



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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16 April 2021

## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 16 April 2021

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 16 April 2021 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- observed a minute of silence in memory of Dame Cheryl Gillan;
- **Communications:** took note of the written communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Second part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 19-22 April):**
  - i. *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:* took note of the requests tabled by the five political groups to hold debates under urgent procedure on:
    - *The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021:* decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to refer the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
    - *The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey:* decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to refer the matter to the Monitoring Committee;
  - ii. *Requests for current affairs debates:*
    - took note of the request tabled by the ALDE Group to hold a current affairs debate on *Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications*, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Damien Cottier (ALDE, Switzerland) as the first speaker;
    - took note of the request tabled by the EPP/CD Group to hold a current affairs debate on *Armenian prisoners of war, other captives and displaced persons*, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Alain Milon (EPP/CD, France) as the first speaker;
    - took note of the request tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to hold a current affairs debate on *Covid-19 vaccination certificates: how to protect public health and human rights ?*, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
    - took note of the request tabled by the Ukrainian delegation to hold a current affairs debate on *Russian threat to the pursuit of peace in Europe*, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;

- iii. *Draft agenda*
  - updated the draft agenda;
  - taking into account the agenda of the second part-session as well as the high number of registered speakers, invited the Rapporteurs of the Assembly to shorten the presentation of their reports in the Plenary to a total of 10 minutes (including replies);
- iv. *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Belgium and Poland:*
  - took note of an exchange of letters between the President of the Assembly and the Chairperson of the Polish delegation;
  - took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges concerning the list of candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of these countries, including its recommendation to reject the list in respect of Poland, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report (Doc. 15263 Addendum 2);
- v. *Joint Committee (videoconference, 26 April, from 9.30 to 10.30 am):* took note of the draft agenda and prepared the meeting;
  - **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (29 January – 18 April 2021):** approved the Progress report;
  - **Election observation:**
    - i. *Bulgaria: parliamentary elections (4 April 2021):* took note of the statement by the observation mission;
    - ii. *Albania: parliamentary elections (25 April 2021):* approved the revised final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 1);
    - iii. *Palestine: parliamentary elections (22 May 2021):* approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
    - iv. *Armenia: early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021 - tbc):* subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-7 ; EPP/CD-6 ; EC/DA-3 ; ALDE-3 ; UEL-1) as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee;
    - v. *Palestine: Presidential election (31 July 2021):* decided to postpone the consideration to its next meeting;
      - **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 3, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report;
      - **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021:** considered the nominations proposals stemming from the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights as set up in Appendix 4 and decided to approve them;
      - **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and of 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 EC/DA group, appointed Mr Markus Wiechel (Sweden) as a member;
        - ii. *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* on the basis of a proposal by the SOC group, appointed Ms Marietta Karamanli (France) as a substitute;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

*Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:* took note of the request by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons about draft terms of reference of a General Rapporteur on *Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe*, asked the Secretariat to prepare an information note on the terms of references of General Rapporteurs and agreed to consider this matter at one of its forthcoming meetings;

- **Other business:**

- *Standing Committee, 28 May 2021:* took note that the meeting of the Standing Committee would be held by videoconference;

- *Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:* took note of the prolongation of the deadline to submit candidatures to the 2021 edition of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, until 30 June 2021;

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

Monday 26 April 2021, 11.00 am, (part-session) by videoconference

Thursday 27 May 2021, 3.00 pm, by videoconference

Friday 18 June 2021, 9.30 am, (part-session) by videoconference

Monday 28 June 2021, 9.30 am, (part-session) by videoconference

Monday 6 September 2021, 9.00 am, (date and place tbc).

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**Appendix 1 - Albania parliamentary elections (25 April 2021)**

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

*25 April / avril 2021*

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

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**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Ms / Mme Renata TARDIOLI, Member / membre

\*\* has participated in at least 2 missions  
(P) pre-electoral mission

**Annexe 2 - Palestine parliamentary elections (22 May 2021)**

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

**22 May / mai 2021**

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

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**Substitutes / Suppléant.e.s**

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Ms / Mme Marina BERLINGHIERI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Fourat BEN CHIKHA, Belgium / Belgique  
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Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

**Secretariat / Secrétariat**

\* declaration missing

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### Appendix 3 – References and transmissions to committees

1. **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: what would Europe be like without the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees?**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Mariia Mezentseva and other members of the Assembly**  
**[Doc. 15232](#)**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

2. **Tax justice for families with children to prevent intergenerational poverty**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Birgir Thórarinsson and other members of the Assembly**  
**[Doc. 15239](#)**

*Proposal:* no further action

3. **Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Damien Cottier and other members of the Assembly**  
**[Doc. 15257](#)**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

## Appendix 4 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2021
<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: Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) Appointment by the President  Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE) (AS/Jur)  Substitute: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) (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: Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) Mr Antonio Gutiérrez (Spain, SOC) (AS/Jur) Mr Aleksander Pociej (Poland, EPP/CD) (AS/Mon)  Substitutes: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) (AS/Pol) Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC) (AS/Jur) Ms Jette Christensen (Norway, SOC) (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 Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) (AS/Soc) Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)  Substitutes: Ms Emine Nur Günay (Turkey, EC) (AS/Soc) Lord Alexander Dundee (UK, EC/DA) (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: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) Mr Sos Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC) (AS/Cult) Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) (AS/Ega)  Substitutes: Mr Mehmet Mehdi Eker (Turkey, NR) (AS/Pol) Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) (AS/Ega) Ms Marta González Vázquez (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)



Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2021
<p>Group of States against Corruption GRECO</p> <p><i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption - GRECO</i></p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO</p> <p><i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i></p>	<p>Member: Ms Marta González (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Substitute: Ms Gökay Akhbulut (Germany, UEL) (AS/Jur)</p>
<p>Committee for Works of Art</p> <p><i>Comité des œuvres d'art</i></p>	<p>Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)</p> <p><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></p>	<p>CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992</p> <p><i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i></p>	<p>Members:</p> <p>Lady Eccles (UK, EC/DA) (AS/Cult) Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE), (AS/Cult)</p>
<p>MONEYVAL</p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12</p> <p><i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i></p>	<p>Member: Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Substitute: Sir Edward Leigh (United Kingdom, EC/DA) (AS/Jur)</p>
<p>Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property</p> <p><i>Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur les infractions visant des biens culturels</i></p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1</p>	
<p><b>II. Other</b></p>			
<p>EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage</p> <p><i>EUROPA NOSTRA - Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</i></p>	<p>One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra</p>	<p>Ms Foteini Pipili (Greece, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)</p>