



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 9 October 2017

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 9 October 2017 in Strasbourg, with Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC), Acting President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 9-13 October):**

i. *Requests for a debate under urgent procedure:*

- took note of a request tabled by Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) and 24 members of the Assembly for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The extremely worrying humanitarian situation of the Rohingya*; decided not to recommend that the Assembly hold such a debate;

- took note of a request tabled by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) and 39 members of the Assembly for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The new Ukrainian law on education: a major impediment of the teaching of national minorities' mother tongues*; decided to recommend that the Assembly hold such a debate and to refer the matter to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

ii. *Request for a current affairs debate:*

- took note of a request tabled by Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, Chairperson of the UEL Group), on behalf of his group, for the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on *The need for a political solution to the crisis in Catalonia*; decided to recommend that the Assembly hold such a debate and designated Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as the first speaker;

iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda and took note of the programme of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize Ceremony;

iv. *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Georgia and Turkey:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of Georgia and Turkey;

v. *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 12 October 2017, from 3 to 4.30 pm):* prepared the meeting;

- **Acknowledgement of a new political group (Free Democrats Group): effective date:**

- took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs as well as of the Committee's decision on the interpretation of Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Assembly confirming 4 September as the date of the acknowledgement of the formation of the group;

- decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to prepare a report on *Amending Rule 19 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure on political groups*, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the addendum to the Progress report;
- and asked the incoming President of the Assembly and the Secretary General of the Assembly to verify the authenticity of the signatures and the validity of the consent of the members of the FDG group who had resigned from the EC Group;
- **Communication by the Secretary General:** took note of the communication;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (30 June – 8 October 2017)** (Rapporteur: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC): approved the Progress report;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities:**
  - i. Monitoring Committee:*
    - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
    - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg) ), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
    - on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, appointed Mr Pablo Bustinduy (Spain), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
  - ii. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:*
    - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain) to replace Mr Hendrik Daems (Belgium), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
    - on the basis of Rule 44.3 b of the Rules of Procedure, appointed Ms Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to meet in London on 6-7 November 2017;
- **Date and place of next meeting:**

Friday, 13 October 2017, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

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