



**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY**

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To the Members of the Assembly

## Synopsis of the meeting held in Reykjavik, on Thursday, 24 November 2022

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday, 24 November 2022, in Reykjavik, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and Ms Ingjerd Schou, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Standing Committee (Reykjavik, 25 November 2022):**
  - Request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request to hold a debate on Escalation in the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, tabled by the leaders of all political groups, and decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate, and to appoint Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) as first speaker in the debate;
  - took note of the updated draft agenda and invited the Assembly rapporteurs to present their reports within 7 minutes and to keep their replies to 3 minutes;
  - considered a draft Declaration on the 4th Summit with a view for its adoption by the Standing Committee;
- **First part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix, subject to the ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina, General elections (2 October 2022): approved the report by the observation mission;
  - Bulgaria, Early parliamentary elections (2 October 2022): approved the report by the observation mission;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: took note of the letter by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, agreed to terminate the mandate of General Rapporteur for the protection of whistleblowers and to revise the terms of reference of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg or Paris:** authorised the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to meet in Olympia, Greece, on 22 February 2023;
- **Composition of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee):**
  - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, appointed Mr Armen RUSTAMYAN (Armenia) as a member;
  - on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, appointed Mr Thibaut FRANÇOIS (France) and Mr Sorin-Titus MUNCACIU (Romania) as members;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**
  - Friday 9 December 2022, 9.30 am, Paris
  - Monday 23 January 2023, 8 am (part-session)
  - Friday 27 January 2023, 8.30 am (part-session).

Isild Heurtin

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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 Reykjavik, on 24 November 2022, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views with Ms Ambassador Ragnhildur Arnljótsdóttir, Chair of the GT-SOM4 - 4th Council of Europe Summit of Heads of State and Government;
- considered of a draft Declaration, to be submitted with a view for its adoption by the Standing Committee;
- next meeting: left it up to the President to convene the next meeting.

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## Appendix – References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- [Doc. 15601](#), Motion for a resolution, Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*
- [Doc. 15605](#), Motion for a resolution, Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
- [Doc. 15629](#), Motion for a resolution, Immigration, one of the answers to Europe's demographic aging: reference to the Committee on Migration Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*
- [Doc. 15630](#), Motion for a resolution, Protecting human rights and saving lives in the North Sea and the English Channel: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – a call to clarify their fate”* [and in the follow up to Resolution 2462 (2022) on Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management]
- [Doc. 15632](#), Motion for a resolution, Sanctions of persons on the "Kara-Murza list": reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
- [Doc. 15633](#), Motion for a resolution, Europe should stand in solidarity with the Russian and Belarusian anti-war movement: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation”*
- [Doc. 15628](#), Motion for a resolution, Preventing abuse of the right to veto in the Security Council: a perspective by the member States of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for consultation*

### B. REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF REFERENCE

- [Doc. 15014](#), Motion for a resolution, Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights (Reference 4488 of 27 January 2020 – validity : 27 January 2023): extension until 27 January 2024