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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 27 March 2024

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Paris on 27 March 2024, with Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Statutory Opinion on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30** (*rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur; agreed to change the title of the Opinion to *Application by Kosovo* for membership of the Council of Europe*; considered and adopted a revised draft Opinion as amended;
- **Other business**: agreed to request an extension of the validity of the reference “Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America” (*rapporteur: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC*) for a period of one year, until 27 April 2025;
- **Next meetings**: took note of its meetings in 2024 to be held as follows:
 - April part-session (15-19 April 2024), Strasbourg
 - 30 and 31 May 2024, Oslo
 - June part-session (24-28 June 2024), Strasbourg
 - 9 September 2024, Paris
 - October part-session (30 September to 4 October 2024), Strasbourg
 - 11 December 2024, Paris

Sonia Sirtori, Pavel Chevtchenko, Cesare Colombo

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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

* 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.