



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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21 January 2022

To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid manner on Friday 21 January 2022

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 21 January 2022 in a hybrid manner with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication 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;
- **Minutes of the meetings held on 10 December 2021 in Paris and on 14 January 2022 by videoconference:** approved the minutes of these meetings;
- **First part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 24-28 January):**
 - Requests for debate under urgent procedure: took note of the request to hold a debate on *Beating Covid-19 with public health measures*, tabled by the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
 - Request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request to hold a debate on *Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?*, tabled by the five political groups, and decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to appoint Mr Zolt Németh (Hungary, EC/DA) as first speaker in the debate;
 - Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda, advancing the opening of the first part-session at 10.30 am;
 - Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges for the post of a judge in respect of Poland, including its recommendation to reject the list, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report (Doc. 15439 Addendum 2);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (30 September 2021 – 23 January 2022)** (Rapporteur: Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE)): approved the Progress report;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Election observations:**
 - Bulgaria: presidential and early parliamentary elections (14 November 2021): approved the report of the ad hoc committee;

- Kyrgyzstan: parliamentary elections (28 November 2021) approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
- Serbia: parliamentary and presidential elections (3 April 2022, 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, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2022:** took note of the list of candidates for Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (appendix 2);
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:**
 - took note of a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and, following a vote, appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland) as member of the Selection Panel, for a two-year mandate starting on 1st June 2022;
 - took note of the press release of the launch of the 2022 edition of the Prize;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, nominated members of these three committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification (Commissions (2022) 01 Addendum 1);
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly in 2021, namely Mr Armağan Candan and Mr Özdemir Berova, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe:** took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo for the 2022 ordinary session, and approved the list of the delegation, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

Members:

- Ms Saranda Bogujevci, Self-Determination Movement, Head of Delegation
- Mr Arben Gashi, Democratic League of Kosovo
- Mr Enis Kervan, Parliamentary Group "Multiethnic"

Substitutes:

- Ms Ariana Musliu-Shoshi, Democratic Party of Kosovo
- Mr Besnik Tahiri, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
- Mr Igor Simič, The Serb list

- **Date and place of the next meetings:**

Friday 28 January 2022, 8.30 am (part-session)
Thursday 10 March 2022, 3 pm, Berlin (to be confirmed).

Artemy Karpenko

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
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Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

- [Doc. 15414](#), Motion for a resolution, *The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*
- [Doc. 15415](#), Motion for a resolution, *The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*
- [Doc. 15416](#), Motion for a resolution, *“Long Covid” and access to the right to health*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*
- [Doc. 15418](#), Motion for a resolution, *The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
- [Doc. 15419](#), Motion for a resolution, *Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for the democratic society*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
- [Doc. 15420](#), Motion for a resolution, *Allegations of systemic torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in places of detention in Council of Europe member States*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Appendix 2 - Candidatures Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2022

GROUPS / GROUPE S	COUNTRY / PAYS	CANDIDATURES
GROUP I / GROUPE I	France	Ms Nicole TRISSE
	Germany / Allemagne	Mr Armin LASCHET
	Italy / Italie	Ms Marta GRANDE
	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie	Mr Petr TOLSTOI
	Turkey / Turquie	Mr Ahmet YILDIZ
	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr John HOWELL
GROUP II / GROUPE II	Poland / Pologne	Mr Arkadiusz MULARCZYK
	Spain / Espagne	Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES
GROUP III / GROUPE III	Greece / Grèce	Ms Theodora BAKOYANNIS
	Hungary / Hongrie	Mr Zsolt NÉMETH
	Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova	Mr Mihail POPȘOI
	Netherlands / Pays-Bas	Ms Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN
	Norway / Norvège	Ms Ingjerd SCHOU
	Portugal	Vacant seat / siège vacant
	Romania / Roumanie	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE
	Serbia / Serbie	Ms Elvira KOVÁCS
GROUP IV / GROUPE IV	Malta / Malte	Mr Jonathan ATTARD
	Monaco	Mr José BADIA
	Montenegro / Monténégro	Ms Maja VUKIĆEVIĆ
	North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord	Mr Darko KAEVSKI