



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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24 June 2019

To the Members of the Assembly

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24 June 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 24 June 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 and of the decision of the Secretary General to hand over to his successor on 18 September 2019. As a result, the term of office of the new Secretary General to be elected by the Assembly on 26 June 2019 will begin on 18 September 2019 for a period of 5 years, until 17 September 2024.
- **Third part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 24-28 June):**
 - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:* took note:
 - of the request tabled by the EC Group to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “*Putting an end to the Russian blackmail : request to the Committee of Ministers to hold the Russian Federation accountable for its non-payment of membership fees*” and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - of the request tabled by the EPP/CD Group to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “*Obligation of all States to make sure that the people who downed flight MH17 on 17 July 2014 are brought to justice*” and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - ii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
 - iii. *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 Estonia and Germany;
 - iv. *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 27 June 2019, 12.00 noon):* prepared the meeting;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (12 April to 23 June 2019)** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC): approved the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (21 July 2019):* took note of the invitation letter, approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Lord Russell (United Kingdom, EC) as its Chairperson; (Appendix 2)

- **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10 October 2019):** decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network to be held in Paris on 10 October 2019;
- **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 Indrek Saar (Estonia), Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium) and Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EC Group, appointed Mr Krasimir Bogdanov (Bulgaria), Mr Mikayel Melkumyan (Armenia) and Mr John Howel (United-Kingdom);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, appointed Ms Violeta Tomić (Slovenia);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the FDG Group, appointed Ms Ulviyye Aghayeva (Azerbaijan);
 - ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Luis Leite Ramos (Portugal);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria) and Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, appointed Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland).
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2019:** following the resignation of Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, ALDE), appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), as representative of the Assembly to the Venice Commission;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
 - the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) to meet in London on 10 and 11 July 2019;
 - the Sub-Committee of the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) to meet in Donostia/ San Sebastián (Spain) on 19 September 2019;
- **Dates and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:
 - Friday, 28 June 2019, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
 - Tuesday, 3 September 2019, Bern, at 8.30 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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Appendix 1

- [Doc. 14878](#), Motion for a resolution, *Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe*: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14879](#), Motion for a resolution, *Alleged violations of LGBTI+ rights in the Caucasus region*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- [Doc. 14880](#), Motion for a resolution, *Reviewing effective marginal tax rates for low-income working families*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*;
- [Doc. 14881](#), Motion for a resolution, *Promoting and regulating the use of blockchain technology by and for refugees*: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*;
- [Doc. 14890](#), Motion for a resolution, *Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- [Doc. 14891](#), Motion for a resolution, *Election observation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the monitoring procedure*: no further action.

Appendix 2

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**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF
THE EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE
COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION
DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPEES EN UKRAINE**

21 JULY 2019 / 21 JUILLET 2019

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**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /
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Mr / M. Mart van de VEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas*
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Accompanying person:

Lady Tara BLENCATHRA, accompanying Lord David BLENCATHRA

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