



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Revised Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 31 January 2020

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 31 January 2020 in Strasbourg, with Mr Hendrik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2020 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January):** approved the follow-up proposals to the texts adopted by the Assembly, made by the Secretary General of the Assembly, as follows:
  - . Reference on *Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure – follow-up to Resolution 2319 (2020) on the Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations*, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, *for report*;
  - . Reference on *Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, *for opinion*;
  - . Reference on *Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?* to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, *for report*;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 6 March 2020):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2020 (Strasbourg, 20-24 April):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through an addendum to the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. *Azerbaijan: early parliamentary elections (9 February 2020):* approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (appendix 2);
  - ii. *North Macedonia: parliamentary elections (12 April 2020):* approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Lord Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as its Chairperson (appendix 3);
  - iii. *Serbia: parliamentary elections (April 2020):* approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Aleksander Pociiej (Poland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (appendix 4);

- iv. *Poland: presidential election (10 May 2020 tbc)*: subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 6; SOC: 6, ALDE: 4; EC/DA: 3, UEL: 1) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee; and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- v. *Schedule of elections for 2020*: took note of the updated calendar of elections to be observed by the Assembly in 2020;
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly**: considered and approved the proposals contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly;
- **EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and invited its President to contact the President of the European Parliament with a view to resuming the joint work in this respect;
- **Communications of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**: took note of the communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Honorary President**: decided to grant the title of Honorary President to Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly 2018-2020;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*: authorised Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Canadian Parliament in the spring of 2020, in the framework of the preparation of her report on “*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*”;
  - Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: authorised Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) to participate in the *Safe Sport International Conference*, in Quebec City (Canada), on 15-17 April 2020, in the framework of the preparation of her report on “*Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe*”.
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: approved the lists of candidates in respect of Romania and of the Slovak Republic, 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 Poland and of the Russian Federation to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the press release of the launch of the 2020 edition of the Prize;
- **Other business:**
  - Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (31 January – 19 April 2020)*: appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as Rapporteur;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs 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 EPP/CD Group, appointed Ms Boriana Åberg (Sweden), Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania), Mr Bernard Fournier (France), Mr Nikola Poposki (North Macedonia), Mr Tomislav Tolušić (Croatia) and Mr Nicos Tornaritis (Cyprus) as members;
  - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Mr Andrzej Szejna (Poland) as member;

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

- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Giorgi Kandelaki (Georgia), Ms Annicka Engblom (Sweden), Ms Linda Ozola (Latvia), Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia) and Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine) as members;
- on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey), Ms Yuliya Lovochkina (Ukraine) and Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus) as members;

iii. *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) as member and Mr Evaristos Stylianidis (Greece) as alternate;
  - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands), Ms Klotilda Bushka (Albania) and Mr Andrzej Szejna (Poland) as members, and Mr Irakli Kobakhidze (Georgia) as alternate;
  - on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, appointed Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria) and Ms Emilie Enger Mehl (Norway) as members;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2020:** approved the designations as set up in Appendix 5;
  - **Dates and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

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  
 Monday, 22 June 2020, Strasbourg, at 8 am  
 Friday, 26 June 2020, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am  
 Monday, 7 September 2020, Paris, at 9 am

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 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. 15030](#), Motion for a resolution, *Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

Bureau Decision: *Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure – follow-up to Resolution 2319 (2020) on the Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations*: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, *for report*;

Bureau Decision: *Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, *for opinion*;

Bureau Decision: *Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, *for report*.

### **B. Requests for modification of references**

[Doc. 14976](#), Motion for a resolution, *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*;

[Doc. 15011](#), Motion for a resolution, *Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*.

### **C. Requests for extension of references**

[Doc. 14262](#), Motion for a resolution, *Russian racial discrimination of Crimean Tatars in Crimea*: extension until 31 December 2020;

[Doc. 14382](#), Motion for a resolution, *The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region*: extension until 30 September 2020;

[Doc. 14476](#), Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria*: extension until 15 December 2020.

**Appendix 2****AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE  
EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN AZERBAIJAN****9 February 2020****List of members****Chairperson / Président:** Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE, Germany / Allemagne (SOC)**Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Mr / M. Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania / Roumanie  
 Ms / Mme Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania / Roumanie  
 Mr / M. Raivo TAMM, Estonia / Estonie\*  
 Mr / M. Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland / Pologne  
 Mr / M. Jacek PROTASIEWICZ, Poland / Pologne\*\*

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Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE, Germany / Allemagne  
 Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse  
 Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche  
 Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal  
 Ms / Mme Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande  
 Mr / M. Kimmo KILJUNEN, Finland / Finlande  
 Mr / M. Roberto RAMPI, Italy / Italie  
 Mr / M. Christophe LACROIX, Belgium / Belgique  
 Ms / Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, France

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /****Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse\*  
 Mr / M. Bernard CAZEAU, France  
 Mr / M. Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia / Estonie  
 Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France  
 Mr / M. Zeki Hakan SIDALI, Turkey / Turquie

**European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) /****Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)**

Mr / M. Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
 Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie  
 Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
 Mr / M. Ulrich OEHME, Germany / Allemagne

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Mr / M. Georgios KATROUGKALOS, Greece / Grèce\*  
 Mr / M. Sokratis FAMELLOS, Greece / Grèce

**Co-Rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)**

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche\*

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Mr / M. Oliver KASK, member / membre  
 Mr Gaël MARTIN-MICALLEF, Legal advisor, Venice Commission / Conseiller juridique, Commission de Venise

**Secretariat / Secrétariat - Election Observation and Interparliamentary Cooperation Division**

Mr Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer,  
 Ms Danièle GASTL, Assistant  
 Ms Anne GODFREY, Assistant

\*Member of the pre-electoral mission

\*\* Awaiting non-conflict of interest declaration

**Appendix 3**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN NORTH MACEDONIA**

**12 APRIL 2020**

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**List of members**

**Chairperson / Président:** Lord BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni (EC/DA / CE/AD)

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Ms / Mme Laurence TRASTOUR-ISNART, France

Mr / M. Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland / Pologne\*\*

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Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche\*

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Turkey / Turquie

Mr / M. Valeriu Andrei STERIU, Romania / Roumanie

**Substitutes / Suppléants:**

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**Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

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Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine

Mr / M. Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI, Ukraine

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**Accompanying persons**

Lady BLENCATHRA

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**Appendix 4**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN SERBIA**

**26 APRIL 2020**

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**List of members**

**Chairperson / Président:** Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne\* \*\*  
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Ms / Mme Susana SUMELZO, Spain / Espagne  
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## Appendix 5 – Institutional representation of the Assembly – 2020

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2020
<b>I. Council of Europe bodies / Organes du Conseil de l'Europe</b>			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission  <i>Commission européenne pour la démocratie par le droit - Commission de Venise</i>	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission  <i>Représentants de l'Assemblée désignés par le Bureau pour assister aux sessions de la Commission</i>	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)  <i>Article 2.4 du statut de la Commission de Venise (Rés CM (2002) 3)</i>	Members:  Appointment by the President  Mr Vardanyan (Armenia EPP/CD) (AS/Jur) Substitute: Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, NR) (AS/Jur)
Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission  <i>Conseil des élections démocratiques de la Commission de Venise</i>	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly  <i>Représentants de l'AS/Pol, l'AS/Jur et l'AS/Mon approuvés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée</i>	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003  <i>Décision du Bureau du 10 mars 2003</i>	Members: Mr Fassino (Italy, SOC) (AS/Pol) Mr Antonio Gutiérrez (Spain, SOC) (AS/Jur) Mr Kox (Netherlands, UEL) (AS/Mon)  Substitutes: Mr Cozmanciuc (Romania, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) Sir Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, EC/DA) (AS/Jur) Mr Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) (AS/Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre  <i>Centre européen pour l'interdépendance et la solidarité mondiales – Centre Nord-Sud</i>	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly  <i>Deux membres du Conseil exécutif - désignés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée</i>	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6)  <i>Article 4.2 (b) du statut révisé du Centre Nord-Sud (Rés CM (2011) 6)</i>	Members: Mr Schennach (Austria, SOC) (AS/Soc) Mr Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)  Substitutes: Ms Günay (Turkey, EC) (AS/Soc)  Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves (Portugal, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI  <i>Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance – ECRI</i>	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)  <i>Représentants de l'Assemblée désignés par le Bureau (représentants des trois commissions suivantes : AS/Pol, AS/Ega et AS/Cult)</i>	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)  <i>Article 5 du statut de l'ECRI (Rés CM (2002) 8)</i>	Members: Mr Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) (AS/Pol) Mr Cepeda (Spain, SOC) (AS/Cult) Mr Jallow (Sweden, UEL) (AS/Ega)  Substitutes: Ms Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) Mr Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) (AS/Ega) Mr Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC) (AS/Cult)
Group of States against Corruption GRECO  <i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption - GRECO</i>	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau  <i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i>	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO  <i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i>	Member : Mr Pere López (Andorra, SOC) (AS/Jur)  Substitute: Mr Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur)



Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2020
Committee for Works of Art  <i>Comité des œuvres d'art</i>	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)  <i>Deux membres désignés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée (actuellement un membre de l'AS/Cult et le rapporteur du Prix du musée)</i>	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992  <i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i>	Members: Lady Eccles (UK, EC/DA) (AS/Cult) Mr Rampi (Italy, SOC) (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau  <i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i>	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12  <i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i>	Member: Mr Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) (AS/Jur)  Substitute: Sir Edward Leigh (UK, EC/DA) (AS/Jur)
Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property  <i>Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur les infractions visant des biens culturels</i>	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau  <i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i>	STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1	
<b>II. Other</b>			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage  <i>EUROPA NOSTRA - Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</i>	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer  <i>Un membre (et son/sa suppléant/e) qui seront désignés par l'Assemblée pour assister aux réunions du Conseil de la Fédération en tant qu'observateurs</i>	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Mr Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) (AS/Cult)