



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2019) 03

4 March 2019

## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 28 February 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 28 February 2019 in Paris, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **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 draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Meeting of the Chairpersons and members of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections (23 January 2019):* took note of the report of the meeting;
  - ii. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019):* took note of the statement of the election observation mission;
  - iii. *Ukraine: presidential election (31 March 2019):* approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 2);
  - iv. *Republic of North Macedonia: presidential election (21 April 2019):* approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 3);
- **Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF):** held an exchange of views with Mr Martin Graf, Chairperson of the NED/ENF Group; took note of the information provided and decided to ask - in the context of the formation of the NED/ENF Group - the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for advice on the procedure defined in Art. 19.1 of the Rules of Procedure;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

*Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:* authorised Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel in 2019, in the framework of the preparation of her report on *Organ transplant tourism*;

*Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* took note of the memorandum on *Relations between the Assembly and the Organisation for Economic co-operation and Development (OECD)*, prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:

- the ad hoc Sub-Committee (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) to participate in the Conference on Countering International Terrorism to be organised by the IPA-CIS, the parliamentary assemblies of the Council of Europe, of the OSCE, of the Mediterranean, the CSTO and the IPU, to meet on 18 April 2019, in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation;

- the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and the Sub-Committee on Children to meet on 13 and 14 May 2019, in Vienna.

- **Dates and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

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

**A. References and transmissions to committees**

[Doc. 14802](#), Motion for a resolution, Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 14806](#), Motion for a resolution, Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

[Doc. 14807](#), Motion for a resolution, Possibility for remote participation in committee meetings outside Parliamentary Assembly sessions: transmission to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for information*

Bureau decision, The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Terms of reference of the Committee, Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

Terms of reference of the Committee, Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

**B. Lapse of references**

Request from the Committee of Ministers: Granting of participatory status to the international non-governmental organisation ADF International: lapse of the reference (withdrawal of the request to review the decision not to grant participatory status to ADF International, and of the end of the procedure in the Committee of Ministers – reference 4404 of 12 October 2018)

[Doc. 14301](#), Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia, in a letter dated 20 February 2019, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights indicated that it had decided to discontinue work on this report: lapse of the reference (reference 4337 of 13 October 2017)

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**31 MARS 2019 / 31 MARS 2019**

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**21 APRIL 2019 / 21 AVRIL 2019**

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