



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 29 June 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 29 June 2018 in Strasbourg with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Third part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 25-29 June):**
 - i. approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly, concerning:
 - *Texts adopted by the Assembly:* approved the following reference, subject to ratification by the Assembly: Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
 - *Rules on access to and movement within the Council of Europe premises during Assembly sessions and meetings:* following the decision of the Assembly to refer back the Rules on access to the Bureau for its consideration, decided to fix for 15 September 2018 the deadline for possible comments/amendments by national delegations and political groups on those rules, to be submitted to the Secretary General of the Assembly with a view to reviewing these rules at the Bureau meeting during the October 2018 part-session;
 - ii. Ad hoc Committee on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly:

took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee, decided to declassify it and to transmit it, together with the background documents, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to be taken into account when preparing their respective reports on the issues dealt with by the Ad hoc Committee, and in particular, subject to ratification by the Assembly, to:

- refer to the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs Committee, *for report*.
 - proposals aimed at streamlining the Assembly work;
 - proposals aimed at maintaining, changing or supplementing the Rules governing ratification or challenging of credentials and/or representation or participation rights of national delegations for report at the October 2018 part-session of the Assembly;
 - proposals regarding the voting rights of members or the voting procedures of the Assembly for report at the October 2018 part-session of the Assembly;
 - other proposals aimed at modifying the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

- refer to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, *to be taken into consideration* in the context of the report on *the Role and mission of the Assembly: main challenges for the future*:
 - the issues related to the nature, identity and mission of the Assembly, as well as other proposals regarding the themes that should be dealt with by the Assembly as a matter of priority;
 - proposals aimed at enhancing follow-up to Assembly resolutions by national parliaments and, in general, interaction and impact of the Assembly work on the latter, reflecting existing best practice on the basis of contributions sent by national parliaments as well as earlier proposals for improvement (see Resolution 1640 (2008));
 - proposals aimed at enhancing the Assembly relations with the European Union and other international organisations or parliamentary assemblies.
- refer proposals aimed at reforming the overall monitoring system of the Assembly or the current working methods and internal procedures of the Monitoring Committee on the basis of Resolution 1115 (1997) *for consideration* to the Monitoring Committee and the Committee of Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs which should act in concert.

Following discussions in the Joint Committee meeting of 28 June 2018, decided to continue its dialogue with the Committee of Ministers, as appropriate, on all proposals aimed at enhancing the Assembly role vis-à-vis the Committee of Ministers or improving the dialogue between the two statutory organs.

Decided to invite the President of the Assembly, together with the Secretary General of the Assembly, to explore further the possibility for the Assembly to sign Memoranda or Co-operation Agreements with national parliaments on a bilateral basis or to propose an overall binding Co-operation Agreement at the next European Conference of Presidents of Parliament.

- **Fourth part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 8-12 October)**: asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to prepare a preliminary draft agenda to be submitted to Bureau members via a written consultation, with a view to drawing up the draft agenda at its next meeting;
- **Elections observation**:
 - i. *Turkey: early presidential and parliamentary elections (24 June 2018)*: took note of the statement of the observation election mission;
 - ii. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: general election (7 October 2018)*:
 - took note of the provisional list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe this election (Appendix 1);
 - appointed Dame Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee;
 - iii. *Georgia: presidential election (October 2018 – date to be confirmed)*:
 - took note of the provisional list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe this election (Appendix 2);
 - appointed Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee;
- **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2017**:
 - took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
 - approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and;
 - instructed the latter to revise the rules on the financing and auditing of budgets of political groups of the Assembly with a view to submitting them to the Bureau for its approval;
- **2018 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 19-21 November)**: approved the composition of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and designated Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), President of the Assembly, as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2019**: took note that the next conference will take place on 24-25 October 2019 in Strasbourg;

- **Issues raised by committees :**
- i. *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*: authorised Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan, before the end of 2018, in the framework of the preparation of his report on “The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan”;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 June – 7 Octobre 2018)**: appointed Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL) as Rapporteur;
- **Composition of the Committees:**
- i. *Monitoring Committee*:
 - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE group, appointed Mr Claude Kern (France) and Mr Martin Poliačik (Slovak Republic) ;
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD group, appointed Mr Attila Korodi (Romania), Mr Filippo Lombardi (Switzerland), Mr Vetle Wang Soleim (Norway) and Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece) ;
- ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the group SOC, appointed Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark) ;
 - on the basis of a proposal by the group ALDE, appointed Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland) ;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018**: approved the proposals for the institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018 (Appendix 4);
- **Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Honorary associates of the Assembly**: took note of the current list of the honorary associates;
- **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 Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine) on 28 September 2018;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**

Monday, 3 September 2018, Paris, at 9 am
 Monday, 8 October 2018, Strasbourg, at 8 am
 Friday, 12 October 2018, Strasbourg, 8.30 am
 Thursday, 22 November 2018, Helsinki, in the afternoon
 Friday, 14 December 2018, Paris, at 9 am

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 Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
 Secretary General of the Congress
 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
 Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

Appendix 1 - Provisional list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the general election in Bosnia and Herzegovina (7 October 2018)

Chairperson / Présidente : Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Werner AMON, Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France
Mr / M. Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia / Arménie
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. François GROSDIDIER, France
Mr / M. Georgii LOGVYNSKYI, Ukraine
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie

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Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse*
Mr / M. Josip JURATOVIC, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Colette KELLEHER, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Idália SERRÃO, Portugal
Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Adriana Diana TUȘA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France
Mr / M. Petar VITANOV, Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Ms / Mme Ute VOGT, Germany / Allemagne

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Emanuel MALLIA, Malta / Malte
Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro

European Conservatives Group (EC) / Groupe des conservateurs européens (CE)

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni*

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Mr / M. Anne MULDER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Judith PALLARÉS, Andorra / Andorre
Ms / Mme Melisa RODRÍGUEZ HERNÁNDEZ, Spain / Espagne

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France
Mr / M. Dzheyhan IBRYAMOV, Bulgaria / Bulgarie

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Petter EIDE, Norway / Norvège*
Ms / Mme Miren Edurne GORROTXATEGUI, Spain / Espagne

Free Democrats Group (FDG) / Groupe des démocrates libres (GDL)

Ms / Mme Ganira PASHAYEVA , Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Mr / M. Roger ZAVOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Rapporteur of Monitoring Committee / rapporteur de la commission de suivi

Mr / M. Tiny KOX, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

* Member of the pre-electoral mission / membre de la mission pré-électorale

Appendix 2 - Provisional list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in Georgia (October 2018 - tbc)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne*

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède*
Mr / M. Volodymyr ARIEV, Ukraine
Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. Vladyslav GOLUB, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Ms / Mme Stella KYRIAKIDES, Cyprus / Chypre
Ms / Mme Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia / Lettonie
Mr / M. Georgii LOGVYNSKYI, Ukraine
Mr / M. Rónán MULLEN, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Bérengère POLETTI, France
Mr / M. Adão SILVA, Portugal
Mr / M. Birgir THÓRARINSSON, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie

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Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia / Lettonie
Mr / M. Etienne GRECH, Malta / Malte
Ms / Mme Zita GURMAI, Hungary / Hongrie
Ms / Mme Josephine ORTLEB, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche*
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France
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Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. John HOWELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Morten WOLD, Norway / Norvège

Substitutes / Suppléants:

Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Sir Edward LEIGH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse*
Ms / Mme Nellija KLEINBERGA, Latvia / Lettonie

Substitutes / Suppléants:

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Mr / M. Mart VAN DE VEN, Netherlands, Pays-Bas
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Appendix 3 - List of members of the ad hoc committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018)

Chairperson / Présidente

Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier – President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Présidente de l'Assemblée parlementaire

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC / Géorgie, SOC)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé, et du développement durable

Ms Yolaine De Courson (France, NR/NI)

Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR/NI)

Ms Milica Markovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FDG /Bosnie-Herzégovine, GDL)

Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Mr Francesco Giro (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC)

Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE / Azerbaïdjan , ADLE)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination

Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL / Islande, GUE)

Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/DC / Pologne, PPE/DC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC / Belgique, SOC)

Appendix 4 - Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018

| Body | who represents the Assembly | reference | 2018 |
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| I. Council of Europe bodies | | | |
| European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission | Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission | Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3) | Members: Ms Kyriakides, EPP/CD appointment by the President Mr Vlasenko – EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Ms Rojhan Gustafsson – SOC (AS/Jur) |
| Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission | Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly | Bureau decision of 10 March 2003 | Members : Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Kox - UEL (AS/Mon) Mr Cozmanciuc – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Substitutes : Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Pocij - EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Lord George Foulkes – SOC (AS/Pol) |
| European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre | Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly | Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6) | Members : Ms Günay - EC (AS/Soc) Mr Leite Ramos – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach - SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Gonçalves - EPP/CD (AS/Cult) |
| European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI | Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult) | Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8) | Members : Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Thiéry – ALDE (AS/Ega) Mr Sorre - NR (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Davies - EC (AS/Ega) |
| Group of States against Corruption GRECO | A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau | CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO | Member : Mr Logvynskyi- EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Ms Sotnyk – ALDE (AS/Jur) |
| Committee for Works of Art | Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur) | CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992 | Members: Lady Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) Ms Gambaro – FDG (AS/Cult) |
| MONEYVAL | A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau | Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12 | Member: Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr van de Ven – ALDE (AS/Jur) |
| Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property | A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau | STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1 | Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Cult) |
| II. Other | | | |
| EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage | One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer | Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra | Mr Gryffroy – NR (AS/Cult) |