



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 8 April 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 8 April 2019 in Strasbourg, 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;
- **Second part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 8-12 April):**
 - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:* took note:
 - of the request tabled by the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The budgetary crisis at the Council of Europe* and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - of the request tabled by the SOC, ALDE and UEL groups for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the report currently being prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future* (Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL) and decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate;
 - ii. *Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of the request tabled by the EC group for the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on *The relationship between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the State Duma and the Council of the Federation of the Russian Federation* and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - iii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
 - iv. *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges in respect of Malta and Turkey;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Ukraine: presidential election (31 March and 21 April 2019):* took note of the statement of the election observation mission and decided to ask the ad hoc committee, in its initial composition, to observe the second round of this election;

iii. *Bulgaria: elections – European Parliament (26 May 2019)*: took note of the invitation and decided not to observe these elections;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 January 2019 to 7 April 2019)** (Rapporteur: Ms Boriana Åberg (EPP/CD, Sweden): approved the Progress report;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

Committee on Political Affairs Committee and Democracy: authorised Mr Jacques Maire (France, NR) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Algeria in 2019, in the framework of the preparation of his report on *Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria*;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**

i. *Monitoring Committee*:

- on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Mr Thomas Hammarberg (Sweden)

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

- on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, appointed Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia (Greece)

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

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
Monday, 30 September 2019, Strasbourg, at 8 am
Friday, 4 October 2019, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
Thursday, 28 November 2019, Tbilisi
Friday, 13 December 2019, Paris, at 9 am

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