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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 3 October 2025

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday, 3 October 2025, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the fourth part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October):**
 - heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly and discussed the follow-up to the part-session;
 - *Russian democratic forces* ([Resolution 2621 \(2025\)](#)): instructed the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to prepare, together with the General Rapporteur on the Russian democratic forces, a memorandum on modalities to implement the decisions contained in this Resolution;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Chisinau (21 November 2025):** took note of the draft agenda of the Standing Committee meeting;
- **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;
- **Election observation:**
 - *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (28 September 2025)*: took note of the [statement](#) of the delegation;
 - *Kyrgyzstan: early parliamentary elections (30 November 2025)*: decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections composed of 11 members (SOC: 3; EPP/CD: 3; ECPA: 2; ALDE: 2; UEL:1) and of the Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic” (subject to receiving an invitation and to the availability of funds);
- **Modalities of participation of a representative delegation of Belarusian democratic forces in the work of the Assembly: stock-taking:** took note of the memorandum by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: considered and approved the participation of Ms Aurora Florida (Italy, SOC) to the COP 30 (Brazil) which will be held from 10 to 21 November 2025 (at no cost for the Assembly);
- **Vigdis Prize for Women’s Empowerment:** took note of the letter by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and approved the designation of the following 3 independent members of the Selection Panel:
 - Mr Robert Biedroń (Poland), for a second two-year mandate as of 13 October 2025;
 - Ms Sandra Konstatzky (Austria), for a second two-year mandate as of 13 October 2025;
 - Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands), for a first two-year mandate as of 13 October 2025;

- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 4-7 November 2025:** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event and appointed the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, as its Chairperson (Appendix 2);
- **Conference on Artificial Intelligence, London, 15-16 December 2025:** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event and appointed the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- **Ad hoc committee on the New Democratic Pact:** decided to modify the composition of the *ad hoc* committee and to invite the committees of the Assembly to appoint up to 5 members including their Youth Rapporteurs;
- **Other business:**
 - *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (3 October 2025 – 25 January 2026):* appointed Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE) as Rapporteur;
- **Composition of committees:**
 - *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):* on the basis of a proposal by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Olta Xhaçka (Albania) as a member;
 - *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities:* on the basis of a proposal by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group, the Bureau nominated Baroness Shami Chakrabarti (United Kingdom) as a member;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - List of candidates in respect of Slovenia, Denmark, Estonia, Sweden, Serbia, and Liechtenstein:** approved the lists of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Tuesday 4 November 2025, 18 h 00, Strasbourg (75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights);
 - Thursday 20 November 2025, 15 h 00, Chisinau;
 - Thursday 11 December 2025, 09 h 30, Paris.

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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
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

- Bureau decision: *Democracy, rule of law and inclusive dialogue in Türkiye*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account* in the preparation of its report on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye”;
- Bureau decision: *Political crisis in Serbia*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account* in the preparation of its report on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia”.

B. Modification of a reference

- *Digital transformation: the role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work* (former title: The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)), [Doc. 16055](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*.

C. Extension of references

- *Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan*, [Doc. 15521](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4659 of 24 June 2022 (extended on 24 May 2024 and 27 January 2025) – validity: 31 December 2025: extension until 30 June 2026;
- *Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*, Bureau decision, reference 4878 of 11 April 2025 – validity: 11 April 2027: extension until 30 June 2027;
- *Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy*, [Doc. 15846](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4776 of 22 January 2024 – validity: 22 January 2026: extension until 22 January 2027;
- *Situation in the Middle East*, Bureau decision, reference 4788 of 26 January 2024 – validity: 26 January 2026: extension until 26 January 2027;
- *Situation in Belarus*, Bureau decision, reference 4789 of 26 January 2024 – validity: 26 January 2026: extension until 26 January 2027.

Appendix 2 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 4-7 November 2025

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS

Presidential Committee / Comité présidentiel

Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC / Allemagne, SOC)

Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, ECPA / Hongrie, CEPA)

Mr / M. Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE)

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL (Spain, UEL / Espagne, GUE)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Mr / M. Stephen GETHINS (United Kingdom, ALDE / Royaume-Uni, ADLE)

Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC / Grèce, SOC)

Ms / Mme Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD / Lituanie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Ms / Mme Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Ms / Mme Olena KHOMENKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)

Mr / M. Vinzenz GLASER (Germany, UEL / Allemagne, GUE)

Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia, ECPA / Arménie, CEPA)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI (Albania, EPP/CD / Albanie, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Ms / Mme Maria-Nefeli CHATZIOANNIDOU (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

Ms / Mme Belén HOYO (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain, SOC / Espagne, SOC)

Mr / M. Pavlo SUSHKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination

Ms / Mme Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)
Mr / M. Roland Rino BÜCHEL (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)
Mr / M. Mustafa CANBEY (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK (Türkiye, UEL / Türkiye, GUE)
Mr / M. Murat Cahid CINGI (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Ms / Mme Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)

Ms / Mme Cristina Gabriella DUMITRESCU (Romania, ECPA / Roumanie, CEPA)
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)
Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN (Germany, ECPA / Allemagne, CEPA)

Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities / Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA)
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Appendix 3 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence, London, 15-16 December 2025

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS

Presidential Committee / Comité présidentiel

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Ms / M^{me} Dora BAKOYANNIS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)
Ms / M^{me} Deborah BERGAMINI (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC)
Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, ECPA / Royaume-Uni, CEPA)
Ms / M^{me} Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC)
Mr / M. Chris SAID (Malta, EPP/CD / Malte, PPE/DC)

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme (5)

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