



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 20 April 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 20 April 2015 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 20-24 April):**
 - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:*
 - decided to propose to the Assembly to hold the debate under urgent procedure on the Assembly's Opinion on the *Draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism* on Thursday 23 April in the morning;
 - decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed* on Thursday 23 April in the morning and to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;
 - ii. *Request for a current affairs debate:* decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on *The political and security situation in Ukraine and its implications* on Wednesday 22 April in the morning, and designated Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) as the first speaker;
 - iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda of the part-session;
 - iv. *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 22 April 2015 from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm):* took note of the candidature of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni as the only candidate for the post of Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and decided to invite her for an interview at its next meeting in Sarajevo on 21 May 2015, subject to the formal transmission of the candidature to the Assembly by the Committee of Ministers;
 - v. *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Andorra, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Liechtenstein and Monaco:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of these countries;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Turkey: parliamentary elections (7 June 2015):* approved the composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1) and appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as its Chairperson;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (30 January – 19 April 2015)** (Rapporteur: Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD)): approved the Progress report;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 2), subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report;

- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:*
 - took note of the letter of the Committee concerning the Committee's decision not to elaborate a report on "The implementation of the Hirsi judgment: have push backs come to an end?" (Doc. 13629, Reference 4094 of 26.01.2015) but to consider it in the framework of the preparation of the reports on "The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration (Rapporteur; Ms Daphné Dumery, Belgium, NR) and "Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges" (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC);
 - took note of the letter concerning the decision of the Committee not to carry out the visit of the Ad hoc Sub-Committee to Ukrainian refugee camps in the Russian Federation, following the Russian delegation's decision to suspend all institutional contacts with the Parliamentary Assembly until the end of 2015. Instead, the Committee decided to organise together with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy a joint hearing on "Ukraine: prospects for peace and humanitarian challenges" to be held during the April part-session;
 - **Other business:** took note of the exchange of letters between the President of the Assembly and Mr Yuli Yoel Edelstein, Speaker of the Knesset (Israel) concerning the administrative detention of Ms Khalida Jarrar, elected member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and member of the Palestinian Partner for Democracy Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider the matter;
 - **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of a proposal from the Socialist Group, nominated Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - **Appointment of an Assembly representative for an official activity:** appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) to participate in a follow-up meeting of the 2014 Lisbon Forum entitled "Financing of electoral campaigns: a challenge for the electoral processes in the countries of the Southern Mediterranean", organised by the North-South Centre on 27-28 April 2015 in Tunis;
 - **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
 - . the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to meet in Chisinau on 18-20 May 2015;
 - . the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to meet in Rome on 4-5 June 2015.
 - **Date and place of next meeting:**

Friday, 24 April 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

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Appendix 1

Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Turkey, (7 June 2015) - list of members

Chairperson

Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL)

Socialist Group (SOC)

Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain
Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
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Substitutes

Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

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

Volodymyr ARIEV*, Ukraine
Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
Nicole DURANTON, France
Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany
Anže LOGAR, Slovenia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Catherine NOONE, Ireland
Jan RZYMEŁKA, Poland
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Substitutes

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Yves POZZO DI BORGIO, France
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Richard BALFE, United Kingdom
Krzysztof SZCZERSKI, Poland
Morton WOLD, Norway

Substitutes

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN*, Norway
Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Hendrik DAEMS, Belgium
Terry LEYDEN, Ireland
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden
Andrea RIGONI*, Italy

Substitutes

André BUGNON, Switzerland
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Cătălin Daniel FENECHIU, Romania

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

Rapporteur AS/MON (*ex officio*)

Josette DURRIEU, France

Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division
Franck DAESCHLER, Principal administrative assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division
Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division

* members of the pre-election delegation

Appendix 2

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

[Doc. 13697](#), motion for a resolution, Guaranteeing equal rights and protecting women against violence in the armed forces, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

[Doc. 13706](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights education in schools, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report "Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue"*;

[Doc. 13707](#), motion for a resolution, The humanitarian crisis in Gaza, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*;

[Doc. 13708](#), motion for a resolution, The handling of international public health emergencies, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 13709](#), motion for a resolution, Ensuring the right of Dilgam Asgarov and Shahbaz Guliyev to a fair trial: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Escalation of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh and the other occupied territories of Azerbaijan"*;

[Doc. 13710](#), motion for a resolution, The need to eradicate statelessness of children, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion* ;

Bureau decision, request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, Additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

B. Modification of a reference

[Doc. 13691](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights compatibility of investor–State arbitration in international investment protection agreements, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*.

C. Reply after consultation

[Doc. 13678](#), motion for a resolution, For evenly balanced regions in Europe, no further action.

D. Extension of references

[Doc. 13273](#), motion for a resolution, How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe?, extension until 31 December 2015;

[Doc. 13122](#), motion for a resolution, Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment: extension until 30 June 2015.