



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2021) 02
02 February 2021

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 1 February 2021

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 1 February 2021 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **First part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 25-28 January):** approved the follow-up proposals to the first part-session, made by the Secretary General of the Assembly, as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Standing Committee (videoconference, 19 March 2021):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Second part-session of 2021 (19-22 April):** considered the preliminary draft agenda and left the decision on the format of this part-session (physical/hybrid/remote) to its next meeting;
- **Organisation of committee meetings until 30 June 2021:** taking into account the exceptional circumstances created by the Covid-19 pandemic, decided that committee meetings should be held in a hybrid manner (combined remote and in-person participation of members) or by electronic means of remote communication during the period from 1st February to 30 June 2021. In accordance with Rule 48.1, the committee chairperson shall decide on the format which he or she deems most appropriate when convening the meeting, taking into account safety and accessibility conditions;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** extended by six months the validity of all current references to committees, new references were also agreed as follow-up to the First part-session subject to ratification by the Standing Committee (Appendix 1);
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Bulgaria: parliamentary elections (4 April 2021):* took note of the final list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2);
 - ii. *Albania: parliamentary elections (25 April 2021, tbc):* took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr. Aleksander Pociąg (Poland, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
 - iii. *Palestine parliamentary elections (22 May 2021):* took note of the provisional list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 4);

- **Issues raised by committees:**

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: considered a letter by the Chairperson of the Committee expressing concerns about the lack of co-operation of the delegation of Azerbaijan with the Rapporteur for follow-up to Assembly Resolution 2322 (2020) on *Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan* (Ms Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC) and took note that the President of the Assembly would be in contact with the Head of the Azerbaijani delegation on this issue;

- **Other business:**

Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 January – 18 April 2021): appointed Mr. Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:**

i. Monitoring Committee:

- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Ms Milena Damyanova (Bulgaria), Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia) and Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain) as members;
- on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, appointed Mr Arkadiusz Mularczyk (Poland) as a member;

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

- on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, appointed Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine) as a member;
- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz (France) as a member;

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021:** decided to invite the committees to review their proposals tacking into account gender balance and postponed the approval of the nominations until its next meeting;

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the press release of the launch of the 2021 edition of the Prize;

- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

Thursday 18 March 2021, 3.00 pm, (Videoconference)
Friday 16 April 2021, 8.00 am, (part-session) (-tbc-)
Monday 26 April 2021, 8.30 am, (part-session) (-tbc-)
Thursday 27 May 2021, 3.00 pm, Budapest (-tbc-)
Friday 18 June 2021, 8.00 am, (part-session) (-tbc-)
Monday 28 June 2021, 8.30 am, (part-session) (-tbc-)
Monday 6 September 2021, 9.00 am, Paris (-tbc-).

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Appendix 1

Follow-up to the first part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 25-28 January)

- **Resolution 2358 (2021) on *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*:**

“12. In view of the urgent need to speed up implementation of the Court's judgments, the Assembly resolves to remain seized of this matter and to continue to give it priority”.

Follow-up: decided to seize the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for the preparation of a *report* on this issue.

- **Current affairs debate on *The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021***

Follow-up: decided to seize the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for the preparation of a *report* on this issue.

- **Current affairs debate on *Freedom of expression (Article 10 of the ECHR) under threat by "Big Tech" Companies***

Follow-up: decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account* in the preparation of its report on *The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity* (reference 4496).

- **Presentation to the Bureau by the Secretary General of her Strategic Framework for the Council of Europe and triologue discussions on 26 January 2021**

Follow-up: decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to prepare a *report* - in time for a debate by the Assembly during the April 2021 part-session - on *The Assembly's vision on the strategic priorities for the Council of Europe*.

Appendix 2

AS/BUR/BG (2021) 1
21 January / Janvier 2021

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

4 April / avril 2021

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Appendix 3

AS/BUR/ALB (2021) 1
28 January / Janvier 2021

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

25 April / avril 2021

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Appendix 4

AS/BUR/P (2021) 1
1 February 2021

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE
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22 May / mai 2021

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