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## To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

### Synopsis

#### of the meeting held in Chisinau on 20 November 2025

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday, 20 November 2025, in Chisinau, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Chisinau (21 November 2025)**
  - request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request of ALDE, SOC, EPP/CD and UEL groups to hold a current affairs debate on *Citizens' mobilisation in the defence of human rights and democracy: recent developments in Latvia*, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate and appointed Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC) as the first speaker;
  - took note of the draft agenda;
- **Dialogue with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with the Secretary general of the Council of Europe;
- **First part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January)**
  - drew up the preliminary draft agenda for the first part-session of 2026;
- **References and transmissions to committees** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (28 September 2025):* approved the observation report of the parliamentary elections;
  - *Assembly of Kosovo\*: Early elections (28 December 2025):* decided to observe these elections and set up an *ad hoc* committee composed of 11 members (SOC: 3; EPP/CD: 3; EC/DA: 2; ALDE: 2; UEL: 1), subject to receiving an invitation;
  - *Schedule of the elections in 2026:* took note of the calendar;

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\* 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.

- Appointment of a PACE representative to the 2025 Annual Implementation Meeting of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (Geneva, 10–12 December 2025): decided to appoint Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) to represent the Assembly at this event;
- **Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment:** took note of the calendar and of the launch of the 2026 edition of the Prize on 21 November 2025;
- **Composition of the 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 European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Joachim VOGT (Liechtenstein, EC/DA) as a member;
- **Ad hoc committee on the New Democratic Pact:** updated the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee (Appendix 2)
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Thursday 11 December 2025, 9 h 30, Paris;
  - Monday 26 January 2026, 8 h 00, Strasbourg (part-session);
  - Friday 30 January 2026, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session).

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## Appendix 1 : References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Advancing a shared European vision through arts and leadership education**  
[Doc. 16132](#)

**Motion for a recommendation tabled by Ms Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power"*

2. **Need to protect election observers**  
[Doc. 16241](#)

**Motion for a recommendation tabled by Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

3. **On the road to parity: supporting young women in politics**  
[Doc. 16256](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

4. **Baltic Sea security challenges**  
[Doc. 16262](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

5. **Democracy, rule of law, and inclusive dialogue in Türkiye in light of the current political situation**  
[Doc. 16263](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* 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 obligations and commitments by Türkiye"*

6. **Media freedom in decline in Albania**  
[Doc. 16264](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* 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 "Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania"*

7. **Restricting citizenship rules: social cohesion and human rights at stake**  
[Doc. 16274](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

8. **Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence**  
[Doc. 16275](#)  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

9. **65th anniversary of the European Social Charter**  
[Doc. 16284](#)  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

10. **European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond**  
Bureau decision

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

## B. REPLIES AFTER CONSULTATION

1. **Balancing innovation and regulation: ensuring new technologies serve democracy and human rights**  
[Doc. 16111](#)  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Markus Wiechel (Sweden, ECPA) and other members of the Assembly**

On 7 April 2025, the Bureau transmitted this motion for a resolution to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for consultation.

In a letter dated 24 October 2025, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media states that it has agreed that no follow-up be given to this motion.

*Proposal:* no further action

2. **Regulating social networks: a democratic imperative**  
[Doc. 16127](#)  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Didier Marie (France, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

On 7 April 2025, the Bureau transmitted this motion for a resolution to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for consultation.

In a letter dated 24 October 2025, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media states that it has agreed that no follow-up be given to this motion.

*Proposal:* no further action

3. **The urgent need to ensure the survival of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty**  
[Doc. 16159](#)  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

On 22 May 2025, the Bureau transmitted this motion for a resolution to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for consultation.

In a letter dated 24 October 2025, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media states that it has agreed that no follow-up be given to this motion.

*Proposal:* no further action

**Appendix 2 – Ad hoc committee on the New Democratic Pact / Commission ad hoc sur le Nouveau Pacte Démocratique**

**List of members / Liste des membres**

**President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire**

Mr Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS (EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Greece / Grèce

**Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Président de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

Mr Bertrand BOUYX (ALDE / ADLE) France

**Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Président de la Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme**

Lord Richard KEEN (ECPA / CEPA) United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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

Ms Saskia KLUIT (SOC) Netherlands / Pays-Bas

**Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Président de la Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées**

Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (ECPA / CEPA) Ukraine

**Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Président.e de la Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias**

Mr Mehmet AKALIN (ALDE / ADLE) Türkiye (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, 1<sup>er</sup> Vice-Président)

**Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Présidente de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination**

Ms Catia POLIDORI (EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Italy / Italie

**Chairperson of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Présidente de la Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des États membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)**

Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Latvia / Lettonie

**Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities / Président de la Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités**

Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (SOC) Cyprus / Chypre

**Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / Présidente de la Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme**

Ms Petra BAYR (SOC) Austria / Autriche

## Chairpersons of Political Groups / Présidents de Groupes politiques

Mr Frank SCHWABE	Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group/ Groupe des Socialistes, démocrates et verts
Mr Pablo HISPÁN	Group of the European People's Party / Groupe du Parti populaire européen
Mr Zsolt NÉMETH	Group of the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates/ Groupe des Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés
Mr Iulian BULAI	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe / Alliance des Démocrates et des Libéraux pour l'Europe
Mr George LOUCAIDES	Group of the Unified European Left / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne

## Youth Rapporteurs / Rapporteur-es pour la jeunesse

Mr Max LUCKS (SOC)	Germany / Allemagne
Ms Saara-Sofia SIRÉN (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Finland / Finlande
Ms Aurora FLORIDIA (SOC)	Italy / Italie
Ms Arusyak JULHAKYAN (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Armenia / Arménie
Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (ALDE / ADLE)	Ukraine
Ms Aysu BANKOĞLU (SOC)	Türkiye
Ms Naomi CACHIA (SOC)	Malta / Malte
Ms Sonja GHAZARYAN (ALDE / ADLE)	Armenia / Arménie

## General Rapporteurs / Rapporteurs généraux et rapporteuses générales

...	Violence against Women / <i>Violence à l'égard des femmes</i>
Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO	Rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTI <sup>†</sup> ) people / <i>Droits des personnes lesbiennes, gays, bisexuelles, transgenres et intersexes (LGBTI)</i>
Mr Francesco VERDUCCI	Combating racism and intolerance / <i>Contre le racisme et l'intolérance</i>
Mr Georgios STAMATIS	Roma and Travellers / <i>Roms et Gens du Voyage</i>
Ms Mia KARAMEHIĆ – ABAZOVIĆ	Science and technology impact assessment / <i>Evaluation de l'impact de la science et de la technologie</i>
Ms Valentina GRIPPO	Media freedom and safety of journalists / <i>Liberté des médias et la sécurité des journalistes</i>
Mr Mogens JENSEN	Governance and Ethics in Sport / <i>Gouvernance et l'éthique dans le sport</i>
Ms Gala VELDHOEN	Abolition of the death penalty / <i>Abolition de la peine de mort</i>
Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS	Situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers / <i>Situation des défenseurs des droits de l'homme et des lanceurs d'alerte</i>
Ms Azadeh ROJHAN	Political prisoners / <i>Prisonniers politiques</i>
Mr Christophe BRICO	Budget and intergovernmental programs / <i>Budget et le programme intergouvernemental</i>
Mr Sergiy VLASENKO	Anti-Corruption and Ethical Standards / <i>Normes éthiques et lutte contre la corruption</i>

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<sup>†</sup>At its meeting on 6 December 2016, the committee decided to modify the title and mandate, to include a reference to intersex people.

Ms Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA	Local and regional authorities / <i>Pouvoirs locaux et régionaux</i>
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Mr George PAPANDREOU	Democracy / <i>Démocratie</i>
Mr Ryszard PETRU	For a Democratic Belarus / <i>Pour un Bélarus démocratique</i>
Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS	Russian Democratic Forces / <i>Forces démocratiques russes</i>

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