



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

AS/Bur/CB (2021) 06

28 May 2021

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 27 May 2021

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday, 27 May 2021 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, from Budapest, 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 and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Standing Committee meeting (videoconference, 28 May 2021):**
 - i. *Requests for current affairs debates:* took note of the requests tabled:
 - by the Turkish delegation to hold a current affairs debate on *The attacks by the Israeli security forces against civilian Palestinians and other violation of Human Rights* and took note of its withdrawal;
 - by the UK delegation to hold a current affairs debate on *The forced landing by the Belarusian authorities on 23 May of civilian airliner Flight FR4978 and the arrest of Roman Protasevich*, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate, and appointed Mr John Howell (UK, EC/DA) as the first speaker in this debate;
 - by the five political groups to hold a current affairs debate on *The urgent need to relaunch the Middle East peace process and prevent a resurgence of violence*, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate, and appointed Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) as the first speaker in this debate;
 - ii. *Draft agenda:* took note of the revised draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 21-24 June):** drew up the draft agenda and took note of the proposals by the committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to invite guests speakers to address the Assembly within the framework of the debates by the Committee;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. *Bulgaria: parliamentary elections (4 April 2021):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. *Albania: parliamentary elections (25 April 2021):* approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
 - iii. *Palestine: parliamentary elections (initially foreseen on 22 May 2021):* took note of the postponement of these elections *sine die*;

- iv. *Armenia: early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021)*: approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and confirmed the appointment of Mr Georgios Katrougkalos (Greece, UEL) as its Chairperson (Appendix 2);
- v. *Republic of Moldova: early parliamentary elections (11 July 2021)*: confirmed the observation of these elections and 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, and decided to conduct a pre-electoral mission; approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as Chairperson of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3);
- vi. *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (11 July 2021)*: 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; given the very short timeframe since the last parliamentary elections, decided to maintain the same list of members and the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee, Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE), as for the previous elections, while updating the list of substitutes (Appendix 4);
- vii. *Russian Federation: parliamentary elections (19 September 2021)*: subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 40 members (SOC-13 ; EPP/CD-12 ; EC/DA-7 ; ALDE-6 ; UEL-2) as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and decided to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- viii. *Schedule of the elections*: took note of the updated schedule of the elections;
- **Assembly General Rapporteurs: stock-taking**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to resume its consideration at its forthcoming meeting,
- **Issues raised by committees**:
 - Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*:
 - decided to postpone the consideration of the draft terms of reference of a General Rapporteur on *Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe* until the Bureau has considered the Memorandum on *Assembly General Rapporteurs: stock-taking*;
 - decided to authorise the Rapporteur on *Pushback on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management* to pay a fact-finding visit to Morocco;
 - **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**:
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/DC group, appointed Ms Marijana Balić (Croatia) as a member;
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA group, appointed Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary) as a member;
 - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC group, appointed Mr Irakli Chikovani (Georgia) as a member;
 - **Composition of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**: on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/DC group, appointed Ms Andrea Eder-Gischthaler (Austria) as a substitute;

- **2021 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November):** took note of the concept paper and decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

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 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Preventing addictive behaviours in children**
Motion for a recommendation tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
[Doc. 15269](#)

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

2. **The deployment of mercenaries in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Birgir Thórarinnsson and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 15271](#)

Proposal: transmission to Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for information*

3. **The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions for civil society space and activities**
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
[Doc. 15273](#)

Proposal: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

4. **Precarious status of cross-border and seasonal workers in Europe**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 15274](#)

Proposal: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

Appendix 2

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

20 June / juin 2021

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ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPEES EN ARMENIE**

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Appendix 3

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

11 July / juillet 2021

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ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPEES AU MOLDOVA**

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Appendix 4

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