



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 31 January 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 31 January 2014 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Standing Committee (Paris, 7 March 2014):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 7-11 April):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in Appendix 2, to be submitted for ratification by the Assembly on the same day;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. **Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections (29 January 2014):** took note of the conclusions of the meeting as well as of the proposed amendments to the PACE Guidelines for Election Observation, and decided to consider the amendments at one of its forthcoming meetings;
 - ii. **Early parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) as Chairperson (Appendix 3);
 - iii. **Presidential election in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (13 and 27 April 2014):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee, subject to the receipt of the invitation, and appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as Chairperson (Appendix 4);
- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**
 - authorised Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur on the "Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic", to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country in February or March 2014, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
 - authorised Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Rapporteur on the "Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan", to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

- ii. *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:*
 - . authorised an ad hoc sub-committee to participate in a Conference on “Growing with children’s rights” organised in the context of the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015), to take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia on 27-28 March 2014;
- iii. *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:*
 - . took note of the fact that the Gender equality prize would not be awarded in 2014;
 - . authorised Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), General Rapporteur on violence against women, to participate in the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women which will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 10 -11 March 2014;
 - ***Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 January – 6 April 2014):*** appointed Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC) as rapporteur;
 - ***European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):*** drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Liechtenstein, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
 - ***Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:***
 - . *Monitoring Committee:* nominated Mr Giorgi Kandelaki (Georgia, EPP/CD), Mr Giuseppe Galati (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Epameinondas Marias (Greece, EDG), Ms Ingebjørg Godseken (Norway, EDG), Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG), Mr Karl Gardarsson (Iceland, ALDE), Ms Meritxell Mateu Pi (Andorra, ALDE), Mr Bernard Pasquier (Monaco, ALDE), and Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE), on the basis of proposals submitted by the EPP/CD, EDG and ALDE groups, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - . *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:* nominated Ms Chiora Taktakishvili (Georgia, ALDE), Mr Levon Zourabian (Armenia, ALDE) and Mr Dimitrios Papadimoulis (Greece, UEL), on the basis of proposals submitted by the ALDE and UEL groups, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - ***Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:*** authorised the following meetings:
 - . Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, to meet in Moscow on 10-11 March 2014;
 - . Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to meet in Athens on 7 May 2014;
 - . Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, to meet in Nicosia on 12-13 May 2014;
 - . Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), to meet in Copenhagen on 12-13 May 2014;
 - ***Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:*** appointed Ms Doris Barnett (Germany, SOC), to participate in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 13th winter meeting, in Vienna, 13-14 February 2014, at no cost for the Assembly;
 - ***Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2014:*** see Appendix 5;
 - ***Composition of the Bureaux of the EDG and ALDE Groups:*** took note of the notifications of the composition of the Bureau of the two Groups;
 - ***Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:*** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the modification of Article 6.4 of the Regulations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize concerning the deadline for submission of nominees for the Prize, subject to ratification by the Assembly;

- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:
- . Thursday 6 March 2014, Paris at 3 pm (National Assembly, Salle Lamartine);
- . Monday 7 April 2014, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
- . Friday 11 April 2014, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

cc. 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

Proposals for follow-up to the 1st part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January)

Resolution 1966 (2014) on *Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky*:

“18. The Assembly resolves to follow closely the implementation of the above proposals. It recalls its Resolution 1597 (2007) and Recommendation 1824 (2007) on United Nations Security Council and European Union blacklists. It further resolves that if, within a reasonable period of time, the competent authorities have failed to make any or any adequate response to this resolution, the Assembly should recommend to member States of the Council of Europe to follow as a last resort the example of the United States in adopting targeted sanctions against individuals (visa bans and freezing of accounts), having first given those named individuals the opportunity to make appropriate representations in their defence.”

- . to invite Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur, to follow-up on the developments and to propose subsequent action to be taken;

Resolution 1967 (2014) on *A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe*:

“9. The Assembly invites its members to join the national committees set up in the context of the “No Hate Speech Movement” and encourages the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to empower its members to conduct campaigning activities against racism, hatred and intolerance, in co-operation with their national parliaments.”

- . to ask the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to propose concrete action for the follow-up and to come back with proposals to the Assembly;

Resolution 1969 (2014) on *Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council*:

“14. In conclusion, the Assembly welcomes the progress achieved and resolves to continue to review the implementation of political reforms in Palestine and to offer its assistance to the PNC. It will make a new assessment of the partnership within two years from the adoption of the present resolution.”

- . to refer this issue to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for the preparation of a new report on this subject and to the Committees on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and Equality and Non-Discrimination for opinion;

Resolution 1974 (2014) on *the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine*:

“14. The Assembly will continue to follow closely the situation in Ukraine on the basis of information provided by its Monitoring Committee, which it invites to suggest further action if the political developments so warrant.”

- . to ask the co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee to follow up on the political developments and come back to the Assembly with proposals for possible action before the April part-session of 2014;
- . to invite the Presidential Committee to consider a visit to Ukraine in the coming weeks;

Free debates:

- . to ask the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to address a letter to all delegations, reminding members that interventions at a free debate should not touch upon any subject on the agenda of the same part-session;

Disciplinary measures in respect of Mr Tamás Gaudi Nagy (Hungary, NR):

- . with regard to the disrespect shown by Mr Tamás Gaudi Nagy (Hungary, NR) towards the earlier decision of the President of the Assembly to deprive him of the right to speak and to be enrolled on the list of speakers in plenary and in committee meetings during the Assembly's first part-session of 2014, to take note that the President will consider further disciplinary sanctions.

Appendix 2

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. [13364](#), Motion for a resolution, Freedom of religion and religious practices, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

Doc. [13381](#), Motion for a resolution, Forced migration: a new challenge, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Bureau decision, The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

B. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

Doc. [12585](#), motion for a resolution (Reference 3772 of 27 May 2011 – validity: 31 January 2014), Improving user protection and security in cyberspace: extension until 31 March 2014

Doc. [12866](#), Motion for a resolution (Reference 3857 of 23 April 2012 – validity: 23 April 2014), The political transition in Egypt: extension until 23 April 2015

Bureau decision (Reference 3834 of 28 January 2012 – validity: 28 January 2014), Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly: extension until 30 June 2014

Appendix 3

List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014)

Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD)**, **Head of the delegation**

Socialist Group / Groupe Socialiste (SOC)

Ferdinando AIELLO	Italy / Italie
Maria GIANNAKAKI	Greece / Grèce
Igor IVANOVSKI**	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"
Josip JURATOVIC	Germany / Allemagne
Florin PÂSLARU	Romania / Roumanie
Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / Suisse
Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS	Greece / Grèce

Group of the European people's party (EPP/CD) Groupe du parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Viorel BADEA	Romania / Roumanie
Giuseppe GALATI	Italy / Italie
Foteini PIPILI	Greece / Grèce
Kimmo SASI	Finlande / Finlande

Substitutes / Suppléants

Werner AMON	Austria / Autriche
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA	Georgia / Géorgie
Deirdre CLUNE	Ireland / Irlande
Bernd FABRITIUS	Germany / Allemagne
Giorgi KANDELAKI	Georgia / Géorgie
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Andrea RIGONI	Italy / Italie
Hirakli CHIKOVANI **	Georgia / Géorgie
Ionuț-Marian STROE	Romania / Roumanie

Substitute / Suppléant

Theodor-Cătălin NICOLESCU	Romania / Roumanie
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European Democratic Group (EDG) Groupe des démocrates européens (GDE)

Reha DENEMEÇ **	Turkey / Turquie
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN	Norway / Norvège
Igor MOROZOV	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Grigore PETRENCO ** Moldova

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON:

Indrek SAAR** Estonia / Estonie
Davit HARUTYUNYAN** Armenia / Arménie

Venice Commission

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Secretariat

Mr Vladimir DRONOV, Head of Secretariat, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit
Mr Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat of the interparliamentary cooperation unit
Ms Daniele GASTL, Assistant

** members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

Appendix 4

List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the Presidential election in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 and 27 April 2014)

Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC)**, **Head of the delegation**

Socialist Group (SOC) / Groupe socialiste (SOC)

Andreas GROSS	Switzerland / Suisse
Josette DURRIEU	France
Luc RECORDON	Switzerland / Suisse
Damian DRĂGHICI	Romania / Roumanie
Deniza KARADJOVA	Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Maryvonne BLONDIN	France

Substitutes / Suppléants

Joe BENTON	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
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Group of the European People's Party EPP/CD) Groupe du parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Şaban DİŞLİ	Turkey / Turquie
Bernd FABRITIUS	Germany / Allemagne
Attila GRUBER	Hungary / Hongrie
Yves POZZO di BORGIO	France
Cesar Florin PREDA**	Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Werner AMON	Austria / Autriche
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA	Georgia / Géorgie
Deirdre CLUNE	Ireland / Irlande
Denis JACQUAT	France
Giorgi KANDELAKI	Georgia / Géorgie

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

André BUGNON	Switzerland / Suisse
Tudor-Alexandru CHIUARIU	Romania / Roumanie
Margus HANSON**	Estonia / Estonie

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI	Georgia / Géorgie
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European Democratic Group (EDG) Groupe des démocrates européens (GDE)

Sir Roger GALE	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Alexander SIDYAKIN	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie
Reha DENEMEÇ **	Turkey / Turquie

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Brian BINLEY	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Tülin ERKAL KARA	Turkey / Turquie
Morten WOLD	Norway / Norvège
Ganira PASHAYEVA	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)
Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Vassiliy LIKHACHEV **

Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

Rapporteur AS/MON (ex-officio)¹

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Secretariat

Mr Vladimir DRONOV, Head of Secretariat, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation unit

Mr Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation unit

Mr Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant

** members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

¹ The rapporteur will be appointed by the monitoring committee / Le rapporteur sera nommé par la commission de suivi.

Appendix 5

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2014

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2013	2014 nominations
I. Council of Europe bodies				
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)	Members: Mr Çavuşoğlu, EDG appointment by the President Mr Chope – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Mahoux – SOC (AS/Jur)	Members: Mr Mignon, EPP/CD appointment by the President Mr Chope – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Díaz Tejera – SOC (AS/Jur)
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)	Members : Ms Durrieu – SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Gross – SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Jordi Xuclà – ALDE (AS/Mon) Substitutes : Ms Khidasheli – ALDE (AS/Pol) Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Mr McNamara – SOC (AS/Jur)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 5.1(b) of the North-South Centre Statute (Res CM (1993) 51)	Members : Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)	Members : Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)	Members : Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Mr Čilevičs – SOC (AS/Ega) Mr Schneider – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Ms Memecan - ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Davies - EDG (AS/Ega) Mr Jensen - SOC (AS/Cult)	Members : Ms Gillan – EDG (AS/Pol) ... (AS/Ega) ... (AS/Cult) Substitutes : - (AS/Pol) Mr Davies – EDG (AS/Ega) - (AS/Cult)

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2013	2014 nominations
Group of States against Corruption GRECO	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO	Member : Mr Neill – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)	Member : Mr Neill – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)
CE Committee for Works of Art	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992	Members: - Baroness Eccles – EDG (AS/Cult) - Ms Marjanović - SOC (AS/Cult)	Members: - Baroness Eccles – EDG (AS/Cult) - Ms Marjanović – SOC (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Lord Tomlinson – SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Hübner – NI (AS/Jur)	Member: Mr Omtzigt – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Hübner – NI (AS/Jur)
II. Other				
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Mr Nicolaidis - SOC (AS/Cult) Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage	Mr Nicolaides – SOC (AS/Cult) Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage