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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 30 September 2024

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 30 September 2024, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, 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;
- **Fourth part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 30 September - 4 October):**

- *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:* took note of the request tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, to hold a debate on:

- *Missing persons due to the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine: prisoners of war and civilians in captivity:* decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate; agreed to modify the title as follows: *Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity, due to the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*, and to refer the matter to the Committee Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;

took also note of the request tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to hold a debate on:

- *The emergency healthcare and humanitarian situation of women and children in Gaza*, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
- *Requests for current affairs debates:* took note of the requests for the Assembly to hold debates on:
 - *Deteriorating situation of human rights, Rule of Law and democracy in Azerbaijan*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) as the first speaker;
 - *Situation in the Middle-East: escalation of violence and mounting humanitarian crisis particularly in Gaza*; tabled by leaders of the EPP/CD, EC/DA and ALDE political groups: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as the first speaker;
- *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda of the part-session;
- *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Cyprus, Poland and Slovenia:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights, including its decision to proceed with the interviews of candidates for the post of judge in respect of Slovenia during its next meeting and its recommendation to reject the list as regard Cyprus, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report ([Doc. 16045 Add. 2](#));
- *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 3 October 2024):* prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 June – 29 September 2024):** approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16045](#));
- **Election observation:**
 - *Bulgaria: Early parliamentary elections (27 October 2024):* approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix);
 - *Republic of Moldova: Presidential election and Constitutional Referendum (20 October 2024):* took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission held on 17-18 September 2024;
 - *Georgia: Parliamentary elections (26 October 2024):* took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission held on 23-24 September 2024;
- **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:**
 - *Monitoring Committee:*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Ms Marija Petrushevska (North Macedonia) as a member;
 - on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, nominated as members: Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom) instead of Jill Mortimer (United Kingdom); Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom); Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden) instead of Ms Beatrice Timgren (Sweden); Mr Norbert Kleinwächter (Germany); Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg);
 - *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:* on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, nominated Mr Marco Dreosto (Italy) as a member;
 - *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, nominated as members: Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom) and Mr Harald Weyel (Germany);
- **Date and place of next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
 - Friday 4 October 2024, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session).

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Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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Appendix - List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (27 October 2024)
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Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye

Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord*

Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine

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Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche

Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

Ms / Mme Maria SYRENGELA, Greece / Grèce

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Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /

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Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye

Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVAKOVA, Slovak Republic / République Slovaque

Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s

Ms / Mme Carla MOONEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Mr / M. Daniel MILEWSKI, Poland / Pologne

Ms / Mme Heather WHEELER, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK ÖZEN, Türkiye

Co-rapporteur-e-s AS/MON (ex officio)

Ms / Mme Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy / Italie – EPP/CD (TBC) (excused)

Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande – SOC (excused)

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr / M. Richard BARRETT, Ireland / Ireland - Member of the Venice Commission / membre de la Commission de Venise

Mr / M. Domenico VALLARIO, Venice Commission Secretariat