



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2014) 13

10 December 2014

## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 9 December 2014

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Tuesday 9 December 2014 in Paris, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication by the President of the Assembly:** took note of the communication;
- **First part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January):**
  - i. drew up the draft agenda;
  - ii. decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to clarify the question of fair representation of the opposition in national delegations and, in particular, whether a national delegation in which the opposition is not represented amongst full members but only amongst substitutes is in line with the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Tunisia: parliamentary elections (26 October 2014) and presidential election (23 November and 21 December 2014):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections; took note of the press release of the ad hoc committee to observe the first round of the presidential election; approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee to observe the second round of the presidential election on 21 December and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 1);
  - ii. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014):* took note of the press release of the ad hoc committee;
  - iii. *Schedule of elections for 2015:* took note of the elections calendar for 2015 as presented in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication;
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2015 financial year:** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities:** took note of the work plan for 2015;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

*Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur on “The situation in Belarus”, to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Belarus during the first semester of 2015, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

- **Cooperation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2015:** approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation as indicated in document AS/Bur (2014) 67 of 7 December 2014 and, in view of the discussions held, decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to examine Rule 19.6 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure and how it can be interpreted, and, if need be, to propose possible changes;

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Yerevan on 21-22 May 2015;

- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

Monday, 26 January 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;  
Friday, 30 January 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;  
Thursday, 5 March 2015, Paris at 3 pm.

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**Appendix 1**

**Ad hoc committee for the observation of the second round of the presidential election in Tunisia  
(21 December 2014) - list of members**

**Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC) Chairperson**

**Socialist Group (SOC)**

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland

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

Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey

***Substitute***

Bogdan KLICH, Poland

**European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey

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

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André BUGNON, Switzerland

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

Andrej HUNKO, Germany

**Secretariat**

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Interparliamentary co-operation and election observation

## **Appendix 2**

### **References and transmissions**

#### **A. References to committees**

Doc. 13627, motion for a resolution, The need to stop the escalation in the persecution of Christian communities in the Middle East, transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;

Doc. 13628, motion for a resolution, The crash of Polish Air Force Tu-154 transporting the Polish delegation on 10 April 2010 on the Russian Federation's territory: *no further action*;

Doc. 13629, motion for a resolution, The implementation of the Hirsi judgment: have push backs come to an end?: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

Doc. 13630, motion for a resolution, Parental authority conflicts: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

Doc. 13631, motion for a resolution, Rising Islamophobia in Europe, transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*;

Bureau decision, Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2016-2017, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;

Bureau decision, Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2016-2017, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*.

#### **B. Extension of references**

Doc. 13054, motion for a resolution, The abuse by social services of member States of the Council of Europe of their authority to remove children from their parents' custody (Ref. 3926 of 21 January 2013 – validity: 21 January 2015), extension until 30 June 2015;

Bureau decision, The situation in Kosovo<sup>\*</sup> and the role of the Council of Europe (Ref. 3932 of 25 January 2013 – validity: 25 January 2015), extension until 31 January 2016.

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<sup>\*</sup> Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.