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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 2 October 2026

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday, 2 October 2026, in Strasbourg, with Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the fourth part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October)**: approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Budva, Montenegro (27 November 2026)**: took note of the draft agenda of the meeting of the Standing Committee;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the addendum to the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Serbia: 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);
  - *Palestine: parliamentary elections (28 November 2026):* took note of the latest invitation letter to observe these elections and, taking into account the security situation, decided to reduce the size of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections to 11 members (SOC-3; EPP/CD-3; ECPA-2; ALDE-2; UEL-1), subject to security conditions;
  - *Kyrgyzstan: presidential election (27 January 2027):* approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe this election, and appointed Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson and Mr Roberto Speranza (Italy, SOC) as its Vice-Chairperson (Appendix 4), subject to receiving an invitation;
- **Issues raised by Committees**:
  - *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: authorised Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel in her capacity as rapporteur on *End Israel's unlawful detention of Palestinian children* (dates to be confirmed), subject to security conditions;
  - *Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation*: authorised Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco in his capacity as rapporteur on *Solidarity with Ceuta, a test case for Europe* (dates to be confirmed);
- **Anticipation Summit 2026 (Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 October)**: approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event, and appointed Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 5);

- **2026 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2-3 November)**: approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event and appointed the President of the Parliamentary Assembly as its Chairperson (Appendix 6);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (2 October 2026 – 24 January 2027)**: appointed Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, ECPA) as rapporteur;
- **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 EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Hayk Konjoryan (Armenia) as member;
- **Composition of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**:
  - on the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Tony Vaughan (United Kingdom) as member;
  - on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Berdan Öztürk (Türkiye) as member and Mr Ettore Antonio Licheri (Italy) as alternate;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised:
  - The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to meet in Podgorica (tbc) on 16-17 March 2027;
  - The Sub-Committee on Human Rights (Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) to meet in Geneva on 15 March 2027;
- **Dates and places of next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Thursday 26 November, 2.30 pm, Budva (Montenegro);
  - Monday 7 December, 9.30 am, Vienna.

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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
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Appendix 1 – Follow-up to the fourth part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October)

General Policy Debate: *Council of Europe: Grounded in core values to meet the challenges ahead*

- **Follow-up**: decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* on *Council of Europe: grounded in core values to meet the challenges ahead.*

Current Affairs Debate: *Solidarity with Ceuta: a test case for Europe*

- **Follow-up**: decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-Operation *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report* on *Solidarity with Ceuta, a test case for Europe.*

Resolution 2677 (2026): Fake 'elections' in Russia and its destabilising attacks on Europe

- **Follow-up**: decided to refer the matter 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* and to the Committee and Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report* on *Accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine.*

Resolution 2681 (2026): *Repression and targeted attacks on LGBTI persons and defenders in Türkiye*

- **Follow-up**: decided to refer the matter to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) t*o be taken into account in the preparation of the report* on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye*.

Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. *Ensuring equal access to compensation for victims of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine,* Doc. 16467, 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 "Accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine";*

2. *Combating school segregation and the intergenerational transmission of poverty,* Doc. 16485, 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;*

3. *Protection of Iranian migrants and diaspora communities in Europe,* Doc. 16487, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for opinion;*

B. REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF REFERENCE

1. *Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic,* Doc. 15810, Reference 4768 of 9 October 2023 – validity: 9 October 2026 (extended on 23 June 2025), proposal: extension until 9 October 2027.

Appendix 3 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the 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·e·s

Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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

Mr / M. Márton HAJDU, Hungary / Hongrie
Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚÂGÂRLAȘ Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie * ** (pre-electoral mission only / mission pré-électorale uniquement)

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

Mr / M. Bernardo PESSANHA, Portugal *
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède
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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 Republik / République slovaque

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Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT, Türkiye

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

Ms / Mme Semra ÇAĞLAR GÖKALP, Türkiye *

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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 declaration d'intérêts*

Appendix 4 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the presidential election in Kyrgyzstan (27 January 2027)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO, Portugal

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président : Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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Mr / M. Julian JOSWIG, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Iris LUARASI, Albania / Albanie
Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT, Türkiye
Ms / Mme Louise MOREL, France

Substitutes / Suppléant·e·s

Mr / M. Manu DIERICX, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France **

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

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Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *ex officio / Rapporteure ex-officio de la Commission des affaires politiques et de la démocratie*

Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, Rapporteur on "Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic" / Rapporteure sur « L'examen du partenariat pour la démocratie concernant le Parlement de la République kirghize », France, SOC

Appendix 5 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Anticipation Summit 2026 (Geneva, 14-15 October)

Chairperson / Président: Mr. / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece / Grèce, SOC)

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

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE / ADLE)
Mr / M. Namık TAN (Türkiye, SOC)

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

Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland / Suisse, SOC)
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Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé, et du développement durable

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Mr / M. Nikolla CAMAJ (Montenegro, ALDE / ADLE)

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

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA (Spain / Espagne, ECPA / CEPA)

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Appendix 6 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in 2026 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2-3 November)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Présidente de l'Assemblée parlementaire

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Mr / M. José María SANCHEZ GARCIA (Spain / Espagne, ECPA / CEPA)

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Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy / Italie, SOC)
Baroness Lyn BROWN (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, SOC)

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)
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