

SECRETARIAT

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To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held in Luxembourg on 29 November 2024

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 29 November 2024 in Luxembourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Claude Wiseler, President of the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies;
- held an exchange of views with Ms Yuriko Backes, Minister of Defence, for Mobility and Public Works, and for Gender Equality and Diversity, in the framework of the Luxembourg Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Finland, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania and United Kingdom;
- approved the changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (27-31 January 2025);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix);
- held current affairs debates on “Intensification of repressions in Azerbaijan : the situation of political prisoners, threats to democratic freedoms and parliamentary rights “ and on “Foreign interference: a threat to democracy“;
- adopted a declaration on “Georgia must remain faithful to its European values“;
- took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the Observation of:
 - the presidential election (20 October and 3 November 2024) and constitutional referendum (20 October 2024) in the Republic of Moldova;
 - the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (9 June and 27 October 2024);
- unanimously adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2579 (2024)

Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement

Recommendation 2287 (2024)

Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement

- decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Valletta, Malta, on 23 May 2025
 - Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, on 21 November 2025.

Valérie Clamer, Ayşegül Elveriş

- cc. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary 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

APPENDIX

References to committees

1. Media freedom in sport

[Doc. 16036](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) and other members of the Assembly

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

2. Improving the selection/election procedure of CPT members

[Doc. 16038](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

3. Violations of media freedom and the right to information in Poland

[Doc. 16051](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Marcin Romanowski (Poland, EC/DA) and other members of the Assembly

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 the report on "The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland"*

4. Situation in Venezuela and support for Venezuelans living in exile in Council of Europe member States

[Doc. 16052](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Markus Wiechel (Sweden, EC/DA) and other members of the Assembly

Transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

5. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

[Doc. 16055](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

6. Frontline States: the role of the Council of Europe in implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

[Doc. 16056](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Christiana Erotokritou (Cyprus, SOC) and other members of the Assembly

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*