



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

**AS/Bur/CB (2020) 03**

9 March 2020

## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 5 March 2020

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 5 March 2020 in Paris, with Mr Rik Daems, 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;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 6 March 2020):**
  - i. Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of the request tabled by Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), on behalf of the UEL Group, to hold a current affairs debate on “Recent developments at the Turkish-Greek-Bulgarian borders: how to safeguard human rights?”, and decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold the proposed current affairs debate and to appoint Mr Tiny Kox as the first speaker in the debate;
  - ii. Draft agenda:* took note of the revised draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2020 (Strasbourg, 20-24 April):** drew up the draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
  - i. Azerbaijan: early parliamentary elections (9 February 2020):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
  - ii. Armenia: constitutional referendum (5 April 2020):* decided to observe this referendum and constituted an ad hoc committee in the form of an Election Assessment Mission (composed of one member of each political group and the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee) appointed Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as its Chairperson and left it to the President of the Assembly to approve the list of members;

- iii. *North Macedonia: early parliamentary elections (12 April 2020)*: approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
- iv. *Serbia: parliamentary elections (26 April 2020 tbc)*: approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3);
- v. *Poland: presidential election (10 May 2020)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 4);
- **Assessment of the conformity of the decision-making processes developed by committees with the Assembly's Rules of Procedure**: took note of the Opinion by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**: approved the proposals contained in paragraph 51 of the information memorandum on the participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007) 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)) and to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations;
  - o to make publicly available the statistics relating to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**:
  - i. *Monitoring Committee*:
    - on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, appointed Mr Zbigniew Rau (Poland);
  - ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs Rights*:
    - appointed Mr Sergey Kislyak as non registered member (Russian Federation, NR);
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2020**: appointed Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as representative of the Assembly to the Venice Commission;
- **Bureau and Standing Committee meetings in Athens (28-29 May 2020)**: took note of the draft programme and the practical information;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised:
  - the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Tirana on 25-26 May 2020 (subject to the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 20 March 2020);
  - the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to meet in Chania (Greece) on 17-18 September 2020;
  - the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Komotini (Greece) on 9-10 November 2020.

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

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  
Monday, 12 October 2020, Strasbourg, at 8 am  
Friday, 16 October 2020, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am  
Thursday, 19 November 2020, Berlin, at 3 pm  
Friday, 11 December 2020, Paris, at 9 am.

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## Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

### A. References to committees

[Doc. 15040](#), Motion for a resolution, *Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

[Doc. 15041](#), Motion for a resolution, *The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

[Doc. 15045](#), Motion for a resolution, *Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*

[Doc. 15046](#), Motion for a resolution, *Follow-up to the humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine*: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*

[Doc. 15047](#), Motion for a resolution, *Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

[Doc. 15048](#), Motion for a resolution, *More participatory democracy to tackle climate change*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

[Doc. 15049](#), Motion for a resolution, *Political prisoners in the Russian Federation*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

[Doc. 15052](#), Motion for a resolution, *Condemnation of antisemitism and of the goals of the BDS-Movement*: no further action

[Doc. 15053](#), Motion for a resolution, *Exploiting children in rural sectors of coffee and cocoa*: no further action

Bureau Decision, *Modification to the Rules of Procedure*: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, *for report*

### B. Requests for extension of references

[Doc. 14489](#), Motion for a resolution, *The treatment of people with autism and their families* (Reference 4374 of 27 April 2018) – validity: 27 April 2020: extension until 30 June 2020

[Doc. 14494](#), Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts* (Reference 4377 of 27 April 2018 – validity: 27 April 2020): extension until 31 October 2020

**Appendix 2**

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

**12 APRIL / AVRIL 2020**

**COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES  
EN MACEDOINE DU NORD**

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**Appendix 3**

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

**26 APRIL / AVRIL 2020**

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Appendix 4

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN POLAND**

**10 MAY / MAI 2020**

**COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DE L'ELECTION PRESIDENTIELLE  
EN POLOGNE**

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