



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid format on 30 September 2021

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 30 September 2021, in Strasbourg, in a hybrid format, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;
- **Fourth part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 27-30 September):** as a follow-up to the current affairs debate on *The Western Balkans between democratic challenges and European aspirations: what role for the Council of Europe?*, decided, as proposed by the Secretary General of the Assembly, to refer this issue to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on *Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans*;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Rome (25-26 November 2021):**
 - took note of the draft agenda;
 - accepted the proposal by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to invite Mr Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or Ms Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs, to address the Standing Committee in the context of the debates on *70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees* and *Voluntary relocation of migrants in need of humanitarian protection and voluntary resettlement of refugees*;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Elections observation:**
 - *Bulgaria: presidential and early parliamentary elections (14 November 2021):* approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe both elections (Appendix 2);
 - *Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (28 November 2021):* approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed Ms Marina Berlinghieri (Italy, SOC) as the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 3);
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:* decided to postpone the consideration of the request to hold a committee meeting in Moscow, on 1 December 2021, pending the evolution of the sanitary conditions in the host country;

- **Other business:**
 - *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (30 September 2021-23 January 2022)*: appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as rapporteur;
 - *Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021*: approved the appointment of Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as substitute to the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission, as proposed by the Monitoring Committee;
 - *European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments (Athens, 21-22 October 2021)*: took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **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/CD group, appointed Mr Corneliu Mugurel Cozmanciuc (Romania) as a member;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - Lists of candidates in respect of Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Netherlands and Norway:** approved the lists of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) to meet in Copenhagen, on 14-15 December 2021 (subject to the availability of funds);
- **2021 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November):** approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum (Appendix 4);
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:
 - Thursday 25 November 2021, 10 am, Rome
 - Friday 10 December 2021, 9.30 am, Paris
 - Monday 24 January 2022, 8 am (part-session - tbc)
 - Friday 28 January 2022, 8.30 am (part-session- tbc).

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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 – References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

- [Doc. 15383](#), Motion for a resolution, Right of the child to protection while using the internet: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*
- [Doc. 15384](#), Motion for a resolution, Political situation in Tunisia: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
- Bureau decision, *The Western Balkans between democratic challenges and European aspirations: what role for the Council of Europe?*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on *Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans*

Appendix 2 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the presidential and early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (14 November 2021)

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Pedro CEGONHO, Portugal
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Turkey / Turquie
Mr / M. André VALLINI France
Ms / Mme Marina BERLINGHIERI, Italy / Italie
Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Viorel BADEA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Jacek PROTASIEWICZ, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Francesco SCOMA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Raivo TAMM, Estonia / Estonie
Mr / M. Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia / Arménie

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Mr / M. Fabien GOUTTEFARDE, France
Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine
Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Ulrich OEHME, Germany / Allemagne

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

Mr / M. Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE, Germany / Allemagne

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr Richard BARRETT, member / membre

Appendix 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan (28 November 2021)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Marina Berlinghieri (Italy / Italie)

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Ms / Mme Marina BERLINGHIERI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus / Chypre
Mr / M. Pere LÓPEZ, Andorra / Andorre

Substitutes / Suppléant.e.s

Ms / Mme Bela BACH, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France
Ms / Mme Róisín GARVEY, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Tabea RÖSSNER, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal
Mr / M. Kęstutis MASIULIS, Lithuania / Lituanie
Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne

Substitutes / Suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Frank HEINRICH, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Maria-Gabriela HORGA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚÂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Aleksander STOKKEBØ, Norway / Norvège

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Ms / Mme Yolaine de COURSON, France
Ms / Mme Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / Suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Jacques MAIRE, France
Ms / Mme Isabelle RAUCH, France
Mr / M. Claude KERN, France
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Mr / M. Zeki Hakan SIDALI, Turkey / Turquie

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Paul GAVAN, Ireland / Irlande

Substitutes / Suppléants

Mr / M. Antón GÓMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne

Appendix 4 - List of members of the ad hoc committee for the 2021 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November)

Chairperson / Président : Mr Rik Daems – President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire

Mr / M. Ziya Altunyaldiz (Turkey, NR / Turquie, NI)

Mr / M. Ahmet Ünal Çeviköz (Turkey, SOC / Turquie, SOC)

Mr / M. Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus / Chypre, SOC)

Ms / Mme Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

Mr / M. Sokratis Fanellos (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland / Suisse, SOC)

Mr / M. Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL / Irlande, GUE)

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ADLE / Suisse, ADLE)

Ms / Mme Emine Nur Günay (Turkey, NR / Turquie NI)

Mr / Mme Danuta Jazłowiecka (Poland, EPP/CD / Pologne, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD / Pologne, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)

Mr / M. Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA / Royaume-Uni, CE/AD)

Ms / Mme Mariia Mezentseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Kate Osamor (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, SOC)

Mr / Mme Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ADLE / ADLE)

Mr / M. George Papandreou (Greece, SOC / Grèce, SOC)

Mr / M. Roberto Rampi (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Mr / M. Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC / Turquie, SOC)

Mr / M. Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

Ms / Mme Diana Stoica (Romania, ADLE / Roumanie, ADLE)

Ms / Mme Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Mr / M. Ahmet Yıldız (Turkey, NR / Turquie, NI)