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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 9 December 2022

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 9 December 2022, in Paris, 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;
- **Follow-up to the Standing Committee (Reykjavik, 25 November 2022):** approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly; took note of the President's intention to convene a meeting of the Standing Committee, in Reykjavik, on 15 May 2023 (subject to the availability of funds);
- **First part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):**
 - accepted the proposal by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to invite to the January 2023 part-session, Ms Sima Sami Bahous, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Women, to address the Assembly in the context of the debate on *Conflict related sexual violence*;
 - drew up the draft agenda;
- **Organisation and modalities of part-sessions:** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Rules on Access to and movement and security within the Council of Europe during sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly:** held an exchange of views on the basis of proposals by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to address a letter to all Chairpersons of delegations reminding members of the existing Rules, in particular of the fact that the parliamentarians shall assume full responsibility for the movements, behaviour and for the departure from the building of the persons invited by them;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report;
- **Elections observation:** took note of the schedule of the elections in 2023;

- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2023 financial year:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities:** took note of the work plan for 2023;
- **2023 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the calendar of the 2023 edition of the Prize;
- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2023:** approved the proposals contained in the document;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised
 - the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment to meet in Marrakech and Ben Guérir, Morocco, on 16-18 March 2023;
 - the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Limassol, Cyprus, on 22-23, May 2023;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:
 - Monday 23 January 2023, 8 am (part-session)
 - Friday 27 January 2023, 8.30 am (part-session).

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Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- [Doc. 15636](#), Motion for a resolution, Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
- [Doc. 15638](#), Motion for a resolution, Recognising Russian warmonger political parties as groups and entities involved in terrorist acts that are subject to institutional sanctions: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine”* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine”*
- [Doc. 15639](#), Motion for a resolution, Abusive practices on depriving children from their family environment: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for consultation*
- [Doc. 15642](#), Motion for a resolution, Protecting women human rights defenders and people who defend women’s rights in Europe: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*
- [Doc. 15646](#), Motion for a resolution, Growth in number of political prisoners in Azerbaijan: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “the Honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan”* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan”*
- Bureau decision: Escalation in the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine”* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine”*