur on *The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation*. Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, is due to address the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe by videoconference. To date, two requests for a current affairs debates relating to Ukraine have been tabled, respectively on *Europe half a year after the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine* (by the leaders of the Assembly's five political groups) and in *Food security in Europe: grain exports through Ukrainian ports* (by the Turkish delegation to the Assembly). A request for a debate under urgent procedure on *Recent outrageous and inhuman activities of the Russian Federation* has also been tabled.

### **B. Assembly's reflection about a possible 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe: activities of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau**

Following the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly, on 24 June, to set up an ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to contribute to the report on *A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved, and reinforced Council of Europe*, being prepared by the Assembly's Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, a first meeting of the ad hoc Committee was held on 11 September in Paris. The ad hoc committee held an exchange of views with Mr Evangelos Venizelos, Rapporteur of the High-level Reflection Group on the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe, and heard a statement by Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), Rapporteur on *A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe* of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy. The ad hoc Committee will hold its next meeting on 24 November 2022, in Reykjavik.

During the forthcoming part-session, discussions between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Committee of Ministers on a 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe will continue in the format of the Joint Committee, which will meet on Tuesday 11 October.

## II. Meeting of the Bureau (12 September 2022)

On 12 September, the Bureau of the Assembly:

**Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

### **Fourth part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October):**

- drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1);
- took note of the requests to hold current affairs debates on:

*Europe half a year after the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups;

*Food security in Europe: grain exports through Ukrainian ports*, tabled by the Turkish delegation.

### **Participation of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* in Assembly debates:**

- considered the proposals enclosed in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, under the instructions of the President of the Assembly, and decided that, as from the 2022 fourth part-session, the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* would have the right to speak in the Plenary as well as in Standing Committee meetings, without the right to vote; the names of the delegation members should appear in the list of speakers with the indication "Assembly of Kosovo\*", with the footnote: "\* Following the Bureau decision of 12 September 2022. All reference to Kosovo, 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";
- decided to declassify the above-mentioned memorandum (Appendix 2).

### **Election observation:**

- *Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (2 October 2022)*: took note of the statement by the pre-electoral mission and approved the final list of members to observe these elections (Appendix 3);
- *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (2 October 2022)*: confirmed its decision taken via written consultation to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; EC/DA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1;), as well as the 2 co-rapporteurs from the Monitoring Committee; appointed Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE) as Chairperson and approved the list of members to observe these elections (Appendix 4).

**2022 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 6 September 2022 (see Section III below).

**Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2023:** approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 5).

**Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:** took note of the Child Safeguarding Policy approved unanimously by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development.

**Composition of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:** on the basis of a proposal by the group EPP/CD, appointed Mr François Calvet (France) as a member.

**Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the sub-committee on Media and Information Society of the committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, to meet in Vilnius on 21-22 November 2022.

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### III. Prizes

#### ➤ **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

Meeting in Prague on 9 September, the selection panel of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize decided to shortlist the following three nominees, in alphabetical order:

- Vladimir Kara-Murza, Russian Federation
- Rainbow Coalition/Invalid Campaign for LGBTQIA+ rights, Hungary
- Ukraine 5 AM Coalition

The overall winner of the 2022 Prize is due to be announced at the opening of PACE's Autumn plenary session in Strasbourg on 10 October.

#### ➤ **Europe Prize**

- On 2 July, during an official ceremony, the Europe Prize 2020 was presented to the city of Amilly.

- On 24 September, the city of İzmir (Türkiye) held a ceremony to celebrate the official award of the Europe Prize 2022. On this occasion, Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Chairperson of PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development; Ms Carmen Leyte, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize; and Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, PACE Secretary General, addressed the participants and officially presented the Prize to Mr Tunç Soyer, Mayor of İzmir, with the Europe Prize trophy, a medal, a diploma and a scholarship of 20,000 euros for a study trip to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg for young people.

### IV. Activities of committees and networks, and election observation missions

#### ➤ On 1 July 2022, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** and the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**:

. held jointly a webinar on *Finding solutions for marital captivity*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC) with the participation of Ms Shirin Musa, Director, Femmes for Freedom; Ms Kim Lecoyer, Researcher and lecturer, Centre for Family Studies of Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Post-doctoral researcher, Human Rights Centre, University of Ghent, and Chair, KARAMAH Europe: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights; Ms Meltem Weiland, Director, Nationwide Coordination Centre against Abduction and Forced Marriage, Vienna; Mr Jens van Tricht, Founder and Managing Director, Emancipator, and Coordinator, Men Engage Alliance, Amsterdam; and Ms Francesca Montagna, Administrator, Secretariat of GREVIO, Council of Europe.

#### ➤ On 5 September 2022, meeting in Bern, Switzerland, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**:

. held a discussion on the report of the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on carrying out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine for the purpose of gathering information on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and decided to declassify this report;

. held a hearing on *"Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance"*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (the Netherlands, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Tim Engelhardt, Human rights officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, and Mr Lars Patrick Berg, Member of the European Parliament, Committee of Inquiry to investigate the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware;

. held a hearing on the *"European Convention on Human Rights and national constitutions"*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL) with the participation of Professor Helen Keller, Chair for Public Law, European and Public International Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland, and Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.

- On 6 September 2022, meeting in Bern, Switzerland, the **Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**
  - . held a hearing, open to the plenary committee, on *The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on prison population in Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC) with the participation of Professor Marcelo Aebi, School of Criminal Sciences, University of Lausanne, Switzerland; Professor Hans Wolff, Vice-President of the CPT (Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France); Professor of medicine at the Geneva University and physician in chief at the Geneva University Hospitals, Switzerland; and Ms Triona Lenihan, Policy and International Advocacy Manager, Penal Reform International, London, United Kingdom;
  - . held a hearing, open to the plenary committee, on the *Establishment of an ad hoc criminal tribunal for the crime of aggression*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), on the *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, with the participation of Mr James Goldston, Executive Director, Open Society Foundation, Justice Initiative, New York, United States of America and Professor Dapo Akande, Professor of Public International Law, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
- On 12-13 September 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**
  - . held a hearing on *A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe;
  - . held a hearing on *Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Laima Liucija Andrikiėnė (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of Professor Dainius Žalimas, Dean at the Faculty of Law, Vytautas Magnus University, member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and former President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania;
  - . held a hearing on *Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), with the participation of Mr Miroslav Lajčák, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues;
  - . held a hearing on *Challenges to peace-making in Syria and Libya*, with the participation of Mr Bernardo Mariani, Consultant, Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform.
- On 14 September 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**
  - . held a hearing on *The functioning of democratic institutions in The Netherlands: the Childcare Allowance case*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC) on *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by The Netherlands*, with the participation of Mr Chris Van Dam, former President of the Childcare Allowance Parliamentary Inquiry Committee (POK) of the Dutch House of Representatives; Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the Venice Commission; and Mr Ruard Ganzevoort, Head of the parliamentary investigation Committee of the Dutch Senate on the effectiveness of anti-discrimination legislation.
- On 15 September 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Sub-Committee on Conflicts concerning Council of Europe Member States (of the Monitoring Committee):**
  - . held an exchange of views on *Recent developments in the Georgian Regions of Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and on the state of play in the Geneva International Discussions*, in the context of a report on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia*, prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) and Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Lasha Darsalia, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

- On 16 September 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**
  - . held a hearing on *Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) with the participation of Mr Daniel Agacinski, Delegate-General for Mediation, Defender of Rights, France; and Ms Verena Weber, Head, Communication Infrastructures and Services Policy Unit, OECD;
  - . held a hearing on *Sexual violence and conflict*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) with the participation of Ms Ajna Jusić, President, Association “Zaboravljena djeca rata” (Forgotten Children of War), Sarajevo; and Ms Céline Bardet, Lawyer and international criminal investigator, Founder and President of NGO We are not Weapons of War, Paris;
  - . held an exchange of views on *The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE). with the participation of Mr Maxime Ruzzniewski, CEO, Remixt Paris.
  
- On 18 September 2022, meeting in Athens, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . heard a keynote address on *The Council of Europe as a Change Factor for the Global Refugee Regime: From Human Rights Theory to Refugee Protection* by Dr Christos Tsevas, Adjunct Lecturer in Human Rights and Refugee Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law.
  
- On 19 September 2022, in Athens, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . heard an opening address by Mr Constantine An. Tassoulas, President of the Hellenic Parliament;
  - . heard a welcome address by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Chairperson of the Greek Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
  - . held an exchange of views on current political issues in the field of migration with Mr Notis Mitarachi, Minister of Migration and Asylum of Greece;
  - . held an exchange of views on *European solidarity in the migration and asylum context*, in the context of a report prepared by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of Mr Manos Logothetis, General Secretary of Reception of Asylum Seekers, Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece; Mr Gianluca Rocco, Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator, IOM Greece; Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece; and Ms Jette Christiansen, Coordinating Officer, EU Asylum Agency, Greece;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), with the participation of Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece; Mr Gianluca Rocco, Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator, IOM Greece; Ms Melina Daskalaki, Special Advisor to the Mayor of Athens for Migrants and Refugees and President at City of Athens Reception and Solidarity Centre, Greece; and Mr Christos Papadopoulos, Special Advisor to the Mayor on the field of culture, city of Ioannina, Greece;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nigar Arpadarai (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), with the participation of Mr Spyros I. Capralos, President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and President of the European Olympic Committees; and Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece;
  - . heard a statement by Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for the follow-up Resolution 2379 (2021) and held an exchange of views on *Council of Europe contribution to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees*, with the participation of Ms Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees; Ms Maria Clara Martin, UNHCR Representative in Greece; and Mr Gianluca Rocco, Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator, IOM Greece.

- On 22-23 September 2022, meeting in İzmir, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**:
  - . held an exchange of views on *The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), with the participation of Ms Karin Lukas, President of the European Committee of Social Rights; Ms Arzu Çerkezoğlu, President of the Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Türkiye; and Mr Feyyaz Ünal, Head of the Youth Commission of the Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Susana Sumelzo (Spain, SOC), with the participation of Mr Nejat Kocabay, ILO, Türkiye Office, Child Labour Program, Senior Program Co-ordinator;
  - . held an exchange of views on *The European Social Charter: conclusions for 2020-21 and reform process* with the participation of Ms Karin Lukas, President of the European Committee of Social Rights;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), with the participation of Mr Taner Yüzgeç, President, Chamber of Civil Engineers, Türkiye; and Mr Erdem Canbay, Professor and Chair of the Civil Engineering Department of Middle East Technical University, Türkiye;
  - . held an exchange of views *Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Bayram Öztürk, Head of Department of Marine Biology, Istanbul University, Türkiye;
  - . carried out a field visit on the issue of ship-dismantling, public health and the environment, and held an exchange of views with Mr Tunç Soyer, Mayor of İzmir, Türkiye; Mr Aykut Aydemir, Secretary General, İzmir Union of Chamber of Turkish Engineers and Architects; Mr Fahri Yüce Ayhan, Board Member of the İzmir Medical Chamber; and Mr Özkan Yücel, President, İzmir Bar Association;
  - . held a public hearing on *Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC). with the participation of Ms Nuriye Ortaylı, Public Health Expert, Türkiye; and Mr Kayıhan Pala, Professor of Public Health at Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Medicine, Türkiye.
- On 23 September 2022, meeting in İzmir, the **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment**:
  - . held an exchange of views on *Mitigating the climate crisis: municipal action for the sustainability of energy and water supplies*, with the participation of Mr Tunç Soyer, Mayor of İzmir, Türkiye; Mr Utku Gümrükçü, Mayor of Çiğli, Türkiye; and Mr Cemil Tugay, Mayor of Karşıyaka, Türkiye;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Public governance of environmental policies: interplay between local authorities and national parliaments*, with the participation of Mr Cemal Bas, Thematic Spokesperson on Environment and Climate of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe; Mr Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability; and Mr Baran Bozoğlu, Chair of Climate Policies and Research Association & Deputy Director of Water and Sewerage Administration, Ankara Municipality. Türkiye;
  - . held an exchange of views on the plans for a Network meeting in Morocco and the contribution of members to forthcoming events.
- On 23 September 2022, meeting in İzmir, the **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**:
  - . held an exchange of views with representatives of İzmir, Türkiye, and participated in the presentation ceremony of the 2022 Europe Prize to the city of İzmir.
- On 2 October 2022, an ad hoc committee of the Bureau chaired by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) observed the conduct of the **general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina** in the framework of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) (partner organisations: OSCE-PA, NATO-PA, European Parliament and ODIHR). A pre-electoral mission was carried out on 5-7 September 2022. The press statement is available [here](#).

➤ On 2 October 2022, an ad hoc committee of the Bureau chaired by Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE) observed the conduct of the **early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria**, alongside observers from the ODIHR. The press statement is available [here](#).

## **V. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports**

### ➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania***

**Mr Joseph O'Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD) and **Mr Asim Mollazada** (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), 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 Tirana on **29 June–1 July 2022**.

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

**Ms Edite Estrela** (Portugal, SOC) and **Ms Krista Baumane** (Latvia, ALDE), 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 Bucharest on **4–5 July 2022**.

### ➤ ***Post-Monitoring Dialogue with Montenegro***

**Mr Damien Cottier** (Switzerland, ALDE) and **Mr Nicos Tornaritis** (Cyprus, 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 Podgorica on **11–12 July 2022**.

### ➤ ***Preventing vaccine discrimination***

**Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir** (Iceland, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on Preventing vaccine discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Geneva, Switzerland, at the World Health Organisation, on **23 August 2022**.

### ➤ ***Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans***

**Mr George Papandreou** (Greece, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on **6 September 2022**.

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

**Ms Yelysaveta Yasko** (Ukraine, EPP/CD), co-rapporteur of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, held a series of meetings with representatives of the civil society in Paris on **15–16 September 2022**.

### ➤ ***Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan***

**Mr George Loucaides** (Cyprus, UEL), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Amman, Jordan, on **25–27 September 2022**.

### ➤ ***Safeguarding democracy, rights and the environment in international trade***

**Mr Geraint Davies** (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Geneva, Switzerland, at the World Trade Organisation, on **27–30 September 2022**.

### ➤ ***Sexual and reproductive health and rights and The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence***

**Ms Petra Stienen** (Netherlands, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Madrid on **28–30 September 2022**.



- **Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care**

**Ms Selin Sayek Böke** (Türkiye, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Geneva, Switzerland, at the World Health Organisation and World Trade Organisation, on **28–30 September 2022**.

- **The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue**

**Mr Constantinios Efstathiou** (Cyprus, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will participate in the 11th Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Annual Advisory Forum in Chania, Greece on **5–7 October 2022**.

## **VI. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports**

- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino**

**Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea** (Romania, EPP/CD) and **Mr Andrej Hunko** (Germany, UEL), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, held an online meeting with members of the Secretariat of the Group of States against Corruption of the Council of Europe on **27 June 2022**.

- **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia**

**Mr Kimmo Kiljunen** (Finland, SOC) and **Ms Boriana Åberg** (Sweden, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, held online meetings with Ms Kristinne Grigoryan, Human Rights Defender of Armenia on **30 June 2022** and on **13 September 2022**.

- **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France**

**Ms Yelysaveta Yasko** (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and **Ms Fiona O'Loughlin** (Ireland, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, held an online meeting with NGOs active in the field of human rights on **18 July 2022** and with the national human rights institution on **28 September 2022**.

## **VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly**

- **3-4 October 2022, Strasbourg, France:** the Assembly organised an information seminar on the Council of Europe for a delegation of senior officials led by the Secretary General of the Chamber of Councillors of the Parliament of Morocco. This activity was organised in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union "Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco".

## **VIII. Cooperation with the Venice Commission**

- On 12-13 September 2022, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** held a hearing on Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Laima Liucija Andrikiienė (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of Professor Dainius Žalimas, Dean at the Faculty of Law, Vytautas Magnus University, member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and former President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

➤ On 14 September 2022 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:

. agreed to request the Venice Commission to prepare an opinion on the draft amendments to the Turkish Penal Code regarding the provision on “misleading information”, in the context of a report on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye* (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Howell, United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC).

. agreed to request the Venice Commission to prepare an opinion on the three draft Justice laws: on the status of Magistrates, on the Organisation of the Judiciary and on the Superior Council of Magistrates, in the context of a report on *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania* (co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC and Ms Krista Baumane, Latvia, ALDE).

. held a hearing on *The functioning of democratic institutions in The Netherlands: the Childcare Allowance case*, in the context of a report on The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by The Netherlands, prepared by Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), with the participation, inter alia, of Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the Venice Commission.

➤ Representatives of the Venice Commission provided legal advice to the PACE delegations which observed the **general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina** on 2 October 2022 and **early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria** on 2 October 2022.

## IX. External relations

### - Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

. **July-August 2022:** In the framework of the report by Mr Duncan Baker (United Kingdom, EC/DA) on *Track and Trace applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges*, the secretariat exchanged with European Commission officials and experts from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

. **6 September 2022:** Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels where he met with Mr Tonino Picula, Member of the European Parliament for Croatia; Mr Miroslav Lajčák, European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues; Mr Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director-General and Acting Director-General of the Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission; and Mr Oliver Várhelyi, Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, European Commission.

. **13 September 2022:** the President of the Assembly held a bilateral meeting with the President of the European Parliament, Ms Roberta Metsola.

. **2 October 2022:** the PACE ad hoc committee to observe the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina cooperated with the European Parliament delegation in the context of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM).

. **4 October 2022:** the Secretary General of the Assembly held a bilateral meeting with the Secretary General of the European Parliament, Mr Klaus Welle.

## X. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

. **2 July 2022:** *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (Amilly France) 2020 prize award ceremony*

. **5 September 2022:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (Bern, Switzerland)*

. **6 September 2022:** *Sub-Committee on Human Rights*

. **9 September 2022:** *Presidential Committee*

. **11 September 2022:** *Ad hoc Committee on the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the CoE*

- . **12 September 2022:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **12-13 September 2022:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **14 September 2022:** *Monitoring Committee*
- . **15 September 2022:** *Sub-Committee on Conflicts concerning Council of Europe Member States*
- . **15 September 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **16 September 2022:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **18-19 September 2022:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **19 September 2022:** *Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration*
- . **22-23 September 2022:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **23 September 2022:** *Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment*
- . **24 September 2022:** *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (İzmir) 2022 prize award ceremony*
- . **9 October 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **10 October 2022:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

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## **Fourth part of the 2022 Ordinary Session (10-14 October 2022)**

**Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>**

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 12 September 2022. Updated, on 4 October 2022, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly (modifications are indicated in grey).



## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

EC/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance





ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Members not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Joint Committee

Tuesday: 15:30-17:00

### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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# Monday 10 October 2022

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## Sitting No. 26 (11:30-13:00)

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### 1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

1.3. Election of a Vice-President of the Assembly in respect of France

1.4. Changes in the membership of committees

1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure

1.5.1. Current affairs debate: "Europe half a year after the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine"

1.5.2. Current affairs debate: "Food security in Europe: grain exports through Ukrainian ports"

1.5.3. Current affairs debate: "The military hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan"

1.5.4. Urgent procedure debate: "Recent outrageous and inhuman activities of the Russian Federation"

1.6. Adoption of the agenda

### 2. Debate

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

Presentation by:

o Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 10:00)

### 3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)

3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>2</sup>

## Sitting No. 27 (15:00-17:00)

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### 4. Address (15:00-16:00)

4.1. His Excellency Mr Ignazio CASSIS, Federal Councillor, President of the Swiss Confederation

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 3 October, 15:00)

### 5. [Possibly] Current affairs debate

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2. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2022)...

### Sitting No. 28 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 6. Debate

##### 6.1. Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr George PAPANDEOU (Greece, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15609)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 16:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15609)

#### 7. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 7.1. His Excellency Mr Michael D. HIGGINS, President of Ireland

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 4 October, 12:00)

### Sitting No. 29 (17:00-20:30)

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#### 8. Question time (17:00-17:30)

##### 8.1. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)

#### 9. Debate

##### 9.1. Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Momodou Malcolm JALLOW (Sweden, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15616)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15616)

#### 10. Debate

##### 10.1. Misuse of the Schengen Information system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Ziya ALTUNYALDIZ (Türkiye, NR), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15600)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15600)

### Sitting No. 30 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 11. Address (10:00-11:00)

##### 11.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Thomas BYRNE, Minister of State for European Affairs of Ireland, Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 19:30)

#### 12. Debate

##### 12.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr John HOWELL (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15618)
  - Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15618)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 19:30)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15618)

### Sitting No. 31 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 13. Address (15:30-16:30)

##### 13.1. Mr Edi RAMA, Prime Minister of Albania

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)

#### 14. Debate

##### 14.1. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15619)
  - Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS (Estonia, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15619)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15619)

#### 15. Joint debate

##### 15.1. Safe third countries for asylum seekers

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Stephanie KRISPER (Austria, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15592)

##### 15.2. Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15604)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15592)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15604)



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## Thursday 13 October 2022


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### Sitting No. 32 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 16. Address (10:00-11:00)

##### 16.1. His Excellency Mr Volodymyr ZELENSKYY, President of Ukraine

 Questions (deadline for registration: Friday 7 October, 10:00)

#### 17. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure


### Sitting No. 33 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 18. [Possibly] Current affairs debate


#### 19. Debate


##### 19.1. The impact of Brexit on human rights on the island of Ireland

 Presentation by:

- o Mr George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15615)


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)


 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15615)


#### 20. Debate


##### 20.1. The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport

 Presentation by:

- o Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15611)


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)


 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15611)


#### 21. Debate


##### 21.1. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania

 Presentation by:

- o Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15617)
- o Ms Krista BAUMANE (Latvia, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15617)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15617)

### Sitting No. 34 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 22. Debate

##### 22.1. The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights

☐ Presentation by:

- o Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15620)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 13 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15620)

#### 23. Debate

##### 23.1. Preventing vaccine discrimination

☐ Presentation by:

- o Ms Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15608)
- o Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. ...)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 13 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15608)

#### 24. Free debate

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)

#### 25. Progress report (continued)

#### 26. Closure of the part-session

**Appendix II – Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly on the “Participation of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* in Assembly debates”.**



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## Bureau of the Assembly

# Participation of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* in Assembly debates

## Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly under the instructions of the President<sup>1</sup>

1. At its meeting on 24 June 2022, the Bureau agreed to the proposal by the President of the Assembly to allow the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* to take part in the debate on *Promoting a European perspective for the Western Balkans* (Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC), to be held during the 2022 fourth part-session. It also asked me to prepare a memorandum putting forward suitable arrangements.
2. Since 2017, following a Bureau decision, the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo has had the right of access to the Assembly Chamber, without permanent seats being allocated to its members.<sup>2</sup> Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the related sanitary protocol, since 2021, members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo have been allocated seats in the Chamber during hybrid part-sessions.
3. The right of access to the Chamber does not include the right to speak in the Chamber.
4. It should be recalled that the following delegations have seats allocated to them and the right to speak in plenary with the authorisation of the President of the Assembly, without the right to vote:
  - Observer delegations,
  - delegations of Partners for democracy,
  - delegations with Special Guest status.
5. As regards the elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community, they have seats allocated to them and the right to speak in plenary, without the right to vote, on the basis of Assembly Resolution 1376 (2004).<sup>3</sup> Their names appear in the speakers' register with the indication 'Cyprus\* (according to Resolution 1376 (2004))'.
6. As per recent practice, the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo will have seats allocated to them during the fourth part-session 2022.
7. They will also be able to enrol in the speakers' register for the debate on *Promoting a European perspective for the Western Balkans* on the basis of the Bureau decision of 24 June 2022.
8. I would propose that their names appear in the list of speakers with the indication "Assembly of Kosovo\*", with the footnote: "\* Following the Bureau decision of 12 September 2022. All reference to Kosovo, 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".
9. The Bureau may decide to apply these arrangements to any plenary debate during part-sessions and meetings of the Standing Committee, starting from the 2022 fourth part-session.

\* Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, 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.

<sup>1</sup> The Bureau decided to declassify this document at its meeting on 12 September 2022.

<sup>2</sup> [AS/Bur/CB \(2017\) 06](#), synopsis of 29 May 2017.

<sup>3</sup> [Assembly Resolution 1376 \(2004\) on Cyprus](#)

**Appendix III – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 October 2022)**

Chairperson / Président. Stefan SCHENNACH , Austria / Autriche, SOC

**Socialists , Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)**

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche\*  
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal  
Ms / Mme Margreet DE BOER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas  
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France  
Mr / M. Tony LLOYD, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Ms / Mme Marina BERLINGHIERI, Italy / Italie

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Darko KAEVSKI, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord  
Mr / M. Axel SCHÄFER, Germany / Allemagne\*\*  
Mr / M. Christian PETRY, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse  
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino, Saint-Marin  
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro  
Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland, Islande

**Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie\*  
Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne  
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia / Croatie  
Ms / Mme Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN, Finland / Finlande  
Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Lórinç NACSA, Hungary / Hongrie  
Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France\*\*  
Mr / M. Christian KLINGER, France  
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande  
Ms / Mme Maria RIZZOTTI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Francesco SCOMA, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne

**European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC-DA) /  
Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE-AD)**

Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni\*  
Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland / Pologne  
Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. John HOWELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Barna Pál ZSIGMOND, Hungary / Hongrie

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /  
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France\*  
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie  
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse  
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France  
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Mr / M. Antón GÓMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne\*

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Hişyar ÖZSOY, Türkiye

**Members not belonging to a Political Group (NR) / Membres n'appartenant à aucun groupe politique (NI)**

Mr / M. Ahmet YILDIZ, Türkiye

**Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/MON (*ex officio*)**

Ms / Mme Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA, Bulgaria / Bulgarie \*\*  
Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary / Hongrie

Mr / M. Matthieu MONIN, Administrator / Administrateur AS/Mon

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Mr / M. Père VILANOVA TRIAS, Member, Andorra / membre, Andorre  
Mr / M. Michael JANSSEN, Administrator, Venice Commission / administrateur, Commission de Venise

\* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

\*\* declaration of interests missing / déclaration d'intérêts manquante

**Appendix IV – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the general elections in Bulgaria (2 October 2022)**

Chairperson / Président.e: Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse, ALDE / ADLE

**Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)**

Ms / Mme Heike ENGELHARDT, Germany / Allemagne

Mr / M. André VALLINI, France

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye

Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie

Mr / M. Pedro CEGONHO, Portugal

Ms / Mme Susana SUMELZO, Spain / Espagne

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Axel SCHAEFER, Germany / Allemagne

MR / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

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Ms / Mme Maria RIZZOTTI, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

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**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /**

**Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France

Ms / Mme Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique

**European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)**

Ms / Mme Emine Nur GÜNAY, Türkiye (NR / NI)

Mr / M. Mehmet Mehdi EKER, Türkiye (NR / NI)

Mr / M. Ahmet BÜYÜKGÜMÜŞ, Türkiye (NR / NI)

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Mr / M. Paul GAVAN, Ireland / Irlande

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL FORT, Spain / Espagne

**Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/Mon (ex officio)**

Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

## **Appendix V – Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2023**

Monday 23 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session) Friday 27 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau Bureau
Thursday 2 March, 3.00 pm, The Hague Friday 3 March, 9.30 am, The Hague	Bureau Standing Committee
Monday 24 April, 3.00 pm, Strasbourg (part-session) Friday 28 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau Bureau
Thursday 25 May, 3.00 pm, Riga Friday 26 May, 9.00 am, Riga	Bureau Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 19 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session) Friday 23 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau Bureau
Monday 11 September, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 9 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session) Friday 13 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau Bureau
Monday 27 November, 3.00 pm, Vaduz Tuesday 28 November, 9.30 am, Vaduz	Bureau Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Friday 15 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau