



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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2 September 2015

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 31 August 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 31 August 2015 in Paris, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **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 25 August 2015 (in alphabetical order): Ms Ludmilla Alexeeva, Women for Afghan Women, Youth Initiative for Human Rights;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the written communication;
- **Fourth part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 28 September-2 October):**
 - i. *Draft agenda:* drew up the draft agenda of the part-session;
 - ii. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate:* took note of a request by the ALDE Group for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *Humanitarian and political response to the migration crisis in Europe*;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (4 October 2015):* approved the updated composition of the ad hoc committee and agreed to leave it to the President to appoint its Chairperson (Appendix 2);
 - ii. *Belarus: presidential election (11 October 2015):* approved the updated composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3) and appointed Ms Arpine Hovhannisyanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson;
 - iii. *Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015):* decided to set up an ad hoc committee to observe these elections as part of the Congress delegation, composed of 20 members (SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 7; ALDE: 3; EC: 2 and UEL: 1) as well as the co-rapporteurs on Ukraine of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) and Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE);
 - iv. *Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):* reviewed the situation in the light of the OSCE/ODIHR having been invited to deploy a long-term observation mission and of a letter by Mr Ogtay Asadov, Speaker of the Milli Mejlis, on the issue of access to the territory of Azerbaijan for some members of the ad hoc committee; and approved the updated composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 4);

- v. *Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015)*: subject to receiving an invitation¹, decided to observe these elections; constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (SOC: 11; EPP/CD: 10; ALDE: 4; EC: 3; UEL: 2) and of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee on post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey, Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen (Norway, EC) and Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC); and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
- vi. 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;
- **Other business:**
- i. *Visit of French parliamentarians to Crimea*: held an exchange of views and decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to prepare an opinion on *Challenges to the co-operation of member States with the Assembly as regards the free movement of Assembly members*;
- ii. *Exchange of views on possible changes to the Assembly's Rules of Procedure*: decided to postpone this item to one of its meetings to be held during the Assembly's fourth part-session;
- **Interview of the candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Assembly**: interviewed the candidates *in camera*;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**: appointed:
- Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL), Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC) to participate in the meeting of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs at the European Parliament, in Brussels on 23 September 2015;
 - Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD) to participate in the International Conference on "Religious and Cultural Pluralism and the Peaceful Coexistence in the Middle East" in Athens on 18-20 October 2015;
 - Ms Birutė Vėsaitė (Lithuania, SOC) to participate in the 34th Session of the Baltic Sea Assembly and 21st Baltic Council in Vilnius on 19-20 November 2015;
- **Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee in Sofia (26-27 November 2015)**: took note of the draft programme;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in London (14 December 2015)**: took note of the practical information;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2016**: approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 5);
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**
- Monday, 28 September 2015, Strasbourg at 8 am;
Friday, 2 October 2015, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
Thursday, 26 November 2015, Sofia at 3 pm;
Monday, 14 December 2015, London, 9 am.

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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
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¹ The invitation was subsequently received.

Appendix 1

A. References to committees

Doc. [13828](#), Motion for a resolution, Ending cyberdiscrimination and online hate, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*;

Doc. [13833](#), Motion for a resolution, Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;

B. Reply after consultation

Doc. [13746](#), Motion for a resolution, When human rights provide protection to individuals who represent a threat to national security, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Administrative detention"*.

C. Extension of a reference

Doc. 13280, Motion for a recommendation, Coordinated strategies for effective Internet governance (Ref. 4000 of 30 September 2013 – validity: 30 September 2015): extension until 30 June 2016.

Appendix 2

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan (4 October 2015) – list of members who have confirmed their availability for the new election date

Chairperson ...

Socialist Group (SOC) – 7 seats

Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Josette DURRIEU, France
Gisela WURM, Austria
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Florin IORDACHE, Romania

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) - 7 seats

Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium
Andres HERKEL, Estonia
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania
Attila TILKI, Hungary

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) - 3 seats

André BUGNON, Switzerland
Meritxell MATEU PI, Andorra
Goran TUPONJA, Montenegro
Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia
Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

European Conservatives Group (EC) - 2 seats

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway
Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey
Oleksii HONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) - 1 seat

...

Rapporteur - Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic

To be appointed

Secretariat

Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Head of the Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division
Gaël MARTIN-MICALLEF, Administrator, Venice Commission

Appendix 3

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Belarus (11 October 2015) - list of members

Chairperson: Arpine HOVHANNISYAN, Armenia

Socialist Group (SOC)

Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden*

Titus CORLATEAN, Romania

Luc RECORDON, Switzerland

Substitutes

Paolo CORSINI, Italy

Gisela WURM, Austria

Arcadio DIAZ TEJERA, Spain

Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France

René ROUQUET, France

Birute VESAITE, Lithuania

Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

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

Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey

Arpine HOVHANNISYAN, Armenia*

Thierry MARIANI, France

Substitutes

Ben-Oni ARDELEAN, Romania

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania

Jean-Marie BOCKEL, France

Elena CENTEMERO, Italy

Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania

Attila KORODI, Romania

Olivia MITCHELL, Ireland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Marieluise BECK, Germany*

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

Substitutes

Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR, Slovenia

Goran TUPONJA, Montenegro

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Robert NEILL, United Kingdom

Reha DENEMEÇ, Turkey

Substitutes

Ömer SELVI, Turkey

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Egemen BAĞIŞ, Turkey

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Franck DAESCHLER, Principal administrative assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation

* members of the pre-election delegation

Appendix 4

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (1st November 2015) – list of members

Chairperson: Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain*

Socialist Group (SOC)

Franck SCHWABE, Germany*
Maria GUZENINA, Finland
Silvia BONET PEROT, Andorra
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
Luc RECORDON, Switzerland
Michael McNAMARA, Ireland
Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain
Attila MESTERHÁZY, Hungary
Valentina LESKAJ, Albania
Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany

Substitutes

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Pascale CROZON, France
Josette DURRIEU, France
Ol'ga NACHTMANNOVÁ, Slovak Republic
Dana VÁHALOVÁ, Czech Republic
Milica MARKOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia
Birute VESAITE, Lithuania
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium
Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta
Florin PÂSLARU, Romania
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

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Pedro AGRAMUNT, Spain
Volodymyr ARIEV, Ukraine
Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ, Serbia
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy
Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova
Evangelos MEIMARAKIS, Greece
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"*
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Karin STRENZ, Germany

Substitutes

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Werner AMON, Austria
Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey
Nicole DURANTON, France
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Hans FRANKEN, Netherlands
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Nermine KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
Marija OBRADOVIĆ, Serbia
Gabriela PECKOVÁ, Czech Republic
François ROCHEBLOINE, France

Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania
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Appendix 5

Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2016 Proposals for dates²

Monday 25 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 29 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 3 March, 3.00 pm, Paris	Bureau
Friday 4 March, 9.00 am, Paris	Standing Committee
Monday 18 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 22 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of May, Estonia	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 20 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 24 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 5 September, 9 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 10 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 14 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of November, Cyprus	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 12 December, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau

² Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the agreement of the Parliament of the country concerned.