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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23 January 2023

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 23 January 2023, in Strasbourg, 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;
- **First part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):**
 - Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates on
 - *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the basis of a report with the same title currently being prepared by the Committee, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
 - *Attacks against public service workers*, tabled by the EC/DA Group, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - Requests for current affairs debates: took note of the requests to hold debates on
 - *Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade*, tabled by the delegation of the United Kingdom, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr John Howell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as the first speaker;
 - *How to improve the Council of Europe's cooperation with civil society, as a way to strengthen and protect human rights, democracy and rule of law, including in Belarus and the Russian Federation*, tabled by the Norwegian delegation, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - *Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor*, tabled by the Group EPP/CD, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) as the first speaker;
 - Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda of the part-session;
 - Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges in respect of Denmark and Iceland, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report (Doc. 15685 Add. 2);

- Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 26 January 2023): prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (14 October 2022 to 23 January 2023)**: approved the Progress report;
- **Election observation**
 - Montenegro: Presidential election (19 March 2023): subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe this election and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6 ; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2023**: took note of the list of candidates for Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (appendix 2);
- **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 (2023) 01 Add.1);
 - Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of a proposal by the delegation of Türkiye, appointed Mr Ahmet Yıldız (NR) as a member;
- **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 2023, 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 2023 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
- Vacant seat

- **Date and place of next meeting**: decided to hold its meeting as follows:
 - Friday 27 January 2023, 8.30 am (part-session).

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

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

[Doc. 15661](#), Motion for a resolution, The serious problem of conflicts of interest at the European Court of Human Rights: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information* within the framework of the consideration of the admissibility of the petition on the same issue.

B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

[Doc. 15568](#), Reference 4672 of 10 October 2022, The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*.

C. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

[Doc. 15555](#), Motion for a resolution, Public regulation of the freedom of expression in digital platforms: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

D. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REFERENCES

[Doc. 15274](#) Reference 4586 of 28 May 2021 – validity: 28 May 2023 Precarious status of cross-border and seasonal workers in Europe (new title: Precarious and irregular work situations of migrants and cross-border workers): extension until 31 December 2023.

[Doc. 15130](#), Reference 4527 of 15 September 2020 – validity: 15 March 2023, Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus (new title: Call for a national political reform process in Belarus): extension until 15 March 2024.

[Doc. 15047](#), Reference 4499 of 6 March 2020 – validity: 6 March 2023, Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy: extension until 6 March 2024.

Bureau decision, Reference 4494 of 31 January 2020 – validity: 31 January 2023, Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?: extension until 31 January 2024.

Annexe 2 – Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly

GROUPS / GROUPE	COUNTRY / PAYS	CANDIDATURES
GROUP I / GROUPE I	France	Mr Bertrand BOUYX
	Germany / Allemagne	Mr Armin LASCHET
	Italy / Italie	Vacant seat / siège vacant
	Turkey / Turquie	Mr Ahmet YILDIZ
	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr John HOWELL
GROUP II / GROUPE II	Spain / Espagne	Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES
	Ukraine	Ms Olena KHOMENKO
GROUP III / GROUPE III	Austria / Autriche	Mr Reinhold LOPATKA
	Norway / Norvège	Ms Ingjerd SCHOU
	Portugal	Ms Edite ESTRELA
	Romania / Roumanie	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE
	Serbia / Serbie	Ms Elvira KOVÁCS
	Slovak Republic / République slovaque	Ms Anna ZÁBORSKÁ
	Sweden / Suède	Mr Markus WIECHEL
	Switzerland / Suisse	Ms Sibel ARSLAN
GROUP IV / GROUPE IV	Montenegro / Monténégro	Ms Maja VUKIĆEVIĆ
	North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord	Mr Darko KAEVSKI
	San Marino / Saint-Marin	Mr Marco NICOLINI
	Slovenia / Slovénie	Ms Tamara VONTA