



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 April 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 24 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):** decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey and approved its composition and terms of reference (Appendix 1), subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress Report;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2031 (2015) on “Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response”:** took note of the lines of action proposed by the Committees on Political Affairs and Democracy; Legal Affairs and Human Rights; Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development; Equality and Non-Discrimination; and Culture, Science, Education and Media;
- **Standing Committee (Sarajevo, 22 May 2015):** took note of the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observation:**
 - *Turkey: parliamentary elections (7 June 2015):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2), subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress Report;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress Report;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** appointed its three representatives to the Selection Panel: Mr Dick Marty, for a first term, and Ms Nuala Mole and Mr Christos Pourgourides, for a second term;
- **Petition for the rights of new-borns surviving their abortion:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to transmit the petition to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in order for it to establish whether there is a legitimate interest of the Assembly;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur on the “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Palestinian Territories by the end of 2015, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 April – 26 June 2015):** appointed Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) as rapporteur;

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):**
 - . approved the lists of candidates in respect of Albania, Andorra, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Finland, Iceland, Montenegro, San Marino, the Slovak Republic and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers;
 - . endorsed the recommendation of the Committee to invite the Russian Federation to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:**
 - i. *Monitoring committee:* on the basis of a proposal by the Socialist Group, appointed Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain) in replacement of Mr Indrek Saar (Estonie), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - ii. *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Vladyslav Golub (Ukraine) as alternate, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015:** approved the appointment of Mr Nicos Nicolaides (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage as representative to Europa Nostra (Pan-European Federation for Heritage);
- **Other business:**
 - . *The case of Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL), entering Ukraine via the Russian Federation through an unauthorised border crossing:* decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider the matter;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
 - . the sub-committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) to meet in Kyiv on 12 June 2015;
 - . the sub-committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) to meet in Limassol, Cyprus on 27 October 2015;
- **Meetings of the Bureau and Standing Committee in Sarajevo (21-22 May 2015):** took note of the programme and practical information;
- **Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee in Sofia:** took note that the meetings would be held on 26-27 November 2015;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**
 - Thursday 21 May 2015, Sarajevo, at 3 pm;
 - Monday, 22 June 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - Friday, 26 June 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
 - Monday, 31 August 2015, Paris, at 9 am.

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Appendix 1

Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey

1. At its meeting on 24 April 2015, the Bureau of the Assembly decided under Article 44.4 c of the Rules of Procedure to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey, with the following composition, terms of reference and timetable.

2. Composition

The ad hoc committee will be composed of the members of the Presidential Committee, Chairpersons of national delegations or their representatives, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

3. Terms of reference

- raise awareness of the challenges facing Turkey and refugees hosted in the country;
- raise awareness of the needs and conditions in reception centres of refugees on the border with Syria;
- raise awareness of the challenges of local integration of refugees.

4. Timetable

The ad hoc committee should present its report to the Bureau in the course of 2015.

Appendix 2

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
Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden
Tadeusz IWIŃSKI, Poland
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands
Melita MULIĆ*, Croatia
Yanaki STOILOV, Bulgaria
Lord TOMLINSON, United Kingdom
Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania

Substitutes

Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

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

Volodymyr ARIEV*, Ukraine
Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
Nicole DURANTON, France
Anže LOGAR, Slovenia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Catherine NOONE, Ireland
Jan RZYMEŁKA, Poland
Attila TILKI, Hungary
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

Substitutes

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia

European Conservatives Group (EC)

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

Substitutes

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN*, Norway
Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Rik 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)

Athanasia ANAGNOSTOPOULOU, Greece
Tiny KOX*, Netherlands

Rapporteur AS/MON (ex officio)

Josette DURRIEU*, France

Venice Commission

Srđan DARMANOVIĆ

Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division

Amaya UBEDA DE TORRES, Administrator, Venice Commission

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 3

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

[Doc. 13728](#), motion for a resolution, Violations of human rights in annexed Crimea, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities"* (Ref. 4108);

[Doc. 13735](#), motion for a recommendation, The "Turin process" for the European Social Charter, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 13736](#), motion for a resolution Female genital mutilation in Europe, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

[Doc. 13751](#) motion for a resolution, Renewed commitment in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*;

[Resolution 2034 \(2015\)](#), Consideration of the annulment of the previous ratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation (follow-up to paragraph 16 of Resolution 2034 (2015)), reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report* and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*;

Doc. [13752](#), Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers (CM(2015)37prov), Draft Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*.

B. Reference for consultation

[Doc. 13746](#), motion for a resolution, When human rights provide protection to individuals who represent a threat to national security, consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *on a possible follow-up to be given*.

C. Extension of reference

Bureau decision, Political transition in Tunisia (Ref. 3889 of 29 June 2012 – validity: 29 June 2015): extension until 29 June 2016.