



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 12 April 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 12 April 2019 in Strasbourg, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 8-12 April):**
 - i. approved the follow-up proposals to texts adopted by the Assembly, made by the Secretary General of the Assembly, as follows:
 - as regards references, subject to ratification by the Assembly:
 - o referred the revision of the Code of Conduct in accordance with §13.2 of Resolution 2274 (2019) on *Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment* to the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report;
 - o referred § 24 of Resolution 2273 (2019) on the *Establishment of a European Union mechanisms on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights* and § 16 of Resolution 2277 (2019) on the *Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future* to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to be taken into account in the preparation of a report on *10 years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*;
 - as regards Resolution 2274 (2019) on *Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment*: invited the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to ensure the adequate follow up to §13.1 and to submit to the Bureau revised Guidelines for the observations of elections taking into account §13.3;
 - as regards Resolution 2273 (2019) on the *Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights*: invited the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to prepare a concept paper on an annual parliamentary debate on the Rule of law (§ 22 of the Resolution);
 - as regards Resolution 2277 (2019) on the *Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future*, invited the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to:
 - o include §11 of the Resolution in his 2017 memorandum on Procedure for considering motions for resolutions and recommendations and its possible improvement;
 - o to prepare a memorandum for the Bureau containing follow-up proposals to § 12.1;
 - o to prepare, in coordination with the Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, a memorandum on possible periodical consultations and permanent co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and their structures (§ 14 of the Resolution);

- o to prepare a revised memorandum on External Relations of the Assembly (§ 17 of the Resolution)
- as regards Resolution 2278 (2019) on *Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure*: invited the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:
 - o to submit an updated memorandum on Procedure for considering motions for resolutions and recommendations and its possible improvement; to the Bureau for its approval and implementation (§ 3 of the Resolution);
 - o to prepare a memorandum defining possible criteria for the admissibility and selection of requests for debate under urgent procedure and current affairs debates, with a view for the Bureau to update the criteria it had approved in 2007 (§4 of the Resolution);
- ii. took note that the President of the Assembly would address letters to the Chairpersons of Political Groups as well as to Presidents of national delegations inviting them to ensure, in their respective capacities, adequate follow-up to specific paragraphs of *Resolution 2277 (2019) and Resolution 2278 (2019)*;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Contingency plan of the Council of Europe: consequences for the Parliamentary Assembly**: took note of the information provided in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Election observation**:
 - i. *Ukraine: presidential election (31 March and 21 April 2019)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the second round of this election (Appendix 2);
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 24 May 2019)**: took note of the draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 24-28 June)**: drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: approved the list of candidates in respect of Armenia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, North Macedonia to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers and approved the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegations of Azerbaijan and Poland to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (12 April – 23 June 2019)**: appointed Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, Soc) as Rapporteur;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**
 - . on the basis of a proposal by the FDG Group, appointed Mr Mustafa Yeneroğlu (Turkey), subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**: took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and decided:
 - o to invite the President of the Assembly to notify in writing the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates (Rule 44.10 of the Rules of Procedure and paragraph 7.2 of Resolution 1583 (2007)) or to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations;
 - o to make publicly available the statistics related to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019**: approved the appointment, as substitute, of Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) made by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for the Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission;

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
 - the Sub-Committee on Diasporas (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) to meet in Istanbul on 10 June 2019;
 - the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage and the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) to meet in Bern on 21 June 2019;
- **Other business**

Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (June part-session 2019): defined the modalities for the interviews of the candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe to be held at its next meeting on 23 May 2019 in Paris (appendix 3);
- **Dates and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:
 - Thursday, 23 May 2019, Paris, at 11 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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Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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 – References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

- [Doc. 14808](#), Motion for a resolution, *Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* – for a joint debate in 2020¹;
- [Doc. 14814](#), Motion for a resolution, *The human being-machine connection: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms?*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14815](#), Motion for a resolution, *For a European policy on diasporas*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 14816](#), Motion for a resolution, *To put an end to enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14818](#), Motion for a resolution, *Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
- [Doc. 14821](#), Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- [Doc. 14822](#), Motion for a resolution, *The continuing violence against Christians in the Middle East*: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;
- [Doc. 14823](#), Motion for a resolution, *Countering ill democracies in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;
- [Doc. 14839](#), Motion for a resolution, *Legal aspects of “autonomous” vehicles*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14841](#), Motion for a resolution, *How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14866](#), Motion for a resolution, *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, while taking into account § 24 of [Resolution 2273 \(2019\)](#) on *Establishment of a European Union mechanisms on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights* and § 16 of [Resolution 2277 \(2019\)](#) on *Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future*;
- [Doc. 14868](#), Motion for a resolution, *Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* – for a joint debate in 2020²;
- Terms of reference of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France*: no further action;
- Terms of reference of the Committee, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;
- Terms of reference of the Committee, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Malta*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;
- Terms of reference of the Committee, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;
- Bureau decision, *Revision of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly* in accordance with §13.2 of [Resolution 2274 \(2019\)](#) on *Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment*: reference to the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*.

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B. Extension of references

[Doc. 13978](#), Motion for a resolution, The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland (Reference 4206 of 27 May 2016 (extended on 27 April 2018 and on 23 November 2018)) – validity: 25 July 2019: extension until 25 January 2020

[Doc. 14190](#), Motion for a resolution, Organ transplant tourism in China (new title: Organ transplant tourism) (Reference 4290 of 28 April 2017) – validity: 28 April 2019: extension until 31 December 2019

[Doc. 14271](#), Motion for a resolution, Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism (Reference 4291 of 30 May 2017) – validity: 30 May 2019: extension until 30 September 2019

[Doc. 14296](#), Motion for a resolution, A two-State solution in Israel and Palestine (Reference 4295 of 30 May 2017) – validity : 30 May 2019: no extension

[Doc. 14357](#), Motion for a recommendation (Reference 4320 of 13 October 2017) – validity : 13 October 2019: extension until 31 December 2019

[Bureau decision](#), The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Reference 4313 of 30 June 2017) – validity : 30 June 2019: extension until 30 April 2020

[Doc. 14376](#), Motion for a resolution, The principles and guarantees of advocates (Reference 4329 of 13 October 2017) – validity : 13 October 2019: extension until 30 April 2020

C. Lapse of a reference

[Doc. 14653](#), Follow-up to the Azerbaijani Laundromat investigation (Reference 4418 of 21 January 2019) – validity : 21 January 2021: lapse of the reference

Appendix 2

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN UKRAINE

COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DE L'ELECTION PRESIDENTIELLE EN UKRAINE

**2nd round / 2^e tour
21 April 2019 / 21 avril 2019**

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Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

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Appendix 3

**Modalities of the interviews with candidates for the post
of Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

Thursday 23 May 2019 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm (in camera)

As announced at its meeting of 21 January 2019 in Strasbourg, the Bureau will hold interviews with the two candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The Bureau will conduct the interviews in alphabetical order of the candidates, namely:

Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić – at 2.30 pm

Mr Didier Reynders – at 3.30 pm

Interviews will begin with a presentation by the candidate of up to 15 minutes followed by a 45 minute question and answer session.

Bureau members are invited to ask questions to candidates within 30 seconds.

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***Modalités pour les entretiens avec les candidat·e·s au poste
de Secrétaire Général(e) du Conseil de l'Europe***

Jeudi 23 mai 2019 de 14 h 30 à 16 h 30 (huis clos)

Comme annoncé à sa réunion du 21 janvier 2019 à Strasbourg, le Bureau va procéder aux entretiens avec les deux candidats au poste de Secrétaire Général(e) du Conseil de l'Europe.

Le Bureau procédera aux entretiens par ordre alphabétique des candidats, à savoir :

Mme Marija Pejčinović Burić – à 14 h 30

M. Didier Reynders – à 15 h 30

Les entretiens commenceront par une présentation du/de la candidat·e de **15 minutes maximum**, suivie d'une séance de questions/ réponses de 45 minutes.

Les membres du Bureau sont invités à poser leurs questions aux candidat·e·s dans la limite de 30 secondes.