



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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## To the members of the Assembly

### Revised Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 30 September 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 30 September 2013 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 30 September – 4 October):**
  - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates:* decided to propose to the Assembly:
    - to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “The situation in Syria” on Thursday 3 October 2013 and to refer this item to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
    - to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “European Union and Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication!” on Thursday 3 October 2013 and to refer this item to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
  - ii. *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Romania*
    - took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of Judges following interviews with candidates for the post of judge to the Court in respect of Romania;
  - iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 June – 30 September 2013)** (Rapporteur: Mr Davit Harutyunyan, Armenia, EDG): approved the progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Azerbaijan: presidential election (9 October 2013):* took note of the press release issued by the pre-electoral mission (10-13 September 2013) and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1);
  - *Georgia: presidential election (27 October 2013):* took note of the press release issued by the pre-electoral mission (23-26 September 2013) and approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2); took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly concerning the visit of the pre-electoral mission, in particular the case of Mr Vassiliy Likhachev (Russian Federation, UEL), prevented from participating in the mission, and decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for an opinion on this matter in order to take a decision at its meeting on 21 November 2013 in Vienna;

- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Issues raised by the Committees:**
  - . **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:** authorised Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur on the “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to the region in autumn 2013;
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** approved the replacement of one of the “elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community” to the Assembly in 2013 in accordance with Resolution 1376 (2004), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** appointed Mr Agustín Conde (Spain, EPP/CD), on the basis of a proposal submitted by the EPP/DC group, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** appointed the following members:
  - . Ms Liliane Maury-Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) to participate in the International Conference on “Counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes: how to protect public health and combat these crimes at a global level?” on 16-17 October 2013 in Strasbourg;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Vienna (21 November 2013):** took note of the practical information;
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 4 October 2013 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 - Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential election in Azerbaijan**

9 October / octobre 2013

List of members / Liste des membres

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\* pre-electoral mission: 11-13.09.2013

\*\* pre-electoral mission only

## APPENDIX 2 - Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential election in Georgia

27 October / octobre 2013

List of members / Liste des membres

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\* pre-electoral mission

### APPENDIX 3 - References and transmissions to committees

Doc. [13269](#), motion for a resolution, Combat “Down-syndromecide” for consultation of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *on the follow-up to be given*

Doc. [13270](#), motion for a resolution, Expected humanitarian catastrophe caused by the dangerous condition of the Sarsang water reservoir in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [13271](#), motion for a recommendation, Enhanced co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the World Health Organisation, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [13272](#), Political participation for migrant Diaspora, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Doc. [13273](#), motion for a resolution, How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe?, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13274](#), motion for a resolution, Use of physical force against journalists: a challenge to democracy, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Protection of media freedom in Europe” (Ref. 3943 of 22 April 2013)*

Doc. [13275](#), motion for a resolution, Persecution of Christians and the diminishing of Christian communities in the Muslim world, particularly in Syria, for consultation of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *on the follow-up to be given*

Doc. [13276](#), motion for a resolution, Gender equality in science, research and technology, transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*

Doc. [13277](#), motion for a recommendation, Culture preservation in crisis and post-crisis situations, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. [13278](#), motion for a recommendation, Additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights on the protection of whistle-blowers who disclose governmental action violating international law and fundamental rights, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. [13279](#), motion for a resolution, Gold mining projects – a danger to human rights, the rule of law and ecological integrity, transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. [13280](#), motion for a recommendation, Coordinated strategies for effective Internet governance, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. [13281](#), motion for a resolution, Morocco: meeting new migration and asylum challenges, transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

Doc. [13283](#), motion for a resolution, Student mobility, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. [13288](#), motion for a resolution, Massive eavesdropping in Europe, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*