



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

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13 September 2022

## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 12 September 2022

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting in Paris on Monday, 12 September 2022, with Mr Tiny Kox, 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 Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Fourth part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October):**
  - drew up the draft agenda;
  - took note of the requests to hold current affairs debates on:
    - *Europe half a year after the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups;
    - *Food security in Europe: grain exports through Ukrainian ports*, tabled by the Turkish delegation;
- **Participation of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* in Assembly debates:**
  - considered the proposals enclosed in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, under the instructions of the President of the Assembly, and decided that, as from the 2022 fourth part-session, the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo\* would have the right to speak in the Plenary as well as in Standing Committee meetings, without the right to vote; the names of the delegation members should appear in the list of speakers with the indication "Assembly of Kosovo\*", with the footnote: "\*\* Following the Bureau decision of 12 September 2022. 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";
  - decided to declassify the above-mentioned memorandum;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (2 October 2022)*: took note of the statement by the pre-electoral mission and approved the final list of members to observe these elections (Appendix 1);

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- *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (2 October 2022)*: confirmed its decision taken via written consultation to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; EC/DA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1;), as well as the 2 co-rapporteurs from the Monitoring Committee; appointed Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE) as Chairperson and approved the list of members to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
- **2022 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 6 September 2022, consisting of (in alphabetical order):
  - Vladimir Kara-Murza (Russian Federation)
  - The Rainbow Coalition/Invalid Campaign for LGBTQIA+ rights (Hungary)
  - The Ukraine 5 AM Coalition
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2023**: approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 3);
- **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**: took note of the Child Safeguarding Policy approved unanimously by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
- **Other business**: heard a statement by Ms Dora Bakoyannis, Chairperson of the Greek delegation, about the alarming raise of tensions between Türkiye and Greece, and heard a reply by Mr Ahmet Yıldız, Chairperson of the Turkish delegation;
- **Composition of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**: on the basis of a proposal by the group EPP/CD, appointed Mr François Calvet (France) as a member;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the sub-committee on Media and Information Society of the committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, to meet in Vilnius on 21-22 November 2022;
- **Dates and places of next meetings**: decided to hold its meetings as follows:

Monday, 10 October 2022, 8.00 am (part-session), Strasbourg  
Friday, 14 October 2022, 8.30 am (part-session), Strasbourg  
Thursday, 24 November 2022, 3 pm, Reykjavik  
Friday, 9 December 2022, 9.30 am, Paris

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**The Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe**, meeting in Paris, on 11 September 2022, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair:

- **Heard a statement by Mr Evangelos Venizelos, Rapporteur of the High-level Reflection Group** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe;
- **Heard a statement by Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), Rapporteur on "A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe"** of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
- Held an exchange of views;
- **Next meeting:** agreed to hold its next meeting on 24 November 2022, in Reykjavik.

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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  
Director of Communication  
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**Appendix 1 - List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 October 2022)**

**Chairperson / Président.** Stefan SCHENNACH , Austria / Autriche, SOC

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

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche\*  
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal  
Ms / Mme Margreet DE BOER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas  
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France  
Mr / M. Tony LLOYD, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Ms / Mme Marina BERLINGHIERI, Italy / Italie

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Darko KAEVSKI, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord  
Mr / M. Axel SCHÄFER, Germany / Allemagne\*\*  
Mr / M. Christian PETRY, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse  
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino, Saint-Marin  
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro  
Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland, Islande

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

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie\*  
Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne  
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia / Croatie  
Ms / Mme Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN, Finland / Finlande  
Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Lőrinc NACSA, Hungary / Hongrie  
Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France\*\*  
Mr / M. Christian KLINGER, France  
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande  
Ms / Mme Maria RIZZOTTI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Francesco SCOMA, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne

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

Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni\*  
Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland / Pologne  
Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. John HOWELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Barna Pál ZSIGMOND, Hungary / Hongrie

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

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France\*  
Mr / M Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie  
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France

Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France

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

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

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne

Mr / M. Hişyar ÖZSOY, Türkiye

**Members not belonging to a Political Group (NR) / Membres n'appartenant à aucun groupe politique (NI)**

Mr / M. Ahmet YILDIZ, Türkiye

**Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/MON (ex officio)**

Ms / Mme Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA, Bulgaria / Bulgarie \*\*

Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary / Hongrie

Mr / M. Matthieu MONIN, Administrator / Administrateur AS/Mon

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Mr / M. Père VILANOVA TRIAS, Member, Andorra / membre, Andorre

Mr / M. Michael JANSSEN, Administrator, Venice Commission / administrateur, Commission de Venise

\* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

\*\* declaration of interests missing / déclaration d'intérêts manquante

**Appendix 2 - List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the general elections in Bulgaria (2 October 2022)**

**Chairperson / Président.e:** Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse, ALDE / ADLE

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

Ms / Mme Heike ENGELHARDT, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France  
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye  
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie  
Mr / M. Pedro CEGONHO, Portugal  
Ms / Mme Susana SUMELZO, Spain / Espagne

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Axel SCHAEFER, Germany / Allemagne  
MR / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES, Spain / Espagne  
Mr / M. Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan  
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro

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Ms / Mme Mirosława NYKIEL, Poland / Pologne  
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande  
Ms / Mme Maria RIZZOTTI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

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

Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse  
Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France  
Ms / Mme Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France  
Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse  
Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique

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

Ms / Mme Emine Nur GÜNAY, Türkiye (NR / NI)  
Mr / M. Mehmet Mehdi EKER, Türkiye (NR / NI)  
Mr / M. Ahmet BÜYÜKGÜMÜŞ, Türkiye (NR / NI)

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

Mr / M. Paul GAVAN, Ireland / Irlande

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL FORT, Spain / Espagne

**Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/Mon (*ex officio*)**

Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

**Appendix 3 - Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2023**

Monday 23 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 2 March, 3.00 pm, The Hague	Bureau
Friday 3 March, 9.30 am, The Hague	Standing Committee
Monday 24 April, 3.00 pm, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 28 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 25 May, 3.00 pm, Riga	Bureau
Friday 26 May, 9.00 am, Riga	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 19 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 23 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 11 September, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 9 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 13 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 27 November, 3.00 pm, Vaduz	Bureau
Tuesday 28 November, 9.30 am, Vaduz	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Friday 15 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau