



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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20 June 2016

## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 20 June 2016

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 20 June 2016 in Strasbourg, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Third part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 20-24 June):**
  - i. *Request for a current affairs debate:* decided to propose that the Assembly hold a current affairs debate on *Reaffirming the role of the Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation*, requested by the Chairpersons of the five political groups on behalf of their groups, and designated Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) as the first speaker;
  - ii. *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:* decided to propose to the Assembly not to hold a debate under urgent procedure requested by the EC Group on *An urgent call for increased solidarity: the right to work, the right to strike*<sup>1</sup>;
  - iii. *Draft agenda:*
    - took note of a letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons informing it that a slideshow of photos taken during the visit of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece (30-31 May 2016) would be screened during the debate on *Refugees at risk in Greece* (Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC);
    - took note that Mr Ioannis Mouzalas, Alternate Minister for Migration Policy of Greece, would address the Assembly in the context of the same debate;
    - updated the draft agenda;
  - iv. *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the post of judge to the Court in respect of the United Kingdom;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Belarus: parliamentary elections (11 September 2016):* approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 1) and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
  - ii. *Jordan: early parliamentary elections (20 September 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation):* decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3, ALDE: 2, EC: 2, UEL: 1) and the rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan, Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC);

<sup>1</sup> The request was subsequently withdrawn.

- iii. *Morocco: parliamentary elections (7 October 2016)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
- iv. *Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 October 2016, subject to receiving an invitation)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3);
- v. *Montenegro: parliamentary elections (16 October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 4);
- vi. *Republic of Moldova: presidential election (30 October 2016)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 5);
- vii. *Bulgaria: presidential election (October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 6);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (22 April – 24 June 2016)** (Rapporteur: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC)): approved the Progress report;
- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece** (Rapporteur: Ms Meritxell Mateu (Andorra, ALDE): approved the draft report to be submitted to the Assembly as an addendum to the Progress report;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: considered and approved the references and transmissions as presented in Appendix 7, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress report;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**: on the basis of a proposal by the EC Group, nominated Mr Dominik Tarczyński (Poland) to replace Mr Andrzej Jaworski (Poland);
- **Date and place of next meeting**:  
Friday, 24 June 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am.

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## Appendix 1

### List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Belarus (11 September 2016)

**Chairperson:** ...

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)<sup>2</sup>**

Denis JACQUAT, France  
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#### **Socialist Group (SOC)**

Paolo CORSINI, Italy  
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Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Idalia SERRÃO, Portugal

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

Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco  
Goran TUPONJA, Montenegro

#### **Substitutes**

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy  
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#### **European Conservatives Group (EC)**

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway  
Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

#### **Substitute(s)**

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

Soňa MARKOVÁ, Czech Republic

#### **Substitute**

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#### **Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on the situation in Belarus (ex officio)**

Andrea RIGONI, Italy

#### **Secretariat**

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

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<sup>2</sup> Three members will be designated to participate in the observation mission. The others will be alternates.

## **Appendix 2**

### **List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Morocco (7 October 2016)**

**Chairperson:** ...

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)<sup>3</sup>**

Nicole DURANTON, France  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Vladyslav GOLUB, Ukraine  
Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania  
Eduard KÖCK, Austria  
Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal  
François ROCHEBLOINE, France  
Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER, Switzerland  
Senad ŠEPIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Adão SILVA, Portugal  
Svitlana ZALISHCHUK, Ukraine

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

Marietta KARAMANLI, France  
George FOULKES, United Kingdom  
Josette DURRIEU, France

#### **Substitutes**

Francesco VERDUCCI, Italy  
Pascale CROZON, France  
Eleonora CIMBRO, Italy  
Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania  
Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France  
Catherine QUERE, France  
Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy  
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria  
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland  
Gisela WURM, Austria  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Idália SERRÃO, Portugal  
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ-MARINOVIĆ, Croatia

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

Andrea RIGONI, Italy  
Meritxell MATEU, Andorra

#### **Substitutes**

Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco  
Adele GAMBARO, Italy  
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

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

Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER, United Kingdom  
Serhii KIRAL, Ukraine

#### **Substitute**

Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

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

Tiny KOX, Netherlands

#### **Substitute**

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<sup>3</sup> Three members will be designated to participate in the observation mission. The others will be alternates.

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Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Head of the Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division  
Franck DAESCHLER, Principal Administrative Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

### **Appendix 3**

#### **List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Georgia (8 October 2016)**

**Chairperson:** ...

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

Damien ABAD, France  
Giuseppe GALATI, Italy  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Andres HERKEL, Estonia  
Nermina KAPETANOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia  
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia  
Killion MUNYAMA, Poland  
Joe O'REILLY, Ireland  
Karin STRENZ, Germany  
Svitlana ZALISHCHUK, Ukraine

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

Maryvonne BLONDIN, France \*  
Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria  
Idàlia SERRÃO, Portugal  
Liliane MAURY PASQUIER, Switzerland  
Claude ADAM, Luxembourg  
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland  
Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Florian KORNBIHLER, Italy  
Gisela WURM, Austria  
Catherine QUERE, France  
Paolo CORSINI, Italy

#### **Substitute(s)**

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

Alfred HEER, Switzerland  
Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia  
Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia  
Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain \*

#### **Substitutes**

Kristýna ZELIENKOVÁ, Czech Republic  
Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine  
Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra  
Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland  
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco

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

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN, Norway \*  
Mark PRITCHARD, United Kingdom  
Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom

#### **Substitute(s)**

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

Andrej HUNKO, Germany \*

#### **Substitute**

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**Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (ex officio)**

Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia \*

Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden \*

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Bodgan TORCATORIU, Administrator, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

Daniele GASTL, 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 4**

### **List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Montenegro (16 October 2016)**

**Chairperson:** ...

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)<sup>4</sup>**

Damien ABAD, France  
Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania  
Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France  
Denis JACQUAT, France  
Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal  
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia  
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Joe O'REILLY, Ireland  
Attila TILKI, Hungary

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

Petra DE SUTTER, Belgium  
Gülsün BILGEHAN, Turkey  
Silvia BONET, Andorra

#### **Substitutes**

Renata DESKOSKA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
George FOULKES, United Kingdom  
Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France  
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland  
Gisela WURM, Austria  
Catherine QUÉRÉ, France  
Idalia SERRÃO, Portugal

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

Adele GAMBARO, Italy  
Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

#### **Substitutes**

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy  
Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium  
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco

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

Erkan KANDEMIR, Turkey

#### **Substitute(s)**

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

Matjaž HANŽEK, Slovenia

#### **Substitute**

#### **Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (ex officio)**

Terry LEYDEN, Ireland  
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania

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Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary co-operation Division

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<sup>4</sup> Three members will be designated to participate in the observation mission. The others will be alternates.



## Appendix 5

### List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in the Republic of Moldova (30 October 2016)

**Chairperson:** ...

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)<sup>5</sup>**

Damien ABAD, France  
Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania  
Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France  
Elena CENTEMERO, Italy  
Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Sylvie GOY-CHAVEN, France  
Denis JACQUAT, France  
Jasen MESIĆ, Croatia  
Joe O'REILLY, Ireland  
Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania

#### **Substitute(s)**

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

Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria \*  
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Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Eleonora CIMBRO, Italy  
Josette DURRIEU, France  
Claude ADAM, Luxembourg  
Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland

#### **Substitutes**

Catherine QUERE, France  
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#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

Karl GARDARSSON, Iceland  
Meritxell MATEU, Andorra \*

#### **Substitutes**

Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium  
Bernard PASQUIER, Monaco  
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

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

Erkan KANDEMIR, Turkey \*  
Mark PRITCHARD, United Kingdom

#### **Substitute**

Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

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

Lotta JOHNSSON FORNAVE, Sweden \*

#### **Substitute**

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#### **Co-rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee**

Valentina LESKAJ, Albania \*  
Ögmundur JÓNASSON, Iceland \*

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<sup>5</sup> Eight members will be designated to participate in the observation mission. The others will be alternates.

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\* members of the pre-election delegation

## Appendix 6

### List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Bulgaria (October 2016, date to be confirmed)

**Chairperson:** ...

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)<sup>6</sup>**

Damien ABAD, France

Denis JACQUAT, France

Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal

Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

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

Attila MERTERHAZY, Hungary

Geneviève GOSSELIN-FLEURY, France

Renata DESKOSKA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

#### **Substitute**

Idália SERRÃO, Portugal

#### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe**

Anne MULDER, Netherlands

Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy

#### **Substitutes**

Carles JORDANA MADERO, Andorra

Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan

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

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Suat ÖNAL, Turkey

#### **Substitutes**

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

Ertuğrul KÜRKÇÜ, Turkey

#### **Substitute**

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

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<sup>6</sup> Three members will be designated to participate in the observation mission. The others will be alternates.

## Appendix 7

### References and transmissions to committees

#### A. References to committees

[Doc. 14038](#), motion for a resolution, Fighting corruption as a policy response to the migration crisis: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*;

[Doc. 14039](#), motion for a resolution The provision of elderly and palliative care in Europe: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14040](#), motion for a resolution, Protecting children from racism and hate speech: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Ending cyberdiscrimination and online hate" (Ref. 4144 of 28 September 2015)*;

[Doc. 14041](#), motion for a resolution, Safeguarding and enhancing Europe's intangible cultural heritage: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

[Doc. 14042](#), motion for a resolution, Reshaping the role of education for "digital citizens": reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

[Doc. 14043](#), motion for a resolution, Safeguarding the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace, Greece: consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on possible follow-up*;

[Doc. 14044](#), motion for a resolution, Restricting rights to protect national security – how far can States go?

[Doc. 14048](#), motion for a resolution, Legal challenges arising from the hybrid war: reference of the two motions to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for one report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*;

[Doc. 14046](#), motion for a resolution, Women's empowerment in the economy: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

[Doc. 14049](#), motion for a resolution, Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

[Doc. 14051](#), motion for a resolution, Universal access to maternal healthcare: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14052](#), motion for a resolution, Protecting children and young people affected by armed conflicts: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14053](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights in the relations between the European Union and Cuba: consultation of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *on possible follow-up*;

Bureau decision, *An urgent call for increased solidarity: the right to work, the right to strike* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*.

#### B. Extension of references

[Doc. 13555](#), motion for a resolution, Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria (Ref. 4065 of 3 October 2014 – validity: 3 October 2016): extension until 30 June 2017;

[Doc. 13556](#), motion for a resolution, Political developments in Iran (Ref. 4066 of 3 October 2014 – validity: 3 October 2016): extension until 30 June 2017;

[Doc. 13484](#), motion for a resolution, Azerbaijan's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe: What follow-up on respect for human rights? (Ref. 4050 of 23 June 2014 – validity: 23 June 2016): extension until 23 June 2017;

[Doc. 13567](#), motion for a resolution, The exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe (Ref. 4075 of 3 October 2014 – validity: 3 October 2016): extension until 30 June 2017;

[Doc. 13569](#), motion for a resolution, Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights / “The Turin process” for the European Social Charter (Ref. 4077 of 3 October 2014 – validity: 3 October 2016): extension until 30 June 2017.