

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 June 2016

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday, 24 June 2016 in Strasbourg, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- Third part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 20-24 June):
 - approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly, as set out in Appendix 1, and
 - on the basis of a proposal by the Presidential Committee, adopted a declaration on *Reaffirming the role of the Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation* (Appendix 2);
- Fourth part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October): drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- Election observation:
- i. Belarus: parliamentary elections (11 September 2016): approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- i. Jordan: early parliamentary elections (20 September 2016, subject to receiving an invitation): approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr René Rouquet (France, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 4);
- iii. *Morocco: parliamentary elections (7 October 2016)*: approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 5);
- iv. Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 October 2016, subject to receiving an invitation): approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 6);
- v. Montenegro: parliamentary elections (16 October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation): approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 7);

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- vi. Republic of Moldova: presidential election (30 October 2016): approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Ms Elisabeth Schneider-Schneiter (Switzerland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 8);
- vii. Bulgaria: presidential election (October 2016, date to be confirmed, subject to receiving an invitation): approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 9);
- viii. Azerbaijan: repeat of the parliamentary elections in constituency No. 90 (18 June 2016): took note of the memorandum:
- References and transmissions to committees: considered and approved the references and transmissions as presented in Appendix 10, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress report; invited the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to prepare a separate report on *Balancing the right to work, the right to strike*, with a view to be debated during the January part-session 2017;
- Communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe: took note of the communication:
- **2016 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November)**: approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (Appendix 11);
- **Procedures for the adoption of reports in committees and in plenary session**: took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;

Other business:

- i. Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 June 14 October 2016): appointed Ms Ingjerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur;
- ii. *Procedure concerning staff appointments*: took note of the relevant parts of the Council of Europe staff regulations;
- Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Yves Pozzo di Borgo (France); on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, nominated Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium);
- Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris: authorised:
 - the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) to meet in Girona, Spain, on 8 July 2016;
 - the Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) to meet in Lviv, Ukraine, on 29 September 2016;
 - the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Network of contact parliamentarians (ONE in FIVE Campaign) in Florence, Italy, on 30 November 1 December 2016;

- **Dates and places of next meetings**: decided to change the date of its December meeting from Monday, 12 December to Friday, 16 December, and confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Monday, 5 September 2016, Paris, at 9 am; Monday, 10 October 2016, Strasbourg, at 8 am; Friday, 14 October 2016, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am; Thursday, 24 November 2016, Nicosia, afternoon; Friday, 16 December 2016, Paris, 9 am.

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Proposals for follow-up to texts adopted during the third part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 20-24 June)

Resolution 2121 (2016) on The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey (Co-Rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee): Ms Ingebjørg Godskesen (Norway, EC) and Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC)

Paragraph 35: "Finally, while the Assembly welcomes the establishment of regional courts, it notes that the draft law on the restructuring of the Court of Cassation and Council of States raises questions. It therefore asks the Venice Commission for an opinion on this draft law and the constitutional aspects on the appointments of members of high judicial bodies."

Follow-up: to ask for the opinion of the Venice Commission.

Resolution 2126 (2016) on *The nature of the mandate of members of the Parliamentary Assembly* (Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC)

Paragraph 14: "Recalling Resolution 1640 (2008) on the use by Parliamentary Assembly members of their dual parliamentary role – both national and European, the Assembly urges national parliaments to review their rules of procedure and their practice relating to the participation of delegations in Assembly sessions and the meetings of Assembly committees and other bodies, and calls on them to revise any provisions which hinder the effective participation of members in the activities of the Assembly, in particular of substitutes when they are assigned specific functions in the Assembly and its committees."

Paragraph 15: "The Assembly calls on the national parliaments concerned to change the rules prohibiting the participation of delegation members when parliament has been dissolved or, following elections and pending the appointment of a new delegation, the participation of those members who have not sought re-election or not been re-elected."

Follow-up:

- to send a letter to the Presidents of national Parliaments drawing their attention to this Resolution;
- to bring this text to the attention of the participants in the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Strasbourg, 15-16 September 2016).
- Resolution 2127 (2016) on Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly (Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Ms Liliana Palihovici, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD)

Paragraph 18: "The Assembly decides to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on the suspension, by a provisional clause, of Article 83 of the Constitution of Turkey, which guarantees the parliamentary inviolability of members of the Grand National Assembly."

Follow-up: to ask for the opinion of the Venice Commission.

Declaration on Reaffirming the role of the Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation

The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe reaffirms the Assembly's role as a pan-European forum for political dialogue among democratically elected members of parliament from the Organisation's 47 member states. As a statutory organ of the Council of Europe, the Assembly promotes cooperation among parliamentarians to achieve the goals of the Organisation to unite democracies, around common values and on the basis of their common heritage.

Today, when Europe is facing numerous political challenges, both within and around its borders, and the Council of Europe witnesses a growing lack of cohesion and mutual trust among its member States, the Assembly has an indispensable role to play in overcoming and preventing new divisions in Europe through bridge-building and parliamentary diplomacy.

Dialogue and co-operation among parliamentarians, which are the very essence of parliamentary diplomacy, make a positive contribution to easing inter-state tensions, building confidence and finding feasible solutions to complex problems, namely those in the field of human rights, parliamentary democracy and the rule of law.

In this respect, the Bureau highlights the Assembly's contribution inter alia to counteracting terrorism and radical extremism, combating intolerance, hate and discrimination, protecting rights of national minorities, fostering social cohesion, as well as promoting inter-cultural dialogue. These numerous global challenges require a concerted and effective response by all the Council of Europe's 47 member States.

Against such a background, the fact that, for two consecutive years, parliamentarians from one of the Organisation's member States, the Russian Federation, have not participated in the Assembly's work limits the capacity of the Assembly to represent the rich plurality of views from across Europe. It also prevents the Assembly from contributing to shaping a unifying agenda for our Continent and the Council of Europe in order to preserve our common heritage, values and legal standards.

The Assembly has to rebuild trust among parliamentarians from all 47 member States and reaffirm its role as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary cooperation, on a basis of mutual respect. In order to do so, it should find ways to keep open the communication channels with the Russian parliament and explore all possibilities for dialogue offered by parliamentary diplomacy. Our common interests in protecting human rights, democracy and the rule of law, both at national and international level, are stronger than the issues that divide us. We must shoulder our responsibilities to address – in a frank, open and committed manner – the difficult points and disagreements that exist among us in order to work together to resolve them and to continue building a Europe without dividing lines.

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

Chairperson: Gisela WURM (Austria, SOC)

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

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References and transmissions to committees

A. References and transmissions to committees

<u>Doc. 13971</u>, motion for a resolution, Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report;

<u>Doc. 14026</u>, motion for a resolution, The value of cultural heritage in a democratic society: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

<u>Doc. 14033</u>, motion for a resolution, A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report;*

<u>Doc. 14072</u>, motion for a resolution, Setting minimal standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*;

<u>Doc. 14085</u>, motion for a resolution, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and its implications for social rights, public health and sustainable development: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

Bureau decision, Balancing 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

<u>Doc. 13280</u>, motion for a recommendation, Coordinated strategies for effective Internet governance (Ref. 4000 of 30 September 2013 – validity: 30 June 2016 (extended on 28 September 2015)): extension until 30 June 2017:

<u>Doc. 13333</u>, motion for a resolution, The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities (Ref. 4057 of 27 June 2014 – validity: 27 June 2016): extension until 31 December 2016;

<u>Doc. 13566</u>, motion for a resolution Abusive use of the Interpol system: the need for more stringent legal safeguards (Ref. 4074 of 3 October 2014 – validity: 3 October 2016): extension until 31 March 2017.

List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2016 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November)

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