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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 28 September 2026

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 28 September 2026, in Strasbourg, with Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

– **Communications:**

- took note of the communication by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

– **Fourth part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 28 September - 2 October)**

- *Requests for debates under urgent procedure*: took note:
 - of the request tabled by Mr Sam RUSHWORTH and 21 other members of the Assembly: *Repression and targeted attacks on LGBTI persons and defenders in Türkiye*: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report;
 - of the request tabled by the Chairpersons of the Assembly's five political groups: *Fake "elections" in Russia and its destabilising attacks on Europe*: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report;
- *Requests for current affairs debates*: took note:
 - of the request tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: *Targeted attacks on the LGBTI community and its rights in Türkiye: a further alarming sign of democratic backsliding*: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - of the request tabled by the Chairpersons of the Assembly's five political groups: *Solidarity with Ceuta: a test case for Europe*: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and appointed Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) as the first speaker;
- *General Policy Debate*: took note of the decision of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, together with the Chairpersons of the Assembly's five political groups, to hold a general policy debate on *Council of Europe: grounded in core values to meet the challenges ahead*, and to appoint Mr Knut Abraham (Germany, EPP/CD) as the first speaker. It also decided that the debate will consist of interventions by the Chairpersons of the Assembly's five political groups and by the Chairpersons of Committees;
- *Draft agenda*: updated the draft agenda of the part-session and decided to limit the speaking time to two minutes on Tuesday and Wednesday;
- *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights concerning the list of the candidates to the Court in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress Report;

- *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 30 September 2026)*: prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (26 June – 28 September 2026)** (Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC): approved the Progress report;
- **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**:
 - Armenia: parliamentary elections (7 June 2026): approved the report on the observation of these elections;
 - Assembly of Kosovo*: early elections (7 June 2026): approved the revised report on the observation of these early elections;
 - Morocco: parliamentary elections (23 September 2026): took note of the statement by the observation mission;
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (4 October 2026): took note of the statement of the pre-electoral delegation and approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
 - Serbia: early parliamentary elections (25 October 2026): approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections, subject to receiving an invitation (Appendix 3);
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026**: approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event (Appendix 4);
- **Composition of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, 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 SOC Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland) as member,
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Márton Hajdu (Hungary) as member;
 - *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities*: on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye) as member;
 - *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*: on the basis of a proposal by the ECPA Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Martina Kempf (Germany) as member;
- **Resolution 2530 (2024) on A democratic future for Belarus**: approved the revised list of members of the representative delegation of Belarusian democratic forces for 2026:

Members:

- Mr Astapenko Vladimir (“Latushka Coalition and the Movement ‘For Freedom’” faction), Head of the Delegation
- Mr Latushka Pavel (“Latushka Coalition and the Movement ‘For Freedom’” faction)
- Ms Lutschina Kseniya (“European Choice” faction)

Substitutes:

- Mr Andreichyk Evgeny (“Nastup” faction)
- Ms Mamaeva Alexandra (Non-affiliated)
- Ms Skryhan Hanna (“United Civic Platform” faction)

* 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.

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation to meet in Istanbul on 16-17 November 2026;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Friday 2 October 2026, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Thursday 26 November 2026, 2.30 pm, Budva (Montenegro);
 - Monday 7 December 2026, 9.30 am, Vienna.

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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the 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

- *A constitutional right to reliable Information: safeguarding democracy in the age of Artificial Intelligence and platform power*, [Doc. 16449](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*;
- *Integrity of electoral registers in Council of Europe member States with high emigration rates: the need for digital modernisation*, [Doc. 16452](#), reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Out-of-country voting”*;
- *Towards a European strategy on arbitrary detention and hostage taking of European and dual national citizens*, [Doc. 16453](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Quantum technologies and artificial intelligence: the need for a European anticipation and governance strategy*, [Doc. 16455](#), and *Regulatory sandboxes for quantum technologies: enabling innovation in line with Council of Europe values*, [Doc. 16457](#), motion for a resolution, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion, for a single report on “Quantum technologies and artificial intelligence: the need for a European anticipation and governance strategy”*;
- *Supporting the establishment of a United Nations Special Rapporteur on Democracy*, [Doc. 16456](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly’s relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council”*;
- *The Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine and the need to combat sanctions evasion*, [Doc. 16458](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the reports on “Accountability for the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine” and “Strengthening safeguards against the misuse of dual-use goods by authoritarian regimes”* and reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine”*;
- *The cultural situation of the Kurds*, [Doc. 16459](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- *Anti-personnel mines and cluster munitions: reaffirming humanitarian commitments in a new security context*, [Doc. 16463](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “The need to modernise International Humanitarian Law”*;
- *Protecting Europe’s cultural diversity and sovereignty by promoting access to European cinematographic and audiovisual works*, [Doc. 16466](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- *Towards a United Nations Convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity*, [Doc. 16471](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Solidarity with Ceuta, a test case for Europe*, [Doc. 16479](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report*, with a view to a possible debate at the January 2027 part-session.

B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

- *Strengthening the affective and emotional dimension of comprehensive sexuality education to prevent and combat discrimination, hate crime and gender-based violence*, [Doc. 16318](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*;

- *Protecting the right to education in Gaza*, [Doc. 16445](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*.

C. REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF REFERENCE

- *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Sweden*, Monitoring Committee decision, Reference 4781 of 22 January 2024 – validity: 22 January 2027, *proposal*: extension until 22 January 2029.

Appendix 2 – Revised list of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the General elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente : Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine

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

Ms / Mme Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye

Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège *

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie

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

Mr / M. António MENDONÇA MENDES, Portugal

Mr / M. Mike READER, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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

Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO, Portugal *

Ms / Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche

Mr / M. Tekke PANMAN, The Netherlands / Pays-Bas

Mr / M. Marko PAVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

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

Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie *

Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne

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

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye

Mr / M. Nikolla CAMAJ, Montenegro

Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine

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

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

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

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

Ms / Mme Oana MURARIU, Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE *

** Pre-electoral mission / Mission préélectorale*

*** Subject to receiving the declaration of interest / sous réserve de recevoir la déclaration d'intérêts*

One seat was allocated by the SOC to ALDE / Un siège a été attribué par le SOC à l'ADLE.

Appendix 3 – Revised list of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Serbia (25 October 2026)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président : Mr / M. Dominik OBERHOFER, Austria / Autriche

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

Mr / M. Denis BEGIC, Sweden / Suède

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie *

Mr / M. Per Vidar KJØLMOEN, Norway / Norvège

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

Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne

Ms / Mme Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER, Austria / Autriche

Mr / M. Namik TAN, Türkiye

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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

Mr / Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne **

Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie* **

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Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Márton HAJDU, Hungary / Hongrie **

Mr / M. Tilman KUBAN, Germany / Allemagne **

Mr / M. Jan Philip LIBICKI, Poland / Pologne **

Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie **

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce **

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

Ms / Mme Cristina Gabriella DUMITRESCU, Romania / Roumanie *

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

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye

Mr / M. Dominik OBERHOFER, Austria / Autriche *

Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT, Türkiye

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France

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

Ms / Mme Semra ÇAĞLAR GÖKALP, Türkiye *

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre **

Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee (ex-officio) / Co-rapporteurs de la commission de suivi (membre de droit)

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye, SOC *

Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède, ECPA / CEPA *

* Pre-electoral mission / mission pré-électorale

** subject to receiving the declaration of interest / *sous réserve de recevoir la déclaration d'intérêts*

Appendix 4 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026

Chairperson / Président·e : ZZ...

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

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

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ZZ...

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

Ms / Mme Louise MOREL (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Ms / Mme Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)

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

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

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

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ZZ...

Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation / Commission des migrations, de la protection internationale et de la coopération économique

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

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

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

Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Baroness Lyn BROWN (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, SOC)

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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)

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO (Portugal, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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

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

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

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM (Sweden, ECPA / Suède, CEPA)

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Special committee on the New Democratic Pact / Commission spéciale sur le Nouveau Pacte Démocratique

Sir Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, ECPA / Royaume-Uni, CEPA)

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

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