



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 14 December 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 14 December 2018 in Paris with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The terrorist attack in Strasbourg**: observed a minute of silence in tribute to the victims;
- **Communications**: took note of the communications by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Revision of the list of rights of participation and representation whose exercise may be deprived or suspended in the context of a challenge of credentials under Rule 10.1.c with respect to voting rights in the procedure for electing personalities by the Assembly**: took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and decided to declassify it;
- **Standing Committee (Helsinki, 23 November 2018)**: approved the proposal made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly for the follow-up to be given to paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4 of the *Resolution 2248 (2018) on the Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights* and decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure”;
- **First part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January)**:
 - i. *Draft agenda*: drew up the draft agenda;
 - ii. *Joint Committee meeting (Strasbourg, 24 January 2019)*: took note of the draft agenda;
- **Election observation**:
 - i. *Schedule of elections for 2019*: took note of the document;
 - ii. *Georgia: presidential election (28 October and 28 November 2018)*: approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. *Armenia: early parliamentary elections (9 December 2018)*: took note of the statement of the election observation mission;
 - iv. *Ukraine: presidential election (31 March 2019)*: subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 9, EC: 4, ALDE: 4, UEL: 2, FDG: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee and authorised the conduct of a pre-electoral mission;

- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in the document as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Declaration of interests of Parliamentary Assembly members:** took note
 - of the information provided in the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
 - that the declarations of interest 2019 should be submitted by 28 February 2019 for members whose credentials are ratified at the opening of the session in January 2019 (and for the last day of February for subsequent years). With regard to new Assembly members whose delegations submit credentials during the session, declarations of interests shall be submitted by the end of the month which follows ratification of the credentials by the Assembly (e.g. 30 April 2019 for new members whose credentials are ratified at the meeting of the Standing Committee on 1 March 2019; 31 May 2019 for those whose credentials are ratified at the April 2019 part-session, etc.);
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2019 financial year:** took note of the memorandum by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities: work plan 2019:** took note of the information provided in the document;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2019 (Strasbourg, 24-25 October 2019):** took note that the Conference would discuss the following themes:
 - “Our Common European Home”: the next 70 years
 - Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals: contribution by Parliaments

and that the third theme will be a current political issue to be chosen amongst proposals to be suggested by Presidents of Parliament;

- **2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the calendar of the 2019 edition of the Prize;
- **Co-operation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2019:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliament Assembly and approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
 - i. the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* to meet in Granada, Spain, on 4 March 2019;
 - ii. the *Sub-Committee on Integration of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons* to meet in Ankara in Spring 2019 (exact dates to be confirmed);
 - iii. the *Monitoring Committee* to meet in London on 16-17 May 2019;

- **Date and place of the next meetings:**

Monday 21 January 2019, Strasbourg, 8 am
Friday 25 January 2019, Strasbourg, 8.30 am
Thursday 28 February 2019, Paris, at 2.30 pm

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

A. References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 14642](#), Motion for a resolution The use of explosive weapons as a key driver of justified displacement: *no further action*

[Doc. 14643](#), Motion for a resolution, Deteriorating situation of national minorities in Ukraine: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on the “Honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine”*

[Doc. 14645](#), Motion for a resolution, Pushback action by member States: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

[Doc. 14646](#), Motion for a resolution, Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

[Doc. 14650](#), Motion for a resolution, Judges in Poland and in the Republic of Moldova must remain independent: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14652](#), Motion for a resolution, Misuse of the Schengen system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14653](#), Motion for a resolution, Follow-up to the Azerbaijani Laundromat investigation: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14654](#), Motion for a resolution, Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

[Doc. 14655](#), Motion for a resolution, Role of parliaments in implementing the United Nations global compacts for migrants and refugees: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

[Doc. 14656](#), Motion for a resolution, The rights of the German minority in Romania: transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*

Bureau decision, Follow up to Resolution 2248 (2018) on the Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights (paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4): reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure”*

B. Extension of references

[Doc. 14072](#), Motion for a resolution, Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections (Reference 4222 of 24 June 2016– validity: 24 December 2018): *extension until 31 December 2019*

[Doc. 14185](#), Motion for a resolution, Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres (Reference 4265 of 23 January 2017 – validity: 23 January 2019) : *extension until 30 June 2019*

Decision of the Bureau, Motion for a resolution, The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries (Reference 4275 of 27 January 2017 – validity: 27 January 2019): *extension until 30 June 2019*

[Doc. 14243](#), Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution (Reference 4278 of 10 March 2017 – validity: 10 March 2019): *extension until 31 December 2019*

[Doc. 14246](#), Motion for a resolution, Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries (Reference 4280 of 10 March 2017 – validity: 10 March 2019): *extension until 30 June 2019*

C. Lapse of a reference (Rule 26.4 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure)

[Doc. 14599](#), Motion for a resolution, Undue influence of financial capital in political systems of microstates of the Council of Europe (Reference 4403 of 12 October 2018)