



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2019) 08

1 July 2019

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 28 June 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 28 June 2019 in Strasbourg, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Third part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 24-28 June):**

. approved the follow-up proposal to Resolution 2290 (2019) *Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality*, presented by the Secretary General of the Assembly, and instructed the Committees to ensure gender balance in expert panels and other bodies with two or more members;

. invited the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to reflect upon certain procedural problems identified during the third part-session in the framework of a forthcoming report on modification of provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;

- **Fourth part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 30 September-4 October):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;

- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the following reference, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;

. [Doc. 14929](#), Motion for a resolution, *Ensuring accountability for the downing of flight MH 17*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

- **Election observation:**

i. *Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (21 July 2019)*: approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 1);

- **Rules on exhibitions in the Assembly Lobby:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the rules on exhibitions in the Assembly Lobby, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report (Appendix 2);

- **Requests for urgent procedure or current affairs debates: admissibility and selection criteria:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the admissibility and selection criteria of requests for urgent procedure or current affairs debates, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report (Appendix 3);

- **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2018:** took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, approved the communication submitted by the Committee and decided to consider the revision of the modalities for calculating the allocation paid to political groups when deciding on the apportionment of this allocation for 2020;

- **2019 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly, as its Chairperson (Appendix 4);
- **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10 October 2019):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network to be held in Paris on 10 October and appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly, as its Chairperson (Appendix 5);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 June to 29 September 2019):** appointed Ms Nicole Trisse (France, ALDE), as Rapporteur;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** approved the list of candidates in respect of Azerbaijan, Ireland, Italy and Montenegro to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**
 - i. *Monitoring Committee:*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia)
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Mihail Popsoi (Republic of Moldova) and Mr Ruben Rubinyan (Armenia)
 - ii. *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Jason Azzopardi (Malta)
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Bern (3 September 2019):** took note of the draft programme and practical information;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** decided not to authorise the Sub-Committee on Diasporas (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) to meet in Amman (Jordan) on 18 September 2019;
- **Dates and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

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

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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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Lady Tara BLENCATHRA, accompanying Lord David BLENCATHRA

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Appendix 2

Decision of the Bureau of the Assembly on Rules on exhibition in the Assembly lobby

The following rules apply during and outside Assembly part-sessions. However, they do not apply with respect to exhibitions in the Assembly lobby during sessions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and to other exhibitions organised in the context of duly authorised events taking place in the Assembly's hemicycle.

1. Definition of the area covered

The Assembly lobby is the area just outside the Assembly's hemicycle (plenary Chamber), composed of eight exhibition spaces.

2. Who can submit requests?

Requests for exhibitions in the Assembly lobby can only be made by the following:

- Assembly committees
- Parliamentary delegations of member States, parliaments granted of the special guest, observer or partner for democracy status
- Council of Europe institutions and bodies

Requests from Permanent Representations of States concerned may only be considered if transmitted via, and with the support of, the relevant parliamentary delegation.

A requesting committee/delegation/institution can be granted no more than one exhibition per year.

3. What the request should include

Exhibitions requests must include the following elements:

- the title
- the subject of the exhibition
- whether it satisfies one of the following criteria
 - a link to the work as well as the values of the Council of Europe
 - a support for co-operation amongst member States
 - a link to the work of the Assembly
- a detailed presentation of the exhibition, for example a "scenario", scanned photos or other electronic samples of the kind of exhibits to be shown
- the size of the exhibition, on the understanding that each organiser can only be granted one exhibition space, which are limited in size
- an undertaking that the exhibition, if agreed, will be set up on the Friday prior to the part-session, and be taken down not earlier than the Friday after the end of the part-session.

4. The subject-matter of the exhibition

It should not be controversial or politically divisive, and in any case shall not contain propaganda for ideas or activities which are incompatible with the Council of Europe's principles. In particular, it should not have a racist, xenophobic or intolerant content.

5. To whom should the request be addressed and within which deadline

Requests for authorisation must be submitted to the President of the Assembly not later than six weeks in advance of the opening of the part-session to which the request relates. This deadline shall not apply to exhibitions organised outside of part-sessions of the Assembly.

6. Guidelines in coming to a decision

The responsibility for agreeing to such request rests with the President of the Assembly, whose decision is final. The President will agree to such requests on the basis of the criteria already given under paragraphs 3-5 above. These criteria are not binding but designed to help the President in taking a decision.

Appendix 3

Decision of the Bureau on admissibility and selection criteria of requests for urgent procedure or current affairs debates

In line with Rules 51 and 53 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, it is the responsibility of the Bureau of the Assembly to submit to the Assembly proposals for urgent procedure or current affairs debates on the basis of requests submitted to it.

1. When proposing to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure, the selection criteria for the Bureau shall be the following:
 - relative urgency (as opposed to topicality), taking into account the need for time to prepare proper draft text;
 - the political, social or economic context at the particular point in time justifying the urgency, with the subject-matter either being a new one for the Assembly or an ongoing subject which had come to a culminating point;
 - the controversial nature of the subject-matter, which implied higher participation by members and a bigger impact of the text adopted;
 - the number of member States affected;
 - the number and relative priority of all the requests tabled.
2. When proposing to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate, the selection criteria for the Bureau shall be the following:
 - the topicality of the subject-matter (as opposed to the urgency);
 - the interest in the subject-matter by a large number of members of the Assembly and member States of the Council of Europe;
 - the input which a debate could provide for an Assembly committee thereafter to draw up a report;
 - the visibility in the media which a debate could engender.
3. The above criteria are not binding but are designed to help the Bureau in taking a decision.
4. The following explanatory footnote shall be added to Rule 51.2. of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:

"The Assembly does not have the competence to turn a request for a debate under urgent procedure into a current affairs debate".
5. The following explanatory footnote shall be added to Rule 53.3. of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:

"If a member of the Assembly objects to the decision of the Bureau to reject a request for a current affairs debate, and if the Assembly endorses the decision of the Bureau, by a majority of the votes cast, the Assembly will not hold such a current affairs debate. If the Assembly rejects the decision of the Bureau, by a majority of the votes cast, the Assembly will hold this current affairs debate.

A member of the Assembly who objects to the decision of the Bureau to reject all requests for a current affairs debate shall specify their objection, clarifying which specific current affairs debate they wish to propose to be held by the Assembly. If the Assembly approves the decision of the Bureau, by a majority of the votes cast, the Assembly will hold no current affairs debate. If the Assembly rejects the decision of the Bureau, by a majority of the votes cast, the Assembly will hold the current affairs debate which has been the subject of the contestation.

The Assembly does not have the competence to turn a request for a current affairs debate into a debate under urgent procedure. The Assembly does not have the competence to change the title of a current affairs debate."
6. The Bureau shall have right to transform a request for a current affairs debate into an urgent procedure debate and vice versa, subject to provisions of paragraph 8 below.
7. The Bureau shall have right to change the title of an urgent procedure or a current affairs debate, subject to provisions of paragraph 8 below.
8. For both the transformation of a request and the change of the title by the Bureau, the prior agreement of those who made the original request (or their representatives) shall be required. If such an agreement is not obtained, the Bureau cannot proceed with neither transformation of a request nor change of the title.

Appendix 4

Appendix 4

**Bureau of the Assembly
Bureau de l'Assemblée**

28 June 2019

**Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy
on 6-8 November 2019 in Strasbourg
Commission ad hoc pour participer au Forum mondial de la démocratie
du 6 au 8 novembre 2019 à Strasbourg**

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