



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on Thursday 7 May 2020

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 7 May 2020 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee meeting (by videoconference, 7 May 2020):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Arrangements for the conduct of remote committee meetings:** approved the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, agreed that the arrangements for the conduct of remote meetings specified in it would apply *mutatis mutandis* to its own remote meetings and decided that these arrangements will enter into force as from the day of their approval and remain in force until the opening of the nearest part-session of the Assembly in Strasbourg;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Extension of current mandates of former rapporteurs to ensure the follow-up to their reports:** approved the proposal to extend by six months the former rapporteurs' responsibility for ensuring the follow-up to their reports (Rule 50.1 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure);
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Ms Jette Christensen (Norway) as member, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Other business:** took note that the meeting of the Bureau foreseen in Athens end of May has now been scheduled for September in Greece;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

Thursday 25 June 2020, videoconference, at 10 am
September 2020, Greece (to be confirmed)
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 9.30 am.

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Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 15066](#), Motion for a resolution, *Widespread recurring violence against security, fire and medical services on New Year's Eve: how to restore trust and the rule of law*: no further action

[Doc. 15067](#), Motion for a resolution, *Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

[Doc. 15068](#), Motion for a resolution, *Artificial intelligence and climate change*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

[Doc. 15069](#), Motion for a resolution, *Gender mainstreaming of migration policies*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

[Doc. 15070](#), Motion for a resolution, *Employment of disabled people in Europe*: no further action

[Doc. 15071](#), Motion for a resolution, *Prevention of abuse of mutual legal co-operation with respect to refugees and asylum seekers*: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

[Doc. 15072](#), Motion for a resolution, *Re-establishing sustainable living conditions for autochthonous communities in balance with their natural environments in member States*: no further action

[Doc. 15073](#), Motion for a resolution, *The Parliamentary Assembly's role in developing a systematic approach to cope with global epidemic outbreaks*: no further action

[Doc. 15074](#), Motion for a resolution, *Impact of armed conflicts on transboundary environmental damage*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

[Doc. 15077](#), Motion for a resolution, *For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

[Doc. 15078](#), Motion for a resolution, *Food ethics in Europe: a citizen's issue that concerns all of us*: no further action

[Doc. 15079](#), Motion for a resolution, *Introducing sustainable management practices in forests of the continental biogeographical region*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

[Doc. 15080](#), Motion for a resolution, *How to move forward to make businesses more responsible for human rights abuses?*: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

[Doc. 15081](#), Motion for a resolution, *The crackdown on human rights defenders and NGOs in the field of refugee rescue, support and integration*: no further action

[Doc. 15082](#), Motion for a resolution, *Voluntary relocation for migrants in need of humanitarian protection*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

[Doc. 15094](#), Motion for a resolution, *COVID-19 – an effective and human rights-compliant response*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* with the title: "Lessons for future public health emergencies from an effective and rights-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic"

Bureau decision: *Democracies facing the COVID-19 pandemic*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

Bureau decision: *Women's rights must withstand the COVID-19 crisis*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Bureau decision: *The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on human rights and the rule of law*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

Bureau decision: *Humanitarian consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for migrants and refugees*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*