



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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26 April 2021

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 26 April 2021

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 26 April 2021 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of a statement by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Second part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 19-22 April):** approved the follow-up proposals to the second part-session, made by the Secretary General of the Assembly, as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Standing Committee (videoconference, 28 May 2021):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 21-24 June):** decided to hold this part-session in a hybrid format, drew up the preliminary draft agenda, took note of the proposals by the committees on Equality and Non-Discrimination, on Culture, Science, Education and Media and on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to invite guests to address the Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to the ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Palestine: parliamentary elections (22 May 2021):* decided to suspend the preparation of the observation of these elections, pending the organisation of a risk assessment mission;
 - ii. *Armenia: early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021 - tbc):* took note of the provisional list of members of the ad hoc committee and authorised the President to appoint its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
 - iii. *Palestine: Presidential election (31 July 2021):* decided to postpone the consideration of this item to one of its forthcoming meetings;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - Lists of candidates in respect of Croatia, Cyprus, France, Liechtenstein, Malta, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom:** approved the lists of candidates in respect of Croatia, France, Liechtenstein, Malta, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers and approved the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Cyprus to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination inviting the President of the Assembly to present the commitment of the Assembly in the framework of the UN Gender Equality Forum's Action Coalition on gender-based violence and supported this proposal;

- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2021:** took note that the Conference would discuss the following themes:

- Democracies facing the Covid-19 public health crisis: sharing experiences
- '#EnvironmentRightNow': national parliaments and the right to a healthy and sustainable environment

and that the third theme will be a current political issue to be chosen amongst proposals to be suggested by Presidents of Parliament;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (19 April – 20 June 2021):** appointed Ms Petra Bayr (SOC, Austria) as rapporteur;

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

Thursday 27 May 2021, 3.00 pm, by videoconference
Friday 18 June 2021, 9.30 am (part-session) by videoconference
Thursday 24 June 2021, 2.00 pm (part-session) in a hybrid format
Monday 6 September 2021 (date and place tbc).

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Appendix 1 – Follow-up to the second part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 19-22 April)

- **Current affairs debate on the *Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications***

Follow-up: decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on the same subject, with a view to an Assembly debate during the June part-session.

- **Current affairs debate on the *Armenian prisoners of war, other captives and displaced persons***

Follow-up: decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on *Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan*

Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. 15245, Motion for a resolution, *Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. 15246, Motion for a resolution, *For a fairer future: building on the lessons of the Covid-19 pandemic to promote equality in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic”* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

Doc. 15247, Motion for a resolution, *The need to address discrimination on the basis of political opinion: no further action*

Doc. 15248, Motion for a resolution, *Sexual and reproductive health and rights*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

Doc. 15249, Motion for a resolution, *Forced migration due to political repressions*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus”*

Doc. 15254, Motion for a recommendation, *Covid-19 impact on global tourism and aviation industries and their safe revival*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic”*

Doc. 15262, Motion for a resolution, *Establishment of a “youth partner” status with the Parliamentary Assembly*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

B. REQUEST BY A COMMITTEE (Rule 26.4 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure)

Doc. 14476, Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria: lapse of the reference*

Appendix 3 - Armenia: early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021 – tbc)

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE
EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN ARMENIA**

List of members / Liste des membres

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* election declaration missing

** has participated in at least 2 missions