



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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7 March 2016

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 3 March 2016

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday, 3 March 2016 in Paris, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 4 March 2016):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 18-22 April):** drew up the draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and transmissions as presented in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation :**
 - i. *Meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections (27 January 2016):* took note of the conclusions of the meeting;
 - ii. *Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016):* approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
 - iii. *“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: early parliamentary elections (5 June 2016):* took note of the date of the early parliamentary elections;
 - iv. *Serbia: early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation):* approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and asked the President of the Assembly to transmit it to the chairpersons of national delegations;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* authorised Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), in his capacity as Rapporteur on the Situation in Belarus, to attend an international conference on “Death penalty: transcending the divide”, organised by the United Nations Development Programme in Belarus, in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus and with support from the British Embassy in Minsk (Minsk, 10 March 2016);

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

Monday, 18 April 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am
Friday, 22 April 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am
Thursday, 26 May 2016, Tallinn, afternoon
Monday, 20 June 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am
Friday, 24 June 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am
Monday, 5 September 2016, Paris, at 9 am

Sonia Sirtori

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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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Appendix 1

References and transmissions to committees

A. References and transmissions to committees

Doc. [13956](#), motion for a resolution, Private and family life: achieving equality regardless of sexual orientation: consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on possible follow-up*;

Doc. [13963](#), motion for a resolution, The legitimacy crisis in international sports governance: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

Doc. [13964](#), motion for a resolution The protection of editorial integrity: reference of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

Doc. [13965](#), motion for a resolution, Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”? : reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

B. Extension of a reference

Doc. [13424](#), motion for a resolution, The need for a citizenship income (Ref. 4034 of 7 April 2014 – validity: 7 April 2016): extension until 7 April 2017.

Appendix 2

Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (20 March 2016) – final list of members of the ad hoc committee

Chairperson: Jordi XUCLÁ (Spain, ALDE)

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

Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France

Karin STRENZ, Germany

Substitutes

Ben-Oni ARDELEAN, Romania

Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy

Elena CENTEMERO, Italy

Şaban DİŞLİ, Turkey

Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania

Attila TILKI, Hungary

Socialist Group (SOC)

Denis BAYKAL, Turkey

Paolo CORSINI, Italy

Marianne MIKKO, Estonia

Substitutes

Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan

Florin IORDACHE, Romania

Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Jordi XUCLÁ, Spain

Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland

Substitutes

Gedeminas JAKAVONIS, Lithuania

Anne KALMARI, Finland

Adele GAMBARO, Italy

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Erkan KANDEMİR, Turkey

Substitutes

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

Burhanettin UYSAL, Turkey

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

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Substitute(s)

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Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on The relations of Council of Europe with Kazakhstan

Axel FISCHER, Germany

Secretariat

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

Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

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

Appendix 3

Serbia: early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation) – list of members of the ad hoc committee

Chairperson: Volodymyr ARIEV (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

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

Nicole DURANTON, France
Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia
Yves POZZO di BORGIO, France
Volodymyr ARIEV, Ukraine
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary
Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania

Substitute(s)

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Socialist Group (SOC)

Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria
René ROUQUET, France *
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland
Josette DURRIEU, France
Snežana JONICA, Montenegro
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands

Substitutes

Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
George FOULKES, United Kingdom
Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jan ŠKOBERNE, Slovenia
Idália SERRÃO, Portugal

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Carles JORDANA, Andorra
Andrea RIGONI, Italy *

Substitutes

Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Vusal HUSEYNOV, Azerbaijan

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Hermine NAGHDALYAN, Armenia *
Nigel EVANS, United Kingdom

Substitutes

Tom PACKALÉN, Finland
Jaroslaw OBREMSKI, Poland
Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Matjaž HANŽEK, Slovenia

Substitute

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

Co-rapporteur on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia

Maria GUZENINA, Finland