



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 4 October 2013

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 4 October 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 2013):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly for follow-up to texts adopted by the Assembly (Appendix 1);
- **Standing Committee (Vienna, 22 November 2013):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **First part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 27 – 31 January):** took note of the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Issues raised by committees:** approved the requests as presented in Appendix 2;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (see Appendix 4);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (4 October 2013 – 27 January 2014):** appointed Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;
- **Use in French of the feminine equivalent of the term “rapporteur”:** decided to ask the Committee of Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for an opinion on this matter and to invite this Committee to seek the advice of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination in preparing its opinion;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of France, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** appointed Ms Milena Damyanova (Bulgaria, EPP/CD), on the basis of a proposal submitted by the EPP/CD group, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** appointed Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC), to participate in the High-level Conference on “Combating racism, xenophobia and intolerance in Europe” in Yerevan on 21-22 October 2013;

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to meet on 21 November 2013 in Vienna;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - . Thursday 21 November 2013, Vienna at 2.30 pm;
 - . Monday 16 December 2013, Paris at 9.30 am;
 - . Monday 27 January 2014, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - . Friday 31 January 2014, Strasbourg at 8.30 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 1

Follow-up to the fourth part-session

Recommendation 2027 (2013) on *European Union and Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication!*:

- . to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee of Political Affairs and Democracy to take this issue into account in the preparation of their respective reports on “European institutions and human rights in Europe” (Rapporteur: Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC) and on “The Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union – evaluation 5 years after” (Rapporteur: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE);
- . to ask the President of the Assembly to transmit the Recommendation to the President of the European Parliament, with a request to transmit it to all MEPs, and to the President of the European Commission;
- . to ask the President of the Assembly to write to the heads of the Council of Europe parliamentary delegations of the 28 member States of the European Union with a request to transmit the Recommendation to the MEPs of their respective countries and to the chairpersons of the European Affairs Committees of their national parliaments;
- . to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to raise this issue with their counterparts in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE Committee) of the European Parliament;
- . to raise the issue at the next joint meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament;

Resolution 1954 (2013) on *National Security and access to information*:

- . to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to take this issue into account in the preparation of its report on “Massive eavesdropping in Europe” (reference of 30 September 2013, Doc 13288);

APPENDIX 2

Issues raised by committees

The Bureau authorised the following requests submitted respectively by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, at no cost for the Assembly and without participation of the Secretariat:

- Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), General Rapporteur on violence against women, to take part in the 11th Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas to be held in Brasilia (Brazil) on 14 October 2013;
- Mr Robert Shlegel (Russian Federation, EDG) rapporteur on “Coordinated strategies for effective Internet governance”, to participate in the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2013 to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 22 to 25 October 2013;
- Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur on “Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities?”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to China in February/March 2014 in the framework of preparing the report.

APPENDIX 3

References and transmissions to committees

A. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

Doc. 13275, Motion for a resolution, Persecution of Christians and the diminishing of Christian communities in the Muslim world, particularly in Syria, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

B. REQUEST TO EXTEND A REFERENCE

Bureau decision (Ref. 3847 of 9 March 2012 – validity: 9 March 2014), Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: extension until 31 December 2014

APPENDIX 4

Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 27-29 November 2013 in Strasbourg

List of members

Chairperson

Mr Jean-Claude MIGNON (France, EPP/CD)

Presidential Committee

Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, Chairperson of the EPP/CD Group)
Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, Chairperson of the SOC Group)
Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, Chairperson of the EDG Group)
Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, Chairperson of the ALDE Group)
Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, Chairperson of the UEL Group)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Mr Deniz BAYKAL (Turkey, SOC)
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Mr Sandro GOZI (Italy, NR)
Mr Mike HANCOCK (United Kingdom, ALDE)
Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD)
Ms Nursuna MEMECAN (Turkey, ALDE)
Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE)
Mr Vincenzo SANTANGELO (Italy, NR)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Ms Elena CENTEMARO (Italy, NR)
Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE)
Mr Charles KENNEDY (United Kingdom, ALDE)
Mr Epameinondas MARIAS (Greece, EDG)
Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)
Mr Michele NICOLETTI (Italy, NR)
Mr Konstantynos TRIANTAFYLLOS (Greece, SOC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mr Fernand BODEN (Luxembourg, EPP/CD)
Mr Igor KOLMAN (Croatia, ALDE)
Mr Ertuğrul KÜRKÇÜ (Turkey, UEL)
Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mr Viorel Ricard BADEA (Romania, EPP/CD)
Ms Nunzia CATALFO (Italy, NR)
Mr David DAVIES (United Kingdom, EDG)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (Italy, NR)
Mr Claudio FAZZONE (Italy, NR)
Mr Cezar Florin PREDA (Romania, EPP/CD)
Ms Milena SANTERINI (Italy, NR)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ms Deborah BERGAMINI (Italy, EPP/CD)
Mr Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC)
Ms Alina GORGHIU (Romania, ALDE)
Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ (Spain, SOC)
Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA (Spain, EPP/CD)