



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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22 April 2013

To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 April 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 22 April 2013 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 22-26 April):**
 - i. Requests for current affairs debates:* decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on “Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq: how to organise and support international assistance?”, to designate Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) as introductory speaker and to invite the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Jordan, Mr Saad Hayel Srour, to intervene in the debate;
 - ii. Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 January – 21 April 2013)** (Rapporteur: Mr Pietro Marcenaro, Italy, SOC): approved the progress report;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees for the observation of elections (22 January 2013):* took note of the conclusions of the meeting;
 - ii. Armenia: presidential election (18 February 2013):* approved the final report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. Montenegro: presidential election (7 April 2013):* took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee;
 - iv. Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (12 May 2013):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (see appendix 1) to observe these elections and took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission;
 - v. Albania: parliamentary elections (23 June 2013):* decided to observe these elections, to constitute an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of 32 members: EPP/CD: 11, SOC: 10; ALDE: 4, EDG: 4, UEL: 1 (in accordance with the D’Hondt system), and the two Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; to authorise a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections, composed of 7 members : one from each political group and the two Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in the appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly;

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly and by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** approved the change in the draft Regulations on the nature of the Prize, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** nominated Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) and Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), on the basis of proposals submitted by the EPP/CD group, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2013:** see appendix 3.
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** appointed Mr Fernand Boden (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) to attend the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Spring Session on 17-19 May in Luxembourg (at no cost for the Assembly);
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings:
 - . 21-22 May 2013 in London: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media;
 - . 25 October 2013 in Lisbon: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Dubrovnik (2 September 2013):** took note of the practical information;
- **Next meetings:**
 - . decided to hold its next meeting as follows:

Strasbourg, Friday 26 April 2013 at 8.30 am.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

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APPENDIX 1

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN BULGARIA

COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPEES EN BULGARIE

12 May / mai 2013

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APPENDIX 2

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. 13115, Motion for a resolution, Call for a proper and mandatory exchange of information on condemned medical professionals, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. 13119, Motion for a resolution, Youth unemployment as a threat to democracy and human rights in Europe, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Decent work for all: combating social dumping" (Ref. 3818 of 25/11/2011)*

Doc. 13120, Motion for a resolution, Restricting the consumption and sales of energy drinks to children, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Food security" (Ref. 3738 of 24/01/2011)*

Doc. 13121, Motion for a resolution, Increasing transparency of media ownership, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13122, Motion for a resolution, Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13123, Motion for a recommendation, Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*.

Doc. 13124, Motion for a resolution, Protection of media freedom in Europe, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13125, Motion for a resolution, The post-electoral shifting in members' political affiliation and its repercussion on the composition of a national delegation, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

Doc. 13126, Motion for a resolution, Delivering integrated vaccines and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes in the developing world, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. 13127, Motion for a resolution, Involuntary tranquilliser addiction, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. 13128, Motion for a resolution, Monitoring political prisoners in all Council of Europe member States, *no further action*

Doc. 13129, Motion for a resolution, Functioning of democratic institutions in "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Post-monitoring dialogue with 'the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia'"*

Doc. 13130, Motion for a resolution, Exploitation of the workforce of poor countries, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*.

Doc. 13131, Motion for a recommendation, A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

B. REQUEST TO EXTEND A REFERENCE

Doc. [12595](#), Motion for a resolution, The protection of minors against sectarian influence, Reference 3776 of 20.06.2011, extended until 20 December 2013

APPENDIX 3

Institutional Representation of the PACE in 2013

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2013 nominations
Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003	Members : Ms Durrieu - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Gross – SOC (AS/Jur) Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Substitutes : Ms Khidasheli - ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Xuclà – ALDE (AS/Mon) Mr McNamara - SOC (AS/Jur)
European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)	President of the Assembly (or his/her representative)	Article 5 of CEPEJ Statute (Res CM (2002) 12)	Member : Mr Pylypenko – SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute : ... (AS/Jur)