



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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26 November 2021

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Rome on 25 November 2021

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 25 November 2021, in Rome, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, 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 Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Rome (25-26 November 2021):**
 - *Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of the request to hold a debate on *The situation of migrants on the border between Poland and Belarus*, tabled by the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) as first speaker in the debate;
 - took note of the draft agenda;
- **First part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 24-28 January):** decided to hold this part-session in a hybrid format and drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Elections observation:**
 - *Morocco: parliamentary elections (8 September 2021):* approved the report by the observation mission;
 - *Russian Federation: parliamentary elections (19 September 2021):* took note of the memorandum by the Chairperson of the Election Assessment Mission and decided to declassify it;
 - *Bulgaria: presidential and early parliamentary elections (14 November 2021):* took note of the statement by the observation mission;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:* decided to authorise Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), Rapporteur on *Political situation in Tunisia*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Tunisia in the framework of the preparation of his report;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of a proposal by the SOC group, appointed Ms Bisera Kostadinovska-Stojchevska (North Macedonia) as a member;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2022:** approved the proposals contained in the document;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:

Friday 10 December 2021, 9.30 am, Paris

Friday 21 January 2022, 9.30 am (part-session)

Friday 28 January 2022, 8.30 am (part-session).

Artemy Karpenko

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Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

Requests for extension of references

- [Doc. 14652](#), Motion for a resolution, *Misuse of the Schengen system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction*: extension until 21 July 2022
- Assembly decision, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary* (Reference 4446 of 12 April 2019) validity: 12 April 2022: extension until 12 October 2022
- Assembly decision, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania* (Reference 4448 of 12 April 2019) validity: 12 April 2022: extension until 12 October 2022