



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 2 October 2015

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 2 October 2015 in Strasbourg, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October):** approved the proposal made by the Secretary General of the Assembly for the follow-up as regards Resolution 2075 (2015) on *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* (paragraph 11): to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to prepare a report on *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*;
- **Standing Committee (Sofia, 27 November 2015):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **First part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 26 – 30 January):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election observations:**
  - i. *Ukraine: local elections (25 October 2015):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1);
  - ii. *Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2);
  - iii. *Turkey: early parliamentary elections (1 November 2015):* approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3);
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 4, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress Report;
- **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** took note of the communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - i. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur on “Political developments in Iran”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Iran by the end of 2015, in the framework of the preparation of her report;
- **Petition for the rights of new-borns surviving their abortion:** took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and decided that the petition was inadmissible;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (2 October 2015 – 24 January 2016):** appointed Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) as Rapporteur;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum (Appendix 5);
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Malta to submit a new list of candidates and approved the list of candidates in respect of the Russian Federation to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** appointed Mr Piotr Wach (Poland, EPP/CD) to participate in the 90<sup>th</sup> Rose-Roth Seminar organised by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on 11-13 November 2015 in Chisinau;
- **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 UEL Group, appointed Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia (Greece) replacing Ms Athanasia Anagnostopoulou (Greece);
  - 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 Volker Ullrich (Germany) replacing Mr Johann Wadehul (Germany) as member and Mr Bernd Fabritius (Germany) replacing Ms Anette Hübinger (Germany) as alternate; on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Ms Olena Sotnyk (Ukraine) as alternate;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
  - . the ad hoc Sub-Committee to visit reception facilities for migrants on the island of Kos (Greece) (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons), to meet on 23-24 October 2015;
  - . the Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), to meet in Geneva, Switzerland, on 12-13 November 2015;
- **Other business:** took note of the letter by Mr Dimitris Vitsas, Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Assembly as well as of the President's decision to transmit it to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

Thursday, 26 November 2015, Sofia at 3 pm;  
Monday, 14 December 2015, London at 9 am;  
Monday, 25 January 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am.

Sonia Sirtori

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Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
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## Appendix 1

### Ad hoc committee for the observation of the local elections in Ukraine (25 October 2015) - list of members

**Leader:** Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

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

Imer ALIU, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia

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Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania

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#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

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Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium

Ferdinand AIELLO, Italy

Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain

Claude ADAM, Luxembourg

#### **Substitute**

Anna ASCANI, Italy

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

Krýstina ZELIENKOVÁ, Czech Republic

Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden

Andrea RIGONI, Italy

#### **Substitute**

Alfred HEER, Switzerland

#### **European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Vahan BABAYAN, Armenia

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

Andrej HUNKO, Germany

#### **Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)**

Axel FISCHER, Germany

Jordi XUCLA, Spain

#### **Venice Commission**

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#### **Secretariat**

Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Head of the Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

## **Appendix 2**

### **Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (1 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**

René ROUQUET, France  
Pascale CROZON, France  
Ferdinando AIELLO, Italy  
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

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

Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden  
Pedro AGRAMUNT, Spain  
Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ, Serbia  
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy  
Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova  
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI\*, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania  
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Karin STRENZ, Germany  
Marija OBRADOVIĆ, Serbia

#### **Substitutes**

Werner AMON, Austria  
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy  
Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey  
Nicole DURANTON, France  
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia  
François ROCHEBLOINE, France  
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia  
Ionuţ-Marian STROE, Romania  
Attila TILKI, Hungary  
Tobias ZECH, Germany

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Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium  
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**European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Brian BINLEY, United Kingdom  
Roger GALE, United Kingdom  
Oleksii HONCHARENKO, Ukraine

***Substitutes***

Margaret EATON, United Kingdom  
Tüllin ERKAL KARA, Turkey  
Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

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

Ögmundur JÓNASSON, Iceland  
Ioanneta KAVVADIA, Greece

**Rapporteurs AS/MON (*ex officio*)**

Agustín CONDE, Spain  
Tadeusz IWIŃSKI, Poland

**Secretariat**

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

\* members of the pre-election delegation

### **Appendix 3**

#### **Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Turkey (1 November 2015) – list of members**

**Chairperson:** Andreas GROSS\* (Switzerland)

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

Volodymyr ARIEV\*, Ukraine  
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy  
Nicole DURANTON, France  
Hans FRANKEN, Netherlands  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Anže LOGAR, Slovenia  
Pieter OMTZIGT, Netherlands  
Ion POPA, Romania  
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania

#### **Substitutes**

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René ROUQUET, France  
Athina KYRIAKIDOU, Cyprus  
Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania  
Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro  
Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Philippe BIES, France  
Paolo CORSINI, Italy  
Yuliya L'OVOCHKINA, Ukraine  
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

#### **Substitute**

Nicos NICOLAIDES, Cyprus

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

André BUGNON, Switzerland  
Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Olena SOTNYK\*, Ukraine  
Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra

#### **Substitutes**

Anne KALMARI, Finland  
Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia

#### **European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Richard BALFE, United Kingdom  
Christopher CHOPE\*, United Kingdom

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

Nikolaj VILLUMSEN\*, Denmark  
George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus

#### **Substitute**

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

**Rapporteure AS/MON (*ex officio*)**

Ms Ingebjørg GODSKESEN\*, Norway

Ms Nataša VUCKOVIC\*, Serbia

**Venice Commission**

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**Secretariat**

Sylvie AFFHOLDER, Administrator, Parliamentary Assembly

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Anna KOLOTOVA, Secretary of the Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

\* Pre-electoral mission

## Appendix 4

### References and transmissions to committees

#### A. References to committees

Doc. [13837](#), motion for a resolution, The right of LGBT people in Russia, reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation"*;

Doc. [13838](#), motion for a resolution, The violation of the human rights of migrants and refugees in Libya, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The Mediterranean Sea: a front door to irregular migration" (Ref. 4056 of 27 June 2014)*;

Doc. [13839](#), motion for a resolution, The situation of refugees in Lebanon, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "A stronger European response to the Syrian refugees crisis" (Ref. 4143 of 26 June 2015)*

Doc. [13841](#), motion for a resolution, Migration challenges in Kyrgyzstan and other countries of Central Asia, no further action;

Doc. [13842](#), motion for a resolution, Creating a Europe without dividing lines, reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;

Doc. [13844](#), motion for a resolution, Developments in the social functioning of trade unions, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

Doc. [13845](#), motion for a resolution, Youth against corruption, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

Doc. [13846](#), motion for a resolution, The situation of nations without State in Europe: no further action;

Doc. [13895](#), motion for a resolution, Towards a democratic approach to the issues of governance in European multinational States: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*;

Doc. [13858](#), motion for a resolution, Duration of the mandate of the President of the Assembly (Rule 15.5 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure): reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Modification of the Rules of Procedure (follow-up to Resolution 2018 (2014))"*;

Doc. [13897](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights of refugees and migrants – the situation in the Western Balkans: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*;

Bureau decision, Resolution 2075 (2015), *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

#### B. Modification of a reference

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



**C. Extension of references**

Doc. [13402](#), motion for a resolution, Improving children's access to child-friendly health and social services (Ref. 4027 of 7 March 2014 – validity: 7 March 2016): extension until 15 October 2016;

Doc. [13316](#), motion for a recommendation, Involuntary placement and treatment of people with psychosocial disability: need for a new paradigm (Ref. 4005 of 22 November 2013 – validity: 22 November 2015): extension until 15 December 2016;

Doc. [13317](#), motion for a resolution, Road safety in Europe as a public health priority (Ref. 4006 of 22 November 2013 – validity: 22 November 2015), extension until 15 December 2016;

Doc. [13322](#), motion for a resolution, Defending the acquis of the Council of Europe: preserving 65 years of successful intergovernmental cooperation (Ref. 4009 of 22 November 2013 – validity: 22 November 2015): extension until 31 December 2016;

Doc. [12998](#), motion for a resolution, Administrative detention (Reference 3900 of 1 October 2012 – validity: 31 October 2015): extension until 31 December 2016;

Doc. [12306](#), motion for a resolution Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: Election of Judges (Reference 3700 of 4 October 2010 – validity: 31 December 2015): extension until 31 December 2016;

Doc. [13064](#), motion for a resolution Human Rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to Resolution 1738 (2010)? (Reference 3928 of 21 January 2013 – validity: 31 October 2015): extension until 30 April 2016.

## Appendix 5

### Ad hoc committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 18-20 November 2015 in Strasbourg

#### List of members

##### Chairperson

Ms Anne **BRASSEUR** (Luxembourg, ALDE)

##### Presidential Committee

Mr Pedro **Agramunt** (Spain, EPP/CD)

Mr Andreas **Gross** (Switzerland, SOC)

Mr Jordi **Xuclà** (Spain, ALDE)

Mr Christopher **Chope** (United Kingdom, EC)

Mr Tiny **Kox** (Netherlands, UEL)

##### Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Mr Reha **Denemeç** (Turkey, EC)

Mr Gábor **Harangozó** (Hungary, SOC)

Mr Attila **Mesterházy** (Hungary, SOC)

Mr Zsolt **Németh** (Hungary, EPP/CD)

Mr Michele **Nicoletti** (Italy, SOC)

Mr Andrea **Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE)

Mr René **Rouquet** (France, SOC)

##### Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Mr Sergio **Divina** (Italy, NR)

Mr Pieter **Omtzigt** (Netherlands, EPP/CD)

##### Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mr André **Bugnon** (Switzerland, ALDE)

Mr Valeriu **Ghilețchi** (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD)

Ms Milica **Marković** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)

##### Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Mr Egidijus **Vareikis** (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

##### Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Mr Raphaël **Comte** (Suisse, ALDE)

Mr Paolo **Corsini** (Italy, SOC)

Mr Claudio **Fazzone** (Italy, EPP-CD)

Ms Adele **Gambaro** (Italy, ALDE)

Mr Francesco Maria **Giro** (Italy, EPP/CD)

Mr Rafael **Huseynov** (Azerbaijan, ALDE)

Ms Ioanneta **Kavvadia** (Greece, UEL)

Mr Yves **Le Borgn'** (France, SOC)

##### Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Ms Gülsün **Bilgehan** (Turkey, SOC)

Mr Saša **Magazinović** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)

Ms Milena **Santerini** (Italy, SOC)

##### Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Ms Chiora **Taktakishvili** (Georgia, ALDE)

##### Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee)

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