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To the members of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Riga, Latvia

on Friday 20 October 2017 from 9.45am to 5.30pm and

on Saturday 21 October 2017 from 9am to 2pm [Cultural programme]

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, meeting in Riga on 20-21 October 2017, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Opening session** (*open to the media*): heard a welcoming address and opening statement by Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, Vice-speaker of the Saeima and Chairperson of the Latvian PACE delegation;
- **Election of the Judges to the European Court of Human Rights** (*not open to the media*) (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Possible improvements of the procedure before the Committee on the election of judges**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Klaas de Vries, former Chairperson of the former Sub-committee on the election of judges and of the Committee for the election of judges, Netherlands, and Mr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, Senior lecturer, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom;
 - **Future cooperation between the Committee on the election of judges and the Advisory Panel**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Nina Vajic, Chairperson of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights, Croatia, and Mr Artūrs Kučs, former director of the Institute for Human Rights of the University of Latvia, judge in the Constitutional Court, Latvia;
 - **The way forward – optimising the election procedure in the Assembly whilst ensuring that the best possible candidates are selected by the States Parties**: held a concluding exchange of views and invited the Chairperson to present his report for adoption at a later meeting;
- **Next meetings**: took note of the forthcoming meetings:
 - Paris, 11-12 January 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
 - Paris, 12-13 April 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
 - Paris, 14-15 June 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
 - Paris, 27-28 September 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed).

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