



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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29 May 2012

To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Tirana on 24 May 2012

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 24 May 2012 in Tirana, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2012 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April 2012):** on the follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly (Resolution 1880 (2012)), invited all Committees and members of the Assembly to work towards enhanced interaction between the Assembly and the Committee of Ministers through the application of the recommendations contained in paragraph 5 of this Resolution;
- **Standing Committee (Tirana, 25 May 2012):**
 - . decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold a current affairs debate on “The situation in Ukraine” and to appoint Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin as the introductory speaker;
 - . took note of the revised draft agenda of the Standing Committee;
- **Third part-session of 2012 (Strasbourg, 25-29 June 2012):**
 - . decided to invite Mr Steingrímur Sigfússon, Minister of Finance of Iceland, and Mr Michel Barnier, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, to address the Assembly in the context of the joint debate on “Austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights”, “The Young generation sacrificed: political, economic and other consequences of the Financial crisis” and “The impact of the world economic crisis on local and regional authorities in Europe”;
 - . decided to invite Mr Rudko Kawczynski, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum, to address the Assembly in the context of the debate on “The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration”;
 - . drew up the draft agenda;
- **Communications:** took note of communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, as well as the President and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix I;
- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** interviewed both candidates, Ms Battaini-Dragoni and Mr Stoudmann (*in camera*);

- **Observation of elections:**
 - i. *Armenia: parliamentary elections (6 May 2012):* approved the report issued by the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Serbia: parliamentary and early presidential elections (6 and 20 May 2012):* approved the report issued by the ad hoc committee;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Strasbourg, 20-21 September 2012):** took note of the themes of the conference: "Future of the European Court of Human Rights – role of national parliaments"; "Is representative democracy in crisis? Challenges for national parliaments" and "Arab revolutions: challenges and opportunities";
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-11 October 2012):** approved the provisional composition of an ad hoc committee to participate in the Forum (Appendix II);
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of a proposal by the UEL group, nominated Mr Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL) for a vacant seat, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD group, nominated Mr Márton Braun (Hungary, EPP/CD) and Mr Şaban Dişli (Turkey, EPP/CD) for a vacant seat, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:**
 - . decided to change the venue of its meeting in September:
 - Nice (France), Monday 3 September 2012 at 9.30 am (instead of Paris)
 - . decided to change the date of its meeting in December :
 - Paris, Monday 17 December 2012 at 9.30 am (instead of Monday, 10 December);
 - . decided to hold the following meetings:
 - Strasbourg, Monday 25 June 2012 at 8 am;
 - Strasbourg, Friday 29 June 2012 at 8.30 am;
 - Nice (France), Monday 3 September 2012 at 9.30 am.

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Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, 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 I

References and transmissions to committees

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.
12907	Motion for a Resolution	Children in detention	Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>for report</i>	3866
12913	Motion for a Recommendation	Ending discrimination against Roma children	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>for report</i>	3867

Extensions of references (for information)

	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.	New validity date
11863	Motion for a Resolution	Democracy and the limitation of mandates	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	3596	30 April 2013
12252	Motion for a Resolution	The rule of law in Council of Europe member states: upholding the authority of the Parliamentary Assembly's recommendations	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	3684	30 June 2013

Appendix II

Composition of the ad hoc Committee to participate at the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5 – 11 October 2012)

LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES

Chairperson / Président(e)

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Members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy // Membres de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

To be appointed (20 members maximum)

Members from other Committees/Membres d'autres Commissions (5 members of each committee maximum)

AS/JUR

Mr Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU (Turkey, EDG)
Mr Tamás GAUDI NAGY (Hungary, NR)
Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE)
Ms Elena NIKOLAEVA (Russian Federation, EDG)
Mr Jordi XUCLA (Spain, ALDE)

AS/SOC

the Earl of DUNDEE (United Kingdom, EDG)
Mr Michael HANCOCK (United Kingdom, ALDE)
Mr Ertuğrul KÜRKÇÜ (Turkey, UEL)
Ms Carina OHLSSON (Sweden, SOC)
Mr Luca VOLONTÈ (Italy, EPP/CD)

AS/EGA

Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON (Sweden, SOC)
Mr Boris SHPIGEL (Russian Federation, EDG)

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AS/CULT

Mr Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC)

AS/MIG

Mr René ROUQUET (France, SOC)