



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 1 October 2012

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 1 October 2012 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session (Strasbourg, 1 – 5 October 2012):**
 - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates:* decided to propose to the Assembly:
 - . to hold the debate under urgent procedure on “The European response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria” on Thursday 4 October 2012 and to refer this item to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for opinion;
 - . to hold the current affairs debate on “the Safarov case” on Thursday 4 October 2012 to be introduced by Mr Choqe (United Kingdom, EDG);
 - ii. *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation:*
 - . took note of the recommendation submitted by the sub-committee on the election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights regarding exceptional circumstances, which led governments of Croatia and the Republic of Moldova to submit single-sex lists to the Assembly, and decided to transmit it to the Assembly for ratification within the Progress Report..
 - . approved the proposals by the Sub-Committee on the election of Judges as regards the declassification of recommendations by the Sub-Committee and modifications to voting procedures in plenary meetings.
 - . took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of Judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation, and to declassify it.
 - iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 June – 1 October 2012):** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE)*): approved the Progress report;

- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Georgia: parliamentary elections (1 October 2012):* took note of the press release issued by the pre-electoral mission (Tbilisi, 11-13 September 2012).
 - ii. *Montenegro: early parliamentary elections (14 October 2012):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Choje (United Kingdom, EDG) as Chairperson of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. *Ukraine: parliamentary elections (28 October 2012):* took note of the press release issued by the pre-electoral mission (Kyiv, 19-21 September 2012) and approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix 1;
- **Communications:** took note of communications by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** nominated Ms Blondin (France, SOC) and Ms Strik (Netherlands, SOC) on the basis of a proposal submitted by the Socialist group as well as Mr Pushkov (Russian Federation, EDG) to replace Mr Pochinok (Russian Federation, EDG) on the basis of a proposal submitted by the European Democrat Group;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** nominated Mr Clappison (United Kingdom, EDG) to replace Mr Heald (United Kingdom, EDG) on the basis of a proposal submitted by the European Democrat Group;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** see Appendix 2;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - Strasbourg, Friday 5 October 2012 at 8.30 am.

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 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
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 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 1: References and transmissions to committees

A. MOTIONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION

Doc. 12994, Motion for a resolution, The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe, to Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report

Doc. 12995, Motion for a resolution, Optimum care for women with breast cancer, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report.

Doc. 12997, Motion for a resolution, The European economic crisis and the increasing illegal organ trade, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Towards a Council of Europe Convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin" (Ref. 3746 of 11 March 2011)

Doc. 12998, Motion for a resolution, Administrative detention, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report

Doc. 12999, Motion for a resolution, Europe's endangered heritage, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for report

Doc. 13002, Motion for a resolution, Europe's public administrations in flux: public service under threat?, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report

Doc. 13003, Motion for a resolution, Visa policy - protection of public order or discrimination on the basis of nationality?, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report

Doc. 13004, Motion for a resolution, The impact of major sport events on democracy and human rights, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for information

Doc. 13005, Motion for a recommendation, Raise the status of technical vocational training, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for report

Doc. 13007, Motion for a resolution, Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report

B. REQUESTS TO EXTEND A REFERENCE

Doc. 12370, Motion for a resolution, Ensuring the viability of the Strasbourg Court: structural deficiencies in States Parties (Ref. 3716 of 8 October 2010 - validity: 8 October 2012), to extend until 30 November 2012

Appendix 2 : Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

i. Mr Agius (Malta, EPP/CD), 7th Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Valletta (Malta), 12-13 October 2012 (at no cost to the Assembly);

ii. Mr Nicolaidis (Cyprus, SOC), 5th European Heritage Days Forum, Nicosia (Cyprus), 14-16 October 2012 (at no cost to the Assembly);

iii. Mr Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), 31st session of the Baltic Assembly and 18th Baltic Council, Vilnius (Lithuania), 8-9 November 2012 (at no cost to the Assembly);

iv. Mr Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD), Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Geneva (Switzerland), 15-16 November 2012.