



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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16 December 2019

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 13 December 2019

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 13 December 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 and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **First part-session of 2020 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January):** drew up the draft agenda;
- **Elections observation:**
 - i. *Belarus: early parliamentary elections (17 November 2019):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Azerbaijan: early parliamentary elections (9 February 2020):* decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 9; ALDE: 5; EC/DA: 4; UEL: 2 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee and authorised the conduct of a pre-electoral mission;
 - iii. *Uzbekistan: parliamentary elections (22 December 2019):* took note of the invitation received and decided not to observe these elections;
 - iv. *Schedule of elections for 2020:* took note of the list of elections to be observed by the Assembly in 2020;
- **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;
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2020 financial year:** took note of the memorandum by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities: work plan 2020:** took note of the information provided in the document;
- **Dates of the April 2020 Assembly's part-session:** considered the document prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to modify the organisation of this part-session (Appendix 2);

- **Issues raised by committees:**

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: authorised Mr Olivier Becht (France, ALDE) to carry out a fact-finding visit to California (USA), in February 2020, in the framework of the preparation of his report on *The Brain-computer interface: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms*;

- **2020 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the calendar of the 2020 edition of the Prize;

- **Co-operation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2020:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliament Assembly and approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation;

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

i. the *Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination* to meet in the UN Headquarters in New York (USA), on the occasion of the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64), on 9-11 March 2020;

ii. the *Monitoring Committee* to meet in Ankara, on 26-27 March 2020;

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

Monday 27 January 2020, Strasbourg, at 8 am
Friday 31 January 2020, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
Thursday 5 March 2020, Paris, at 3 pm
Monday 20 April 2020, Strasbourg, at 11 am
Friday 24 April 2020, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am
Thursday 28 May 2020, Athens, at 3 pm

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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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Appendix 1 - References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

Doc. 14973, Motion for a resolution, *The role of culture and education in a new technological era*: no further action

Doc. 14974, Motion for a resolution, *Transmission of traditional crafts and heritage related skills*: no further action

Doc. 14980, Motion for a recommendation, *Ratification of the Istanbul convention by the United Kingdom*: no further action

Doc. 14985, Motion for a resolution, *Socio-economic inequalities in Europe: time to restore social trust by strengthening social rights*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. 14986, Motion for a resolution, *Tackling discrimination based on social origins*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 14987, Motion for a resolution, *The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 14988, Motion for a resolution, *Parliamentary Assembly contribution to the establishment of an observatory of history to promote the common values of Greater Europe and peace*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 14989, Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening the parliamentary dialogue with Turkey concerning the situation of Turkish academics*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to be taken into account in the framework of the report on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe*

Doc. 14990, Motion for a resolution, *Are anti-speciesism and humanism reconcilable?* : no further action

Doc. 14991, Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Doc. 14992, Motion for a resolution, *The Parliamentary Assembly must contribute to restoring peace in Ukraine*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

B. Request for a modification of reference

Doc. 14494, Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

Appendix 2 – April 2020 part-session (20-24 April)

Monday 20 April	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
11.00 - Bureau	08:30 - Committees 10.00 - Assembly Debate 12 noon - Mr Giorgi Gakharia Prime Minister of Georgia 13.00 – End of sitting	08.30 - Political groups 10.00 - Assembly Debate 12 noon - Ms Zuzana Čaputová President of the Slovak Republic 13.00 – End of sitting	08.30 - Committees 10.00 - Assembly Urgent or current affairs debate Debate 12.00 – End of sitting 12.00 – Joint Committee	08.30 - Bureau 10.00 - Assembly 2 Debates + Free debate 13.00 – End of part-session
14.00 - Political Groups 14.00 – Secretaries of delegations 16.00 - Assembly – Progress Report – CM communication 18.30 – End of sitting 18.30 - Committees 19.30 - End of Committees 20.00 – Dinners Political Groups	14.00 – Committees 15.30 - Political groups 17.00 - Assembly 2 debates 20.30 – End of sitting 21.00 – Museum Prize Ceremony	14.00 - Committees 15.30 – Assembly – Questions SG 16.00 – Commissioner HR 17.00 – 2 Debates 20.30 – End of sitting	14.00 - Committees 15.30 – Assembly 2 Debates 20.00 – End of sitting	