



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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3 September 2014

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 2 September 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Tuesday 2 September 2014 in Paris, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October):**
 - i. drew up the draft agenda;
 - ii. decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on “The crisis in Ukraine”;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the proposals as presented in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary of the Council of Europe:** took note of the written communication;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Schedule of elections 2014:* took note of the elections calendar as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
 - ii. *“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: presidential election (13 and 27 April 2014) and early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014):* took note of the statement by the post-electoral delegation;
 - iii. *Turkey: presidential election (10 August 2014):* took note of the press release of the ad hoc committee;
 - iv. *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (5 October 2014):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2);
 - v. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (12 October 2014):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3);
 - vi. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 4);
 - vii. *Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (26 October 2014):* decided to observe these elections, constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 42 members: SOC: 13; EPP/CD: 13; EDG: 6; ALDE: 6; UEL: 2, and the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission;

- viii. *Tunisia: parliamentary elections (26 October 2014) and presidential election (23 November 2014)*: subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections, constituted an ad hoc committee for each of them composed of 11 members: SOC: 3; EPP/CD: 3; EDG: 2; ALDE: 2; UEL: 1, and authorised pre-electoral missions for both;
- ***World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014)***: appointed Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) to represent the Assembly in the Steering Committee of the Forum in replacement of Ms Polonca Komar (Slovenia, ALDE);
 - ***Václav Havel Human Rights Prize***: took note of the three candidates shortlisted by the Selection Panel of the Prize at its meeting in Prague on 26 August 2014 (in alphabetical order): B'Tselem Israeli Information Center for Human Rights (Israel), Jesuit Refugee Service Malta (Malta) and Mr Anar Mammadli (Azerbaijan);
 - ***Meeting elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris***: authorised the Sub-Committee on Co-operation with non-European countries of origin and transit (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) to meet in Rabat, Morocco, on 23-24 October 2014;
 - ***Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee in Brussels (17-18 November 2014)***: took note of the draft programme;
 - ***Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2015***: approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 5);
 - ***Dates and places of next meetings***:
 - . Monday 29 September 2014, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - . Friday 3 October 2014, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
 - . Monday 17 November 2014, Brussels at 9.30 am;
 - . Monday, 15 December 2014, Paris at 9.30 am.

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Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

Doc. 13535, motion for a resolution, The application of sanctions against Armenia for its armed occupation of Azerbaijani territories: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;

Doc. 13546, motion for a resolution, The armed occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenia and Doc. 13549, motion for a resolution, The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for joint report, with a recommended title “Escalation of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh and the other occupied territories of Azerbaijan”*;

Doc. 13548, motion for a resolution, Transparency and openness in European institutions, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*;

Doc. 13551, motion for a resolution, Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*.

B. Confirmation of a reference

Doc. 13447, motion for a resolution, Parliamentary co-operation with Kazakhstan: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*.

C. Extension of references

Bureau decision, Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Ref. 3847 of 9 March 2012 – validity: 31 December 2014): extension until 31 May 2015;

Doc. 13064, motion for a resolution, Human rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to Resolution 1738 (2010)? (Ref. 3928 of 21 January 2013 – validity: 21 January 2015): extension until 31 October 2015;

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: 30 September 2014): extension until 30 January 2015.

Appendix 2 – Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (5 October 2014) – list of members

Doris FIALA (ALDE, Switzerland), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

Andreas GROSS	Switzerland
Joseph DEBONO GRECH	Malta
Annalena BAERBOCK	Germany
Fatma PEHLIVAN	Belgium
Joe BENTON	United Kingdom

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

Şaban DİŞLİ	Turkey
Thomas FEIST	Germany
Giuseppe GALATI*	Italy
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Cezar Florin PREDA	Romania

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Substitutes

Jean-Marie BOCKEL	France
Elena CENTEMERO	Italy
Denis JACQUAT	France
Yves POZZO di BORGO	France

European Democrat Group (EDG)

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Appendix 3 – Ad hoc committee for the observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (12 October 2014) – list of members

Tiny KOX (UEL, Netherlands), Head of the delegation

Socialist Group (SOC)

René ROUQUET*	France
Stefan SCHENNACH**	Austria
Melita MULIĆ**	Croatia
Gisela WURM	Austria
Paolo CORSINI	Italy
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ-MARINOVIĆ	Croatia
Liliane MAURY PASQUIER	Switzerland
Guguli MAGRADZE	Georgia
Maria GIANNAKAKI	Greece
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Naira KARAPETYAN*	Armenia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI	"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Mikael OSCARSSON	Sweden
Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN	Sweden

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Appendix 4 – Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (30 November 2014) – list of members

Jean-Claude Mignon (EPP/CD, France), Head of the delegation

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Appendix 5 - Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2015 - proposals for dates¹

Monday 26 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 30 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 5 March, 3.00 pm, Paris	Bureau
Friday 6 March, 9.00 am, Paris	Standing Committee
Monday 20 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 24 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of May, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 22 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 26 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Tuesday 1 September, 2.30 pm, Paris	Bureau
Monday 28 September, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 2 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of November, Bulgaria	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 14 December, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau

¹ Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the conclusion of a formal agreement with the Parliament of the country concerned.