



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 11 April 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 11 April 2014 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 7-11 April):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Standing Committee (Baku, 23 May 2014):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 23-27 June):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. **"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": presidential election (13 and 27 April 2014) and early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2);
  - ii. **Ukraine : early presidential election (25 May 2014):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3);
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals as presented in Appendix 4, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - i. **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:** authorised Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the "Political transition in Tunisia", to carry out a fact-finding visit in the country, in the framework of the preparation of his report (dates of the visit to be confirmed);
  - ii. **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:** took note of the letter of the Committee concerning the designation of the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance; approved the request of the Committee to set up a No Hate Parliamentary Alliance along the lines set out in the memorandum of the Committee on the "Follow-up to Assembly Resolution 1967 (2014) - A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe";
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (11 April – 23 June 2014):** appointed Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) as rapporteur for the progress report;
- **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 Armenia and Denmark, to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;

- ***Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2014:*** approved the appointment of two representatives to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Mr Snorre Serigstad Valen (Norway, UEL) on behalf of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Mr Khalid Chaouki (Italy, SOC) on behalf of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media;
- ***Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:*** authorised the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), to meet in Istanbul, on 12-13 May 2014;
- ***Meeting of the Bureau in Baku (22 May 2014):*** took note of the practical information;
- ***Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee in Brussels:*** took note that the meetings will be held on 17-18 November 2014;
- ***Dates and places of next meetings:***
  - . Thursday 22 May 2014, Baku, at 2.30 pm;
  - . Monday 23 June 2014, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
  - . Friday 27 June 2014, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

Markus Adelsbach, Ivi-Triin Odrats

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Director 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 2nd part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 7 – 11 April 2014)

#### 1. **Resolution 1984 (2014) on the “Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic”**

*“20. It accordingly resolves to review, no later than two years from the adoption of this resolution, the state of progress achieved in implementing the political commitments undertaken by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as in carrying forward the specific issues mentioned in paragraph 15 above.”*

. to refer this issue for the preparation of a report on “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic” to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committees on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Equality and Non-Discrimination for opinion.

#### 2. **Resolution 1990 (2014) on “Reconsideration on substantive grounds of the previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation”**

. to invite the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to elaborate a list of rights of participation or representation of members that may be deprived or suspended in the context of a challenge or reconsideration of credentials under Rules 7, 8 and 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and to clarify the extent to which paragraph 15.2 of the above resolution is compatible with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly with regard to the representation of political groups.

#### 3. **List of speakers**

. to ask the Secretary General of the Assembly to report back to the Bureau on the modalities of possibly improving the geographical balance of speakers in plenary debates.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential and early parliamentary elections in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (13 and 27 April 2014) - List of members**

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

#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Deniza KARADJOVA, Bulgaria  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Melita MULIĆ, Croatia  
Deniz BAYKAL, Turkey  
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)**

Werner AMON, Austria  
Tinatin BOKUCHAVA, Georgia  
Şaban DİŞLİ\*\*, Turkey  
Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany  
Denis JACQUAT, France  
Yves POZZO di BORGIO, France

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

André BUGNON, Switzerland  
Margus HANSON\*\*, Estonia  
Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

#### **European Democrat Group (EDG)**

Morten WOLD, Norway  
Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey  
Sir Roger GALE, United Kingdom

#### ***Substitutes***

Tülin ERKAL KARA, Turkey  
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

#### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

Andrej HUNKO, Germany

#### **Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex-officio*)**

Robert WALTER\*\*, United Kingdom

#### **Venice Commission**

Owen MASTERS, expert of the Venice Commission

#### **Secretariat**

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation unit  
Ivi-Triin ODRATS, Administrative Officer  
Gaël MARTIN-MICALLEF, Secretariat Venice Commission

\*\* members of the pre-election delegation (11-12 March 2014)

**APPENDIX 3****Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014) - List of members****Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC), Head of the delegation****Socialist Group (SOC)**

Joe BENTON, United Kingdom  
 Robert BIEDROŃ, Poland  
 Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
 Bernadette BOURZAI, France  
 Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany  
 Andreas GROSS \*, Switzerland  
 Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan  
 Stella JANTUAN, Republic of Moldova  
 Pierre-Yves LE BORGNI', France  
 Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland  
 Lia QUARTAPELLE, Italy  
 René ROUQUET, France  
 Aleksandrs SAKOVSKIS, Latvia  
 John TOMLINSON, United Kingdom  
 Gisela WURM, Austria

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 Charlò BONNICI, Malta  
 Lolita ČIGĀNE, Latvia  
 Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO, Monaco  
 Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova  
 Frank JENSSEN \*, Norway  
 François ROCHEBLOINE, France  
 Rovshan RZAYEV, Azerbaijan  
 Kimmo SASI, Finland  
 Tobias ZECH, Germany

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 Virel Riceard BADEA, Romania  
 Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey  
 Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany  
 Giorgi KANDELAKI, Georgia  
 Jacques LEGENDRE, France  
 Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia

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 Brian BINLEY, United Kingdom  
 Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey  
 Roger GALE, United Kingdom  
 Ingebjørg GODSKESEN \*, Norway  
 Edward LEIGH, United Kingdom  
 Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER, United Kingdom  
 Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ, Turkey

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Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland  
Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Tinatin KHIDASHELI \*, Georgia  
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden  
Andrea RIGONI, Italy

**Substitutes**

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Emma NICHOLSON, United Kingdom  
Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania  
Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain

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Andrej HUNKO, Germany  
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**Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex-officio)**

Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Sweden

**Venice Commission**

Srdjan DARMANOVIC, Montenegro  
Amaya ÚBEDA, Administrative Officer, Venice Commission

**Secretariat**

Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy to the Head of Secretariat of the Interparliamentary cooperation unit and election observation  
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Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation unit and election observation  
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\* members of the pre-election delegation

**APPENDIX 4****A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES**

Doc. [13442](#), Motion for a resolution, The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for a possible follow-up*

Doc. [13443](#), Motion for a resolution, Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, *for opinion*

Doc. [13444](#), Motion for a resolution, Violence against migrants, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Doc. [13447](#), Motion for a resolution, Parliamentary co-operation with Kazakhstan, transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

Doc. [13448](#), Motion for a resolution, Intellectual property rights in the digital era, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. [13466](#), Motion for a resolution, Creation of a European Institute to counter prejudices about Roma, Sinti and Kales by promoting research about their culture and history, *consultation* of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for a possible follow-up*

Doc. [13468](#), Motion for a resolution, The inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. [13487](#), Motion for a resolution, The status of immediate past presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly in the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly"*

**B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE**

Doc. [13288](#), Motion for a resolution, Massive eavesdropping in Europe (Ref. 4003 of 30 September 2013), reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

**C. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION**

Doc. [13365](#), Motion for a resolution, Europe must be based on economically viable regions - Effective local self-government for member States, no further action

**D. EXTENSION OF REFERENCES**

Doc. [12603](#), Motion for a resolution, Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict  
Ref. 3783 of 20 June 2011 – validity: 30 April 2014, extension until 30 June 2014

Bureau decision, The Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union - evaluation 5 years after (Ref. 3887 of 29 June 2012 – validity: 29 June 2014), extension until 30 September 2014

Bureau decision, Political transition in Tunisia (Ref. 3889 of 29 June 2012 – validity: 29 June 2014), extension until 29 June 2015