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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 5 September 2025

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday, 5 September 2025, in Paris, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:**
 - took note of the communication by the President of the Assembly;
 - held an exchange of views with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:** held an exchange of views with Dr Despina Chatzivassiliou (Greece) (in camera);
- **Fourth part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October):**
 - *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:*
 - took note of the request by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the *Reporting from Gaza: an urgent call to protect the lives of journalists and support their work*;
 - *Request for a current affairs debate:*
 - took note of the request by the ALDE group to hold a current affairs debate on the *Political crisis in Serbia*;
 - drew up the draft agenda;
- **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 pre-electoral delegation, approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections, and appointed Ms Lucia Plaváková (Slovak Republic, ALDE) as Vice-Chairperson (Appendix 2);
 - *Proposal for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting in the context of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025):* took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, decided to observe out-of-country voting in the context of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova on 28 September 2025, as a test, approved the relevant methodology for this exercise, and declassified the memorandum;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2026:** approved the proposals contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat (Appendix 3);

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 26 August 2025, consisting of (in alphabetical order): Ms Mzia Amaglobeli (Georgia), Mr Maksym Butkevych (Ukraine) and Mr Ulvi Hasanli (Azerbaijan);
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:* authorised the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC), to attend an event co-organised by DG1 and the National Human Rights Council of Morocco in Rabat on 10 October 2025, on the occasion of the world day against the death penalty (at no cost to the Assembly);
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:**
 - authorised the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) to meet in Tallinn on 17 October 2025 (financed by voluntary contributions);
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Monday 29 September 2025, 8 h 00, Strasbourg (part session);
 - Friday 3 October 2025, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Tuesday 4 November 2025, 18 h 00, Strasbourg (75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights).

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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 and transmissions to committees

- *Children without identity in Europe and around the world: a crucial challenge for fundamental rights*, [Doc. 16205](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for consultation*;
- *The European Prisons Charter*, [Doc. 16209](#), motion for a recommendation: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for consultation*;
- *Regular working relationships with Taiwan*, [Doc. 16213](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;
- *Concerns regarding democratic representation following the 2025 Bundestag elections in Germany*, [Doc. 16216](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*;
- *Applying ethical standards to the members of all delegations participating in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly*, [Doc. 16217](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report*.

B. Extension of references

- *European guidelines to counter social dumping and labour exploitation* (former title: Sustainable European guidelines to counter social dumping and strengthen collective bargaining mechanisms), [Doc. 15823](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4770 of 13 October 2023 – validity: 13 October 2025: extension until 13 April 2026.

Appendix 2 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Chris SAID (Malta, EPP/CD / Malte, PPE/DC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente : Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ (Slovak Republic, ALDE / République slovaque, ADLE)

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

Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin*
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France
Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s

Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Christophe CHAILLOU, France
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ LIMONES, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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

Mr / M. Richard CARVALHO, Portugal
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU- ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Marija PETRUSHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte*
Mr / M. Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania / Lituanie

Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s

Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède
Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI, Poland / Pologne
Mr Giorgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
Mr / M. Ionuț-Marian STROE, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

Mr / M. Armen GEVORYAN, Armenia / Arménie
Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Cristina Gabriella DUMITRESCU, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Dumitrina MITREA, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s

Mr / M. Simone BILLI, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye

Ms / Mme Louise MOREL, France

Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVAKOVA, Slovak Republic / République slovaque*

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Mr / M. Iulian BULAI, Romania / Roumanie

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie

Mr / M. Stéphane MAZARS, France

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France

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

Ms / Mme Nataša SUKIČ, Slovenia / Slovénie

Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s

Mr / M. Vinzenz GLASER, Germany / Allemagne

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

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse - SOC

Ms / Mme Zanda KALNINA-LUKAŠEVICA, Latvia / Lettonie - EPP/CD (excused)

* Pre-electoral mission / mission préélectorale

Appendix 3 – Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2026

Monday 26 January, 8 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 30 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 6 March, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 20 April, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 24 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 21 May, 3 pm, Monaco	Bureau
Friday 22 May, 9.30 am, Monaco	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 22 June, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 26 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 4 September, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 28 September, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 2 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 26 November, 3 pm, Montenegro	Bureau
Friday 27 November, 9.30 am, Montenegro	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Friday 11 December, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau