



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 5 September 2016

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 5 September 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;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of Mr Dick Marty's resignation as member of the Selection Panel of the Prize as well as of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 30 August 2016, consisting of (in alphabetical order):
 - Ms Gordana Igrić,
 - International Institute of Human Rights – René Cassin Foundation, and
 - Ms Nadia Murad;
- **Fourth part-session of 2016 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October):**
 - i. *Draft agenda:* drew up the draft agenda and authorised the Secretary General of the Assembly to proceed with the necessary modifications, to be submitted to the members of the Bureau for approval by written procedure;
 - ii. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate:* took note of the request for a current affairs debate on *Situation in Turkey in the light of the attempted coup d'Etat* submitted by the chairpersons of the five political groups on behalf of their groups and proposed that the Assembly hold such a debate;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references as presented in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation :**
 - i. *Belarus: parliamentary elections (11 September 2016):* took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission;
 - ii. *Jordan: early parliamentary elections (20 September 2016):* took note of the invitation letter;
 - iii. *Azerbaijan: referendum on amendments to the Constitution (26 September 2016):* decided to ask the opinion of the Venice Commission on the amendments to the Constitution; constituted an ad hoc committee to conduct an assessment mission of the referendum composed of one representative of each political group as well as the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and authorised the President to approve its composition and to appoint its Chairperson;
 - iv. *Georgia: parliamentary elections (8 October 2016):* took note of the invitation letter;

- v. *Montenegro: parliamentary elections (16 October 2016)*: took note of the invitation letter;
- vi. *Bulgaria: presidential election (6 November 2016)*: took note of the invitation letter;
- vii. *“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: early parliamentary elections (11 December 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 20 members (EPP/CD: 8; SOC: 7, ALDE: 2, EC: 2, UEL: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as the co-rapporteurs on post-monitoring dialogue; and authorised a pre-electoral mission;
- **Implementation of paragraph 13 of Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe**: considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy; approved the draft decision contained therein, subject to ratification by the Assembly (Appendix 2); and decided to come back to the issue of stepping up dialogue with the Assembly of Kosovo at one of its next meetings, on the basis of a memorandum to be prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Consideration of amendments in committees and in plenary sitting**: approved the draft guidelines submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Rules applicable to election procedures in the plenary Assembly**: approved the proposals submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**: appointed Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) to participate in the 62nd annual session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on 19-21 November 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2016**: following the resignation of Mr Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC), approved the appointment of Lord Donald Anderson (United Kingdom, SOC) as substitute to the Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission, as proposed by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
- **Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee in Nicosia (24-25 November 2016)**: took note of the draft programme;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised:
 - the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) to meet on 3-4 November 2016 in Monaco;
 - the Sub-Committee on External Relations (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) to meet on 7-9 December 2016 in New York, USA;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2017**: approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 3);
- **Dates and places of next meetings**:
 - Monday, 10 October 2016, Strasbourg at 8 am;
 - Friday, 14 October 2016, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
 - Thursday, 24 November 2016, Nicosia, 3 pm;
 - Friday, 16 December 2016, Paris at 9 am.

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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
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Appendix 1

References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

[Doc. 14090](#), motion for a resolution, Stress at work: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14091](#), motion for a resolution, The Charter of Milan: food as a fundamental human right: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*;

[Doc. 14092](#), motion for a resolution, Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14093](#), motion for a resolution, Climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

[Doc. 14094](#), motion for a resolution, Addressing the massive curtailment of democratic rights and freedoms in Israel, especially the "Transparency Law" / "NGO Law": consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *on possible follow-up*;

[Doc. 14095](#), motion for a resolution, Migrations in a gender perspective, and

[Doc. 14097](#), motion for a resolution, Empowering women for their role as key-actors for integration: reference of these two texts to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for one report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for opinion*;

[Doc. 14098](#), motion for a resolution, Urgent need to stop genocide and ensure punishment of those complicit in genocide committed by Daesh: *no further action*.

B. Extension of a reference

[Doc. 13551](#) Motion for a resolution Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress (Reference 4063 of 29 September 2014 – validity: 29 September 2016): extension until 30 June 2017.

Appendix 2

Implementation of paragraph 13 of Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe

Decision

With a view to implementing paragraph 13 of Resolution 2094 (2016) on *The situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe*, the Bureau decides to invite the Assembly of Kosovo to designate a delegation to participate in the work of the Assembly and its bodies, according to the modalities and conditions set out below:

- the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo shall be composed of 3 Representatives (one representing the majority, one representing the opposition and one representing a minority community, whether from the majority or the opposition) and 3 Substitutes (one representing the majority, one representing the opposition and one representing a minority community, whether from the majority or the opposition), to be designated by the Assembly of Kosovo amongst its members. The delegation should include at least the same percentage of the under-represented sex as is present in the Assembly of Kosovo, and in any case one representative of each sex;
- the Assembly of Kosovo shall transmit to the President of the Assembly no less than one week before the opening of the session the list of the members of its delegation, appointed for the duration of the entire session. The list should be submitted to the Bureau for approval and subjected to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- as a transitional measure for 2016, the list of members shall be transmitted to the President of the Assembly no less than one week before the opening of a forthcoming part-session of the Assembly;
- members of the delegation shall have the right to participate in the work of committees (including sub-committees and ad hoc sub-committees), with the exception of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights. They shall have the right to speak with the authorisation of the Chairperson. They shall not have the right to vote;
- members of the delegation shall have the right to participate in the work of political groups according to the conditions established by the groups.

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Appendix 3

Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2017

Proposals for dates¹

Monday 23 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 2 or 9 March, 3.00 pm, Madrid	Bureau (to be confirmed)
Friday 3 or 10 March, 9.30 am, Madrid	Standing Committee (to be confirmed)
Monday 24 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 28 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of May, Czech Republic	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 26 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 30 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 4 September, 9 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 9 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 13 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of November, Denmark	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Friday 15 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau

¹ 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.