



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 25 January 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 25 January 2019 in Strasbourg, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January):** held an exchange of views on the first-part session;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 1 March 2019):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 8-12 April):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through an addendum to the Progress report;
- **Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo<sup>1</sup> and the role of the Council of Europe:** took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo for the 2019 ordinary session; approved the list of the delegation subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

Members:

- Mr Xhavit Haliti, Democratic Party of Kosovo, Chairperson of the delegation
- Ms Aida Dërguti, Social Democratic Party
- Mr Srdjan Mitrović, Serb List

Substitutes:

- Mr Gani Dreshaj, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, substitute for Mr Haliti
- Mr Ismet Beqiri, Democratic League of Kosovo, substitute for Ms Dërguti
- Ms Müfera Srbica-Şinik, Kosovo Turkish Democratic Party, substitute for Mr Mitrović

<sup>1</sup> All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- **Composition of the 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:**

i. *Monitoring Committee*

The Bureau:

- on the basis of a proposal by the EC Group, appointed Ms Branka Stamenkovic (Serbia);
- on the basis of proposals by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania) and Mr František Kopriva (Czech Republic);

ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*

The Bureau:

- on the basis of proposals by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr José Badia (Monaco) and Mr Volodymyr Ariev (Ukraine);
- on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Mr Martin Whitfield (United Kingdom);
- on the basis of a proposal by the EC Group, appointed Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine);
- on the basis of proposals by the ALDE Group, appointed Ms Anne Kalmari (Finland) and Mr Robert Troy (Ireland);
- on the basis of a proposal by the FDG Group, appointed Mr Elshad Hasanov (Azerbaijan);
- nominated Mr Alvise Maniero (Italy, NR) as a member;

iii. *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*

The Bureau:

- on the basis of proposals by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Ms Alina Ștefania Gorghiu (Romania) and Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine) as members, and Mr Corneliu Mugurel Cozmanciuc (Romania) as an alternate;
- on the basis of proposals by the SOC Group, appointed Lord Donald Anderson (United Kingdom) and Mr Titus Corlățean (Romania) as members, and Mr André Vallini (France) as an alternate;
- on the basis of proposals by the EC Group, appointed Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom) as a member, Mr Kostiantyn Usov (Ukraine) and Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom) as alternates;
- on the basis of proposals by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Olivier Becht (France), Mr Edmon Marukyan (Armenia) and Ms Olena Sotnyk (Ukraine) as members, and Ms Emilie Enger Mehl (Norway) as an alternate;

- **Election observation:**

i. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019)*: approved the updated list of members of the Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections as set out in Appendix 2;

ii. *Ukraine: presidential election (31 March 2019)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Ms Angela Smith (United Kingdom, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);

iii. *“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: presidential election (21 April 2019)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz (France, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 4);

- **Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF)**: decided to postpone the decision to acknowledge the formation of the new political group and to invite its Chairperson for an exchange of views at its next meeting;

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the press release of the launch of the 2019 edition of the Prize as well as of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly; re-appointed Ms Bemelmans Videc as member of the Selection Panel, for a second term of two years starting from 1 June 2019; invited Bureau members to propose candidatures for the vacant seats in the Selection Panel and to submit the names and CVs of candidates together with justification of fulfilment of required condition (“recognised moral standing in the field of human rights”) to the Secretary General of the Assembly by 15 April 2019, in view of the Bureau taking a decision on the appointments at its meeting in Paris on 23 May 2019;

- **Other business:**
  - i. *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 January – 7 April 2019)*: appointed Ms Boriána Åberg (EPP/DC, Sweden) as Rapporteur;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: approved the lists of candidates in respect of Andorra, Belgium, Finland, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta and San Marino to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019**: approved the designations as set up in Appendix 5;
- **Meetings of the Bureau and Standing Committee in Paris (28 February and 1 March 2019)**: took note of the draft programme;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised:
  - the Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63) on 12 March 2019 of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in New-York, USA;
  - the Sub-Committee on Diasporas of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to meet in Warsaw on 22 March 2019;
  - the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to meet in Zurich (Switzerland) on 28-29 May 2019;
  - the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities to meet in in Belgrade on 5-6 June 2019;
  - the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Berlin on 14-15 November 2019;
- **Dates and place of next meetings**: decided to hold its meetings as follows:
  - Thursday, 28 February 2019, Paris, at 3.00 pm
  - Monday, 8 April 2019, Strasbourg, at 8 am
  - Friday, 12 April 2019, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
  - Thursday, 23 May 2019, Paris, at 9 am
  - Monday, 24 June 2019, Strasbourg, at 8 am
  - Friday, 28 June 2019, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
  - Tuesday, 3 September 2019, Bern, at 9 am

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**Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees**

**A. References and transmissions to committees**

[Doc. 14810](#), Motion for a resolution, Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

**B. Extension of references**

[Doc. 14042](#), Motion for a resolution, The role of education in the digital era: from “digital natives” to “digital citizens” (Reference 4216 of 20 June 2016 – validity : 31 January 2019) : extension until 30 June 2019

[Doc. 13967](#), Motion for a resolution, The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov (Reference 4276 of 10 March 2017 – validity : 10 March 2019): extension until 30 June 2019

**Appendix 2 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019)**

**Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Claude Kern, France (ALDE/ADLE)**

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

Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie  
Ms / Mme Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. Killion MŪNYAMA, Poland / Pologne  
Ms / Mme Maria Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain / Espagne  
Ms / Mme Elisabeth SCHNEIDER-SCHNEITER, Switzerland / Suisse\*  
Mr / M. Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne  
Mr / M. Stefaan VERCAMER, Belgium / Belgique  
Mr / M. Volkmar VOGEL, Germany / Allemagne

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

Mr / M. Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche\*  
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse  
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France  
Mr / M. Roberto RAMPI, Italy / Italie  
Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. Ervin BUSHATI, Albania / Albanie

**Substitutes / suppléants**

Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne

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

Mr / M. Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ, Turkey / Turquie  
Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède

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

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France\*  
Ms / Mme Melisa RODRÍGUEZ HERNÁNDEZ, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI, Ukraine

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

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

**Substitutes / suppléants**

Mr / M. Tiny KOX, Netherlands / Pays-Bas  
Mr / M. George LOUKAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre

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

**Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)**

Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie  
Ms / Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, France

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Mr / M. Richard BARRETT, member / membre

**Appendix 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in Ukraine (31 March 2019)**

**Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni (SOC)**

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

Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France

Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne

Mr / M. Vetle Wang SOLEIM, Norway / Norvège

Mr / M. Birgir THÓRARINSSON, Iceland / Islande

Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie\*

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

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Ervin BUSHATI, Albania / Albanie

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

Ms / Mme Angela SMITH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni\*

Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal

Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Roberto RAMPI, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Adriana Diana TUȘA, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Tabea RÖSSNER, Germany / Allemagne

**Substitutes / Suppléantes**

Mr / M. Andrea ORLANDO, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Etienne GRECH, Malta / Malte

Mr / M. André VALLINI, France

Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro

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

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Mr / M. Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ, Turkey / Turquie

Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /**

**Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Ms / Mme Gyde JENSEN, Germany / Allemagne

Ms / Mme Emilie Enger MEHL, Norway / Norvège \*

Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France

Ms / Mme Alexandra LOUIS, France

**Substitutes / Suppléantes**

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Mr / M. Claude KERN, France

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

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**Substitutes / Suppléantes**

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne\*

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

Mr / M. Nagif HAMZAYEV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan\*

**Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)**

Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Dzhema GROZDANOVA, Bulgaria / Bulgarie

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

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**Appendix 4 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the presidential election in “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (21 April 2019)**

**Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France (EPP/CD – PPE/DC)**

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

Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France

Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie

**Substitutes / Suppléants**

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

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Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

**Substitutes / Suppléants**

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Mr / M. Raphaël COMTE, Switzerland / Suisse

**Substitutes / Suppléants**

Mr / M. Anne MULDER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

Mr / M. Jokin BILDARRATZ, Spain / Espagne

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

Ms / Mme Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande

**Substitutes / Suppléants**

Mr / M. Marco NICOLINI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Mr / M. Henk OVERBEEK, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

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

Ms / Mme Ganira PASHAYEVA, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

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**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

**Appendix 5 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019**

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2019
<b>I. Council of Europe bodies</b>			
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 on 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: Mr Cozmanciuc – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Kox - UEL (AS/Mon)  Substitutes: ZZ... – SOC (AS/Pol) Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Pocij - EPP/CD (AS/Mon)
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) Ms Pallarés – ALDE (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 Efstathiou – SOC (AS/Cult) Mr Thiéry – ALDE (AS/Ega)  Substitutes: Mr Korodi – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) 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 Gogvadze – EC (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 Omtzigt – EPP/CD (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	
<b>II. Other</b>			
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)