



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2020) 07

15 September 2020

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on Monday 14 September 2020

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 14 September 2020 by videoconference, 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 (by videoconference, 15 September 2020):**
 - i. Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of the request tabled by Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), and 34 members of the Assembly, to hold a current affairs debate on “The events and current situation in Belarus”, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this current affairs debate and to appoint Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), as first speaker in the debate;
 - ii. Draft agenda:* took note of the revised draft agenda;
- **Fourth part-session of 2020 (Strasbourg, 12-16 October):** agreed with the Presidential Committee's proposal – in view of the current sanitary situation – to replace the October part-session of the Assembly by a meeting of the enlarged Standing Committee (on 12-13 October, to be possibly continued on 22-23 October) and left it to the President to decide whether to convene it physically or remotely;
- **Alternative arrangements for the organisation of Parliamentary Assembly part-sessions:**
 - . took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
 - . requested the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to propose to the Assembly necessary changes to its Rules of Procedure in order to enable a plenary session of the Assembly, including the election of personalities, to be held in January 2021 (physically or in hybrid or remote mode);
 - . decided to prolong the mandate of the current Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly until the end of February 2021, subject to agreement with the Committee of Ministers to be reached within the Joint Committee;
- **Election observations:**
 - i. Poland: presidential election (28 June 2020):* took note of the memorandum submitted by the Chairperson of the Election Assessment Mission;
 - ii. North Macedonia: parliamentary elections (15 July 2020):* took note of the cancellation of the observation of these elections;
 - iii. Montenegro: parliamentary elections (30 August 2020):* took note of the cancellation of the observation of these elections;

- iv. *Georgia: parliamentary elections (31 October 2020)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as its Chairperson (Appendix 1);
- v. *Republic of Moldova: presidential election (1st November 2020)*: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election and appointed Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 2);
- vi. *Jordan: parliamentary elections (10 November 2020)*: decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 11 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3; ALDE: 2; EC/DA: 2; UEL: 1);
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2023 - 2025)**: approved the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Issues raised by Committees**: took note of the request by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to set up an ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to visit Moria camps and, subject to receiving an invitation by the Greek authorities and to sanitary conditions, authorised this ad hoc sub-committee to meet in Moria (Greece) at dates to be determined;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2021**: approved the proposals contained in the appendix 4;
- **Dates and places of next meetings**: decided to hold its meetings as follows:

Monday, 12 October 2020, Strasbourg, morning,
Thursday, 19 November 2020, Berlin, at 3 pm,
Friday, 11 December 2020, Paris, at 9.30 am.

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Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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
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Appendix 1

AS/BUR/GEO (2020) 1

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

31 October / octobre 2020

**COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES
EN GEORGIE**

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Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

* election declaration missing

** has participated in at least 2 missions

Appendix 2

AS/BUR/MOLD (2020) 1

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

1 November / novembre 2020

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

List of members / Liste des membres

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Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie *

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Appendix 3 – References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 15118](#), Motion for a recommendation, *Creation of a reserve fund out of unused funds of the Parliamentary Assembly*: transmission to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for information*

[Doc. 15119](#), Motion for a resolution, *The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and culture*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

[Doc. 15121](#), Motion for a resolution, *Combatting rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

[Doc. 15125](#), Motion for a resolution, *Impact of COVID-19 on children's rights*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

[Doc. 15126](#), Motion for a resolution, *Air quality strategy to reduce the spread of coronavirus*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

[Doc. 15130](#), Motion for a resolution, *Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

[Doc. 15131](#), Motion for a resolution, *Urgent need for electoral reform in Belarus*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

[Doc. 15135](#), Motion for a resolution, *Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Bureau decision, *Addressing issues of criminal and civil liability in the context of climate change*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Bureau decision, *Addressing inequalities in access to environmental rights*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Bureau decision, *Research policies and environment protection*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Appendix 4

Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2021

Preliminary proposals for dates¹

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly

Monday 25 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 29 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 4 March, 3.00 pm, Paris	Bureau (tbc)
Friday 5 March, 9.30 am, Paris	Standing Committee (tbc)
Monday 19 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 23 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 27 May, 3.00 pm, Budapest	Bureau (tbc)
Friday 28 May, 9.00 am, Budapest	Standing Committee (tbc) (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 21 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 25 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 6 September, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 27 September, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 1 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 25 November, Rome	Bureau (tbc)
Friday 26 November, Rome	Standing Committee (tbc) (CM Chairmanship)
Friday 10 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau

¹ Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the agreement of the Parliament of the country concerned.