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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 President¹

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.² 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).³ 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.

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

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

³ [Assembly Resolution 1376 \(2004\) on Cyprus](#)