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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 10 September 2025

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Paris on 10 September 2025, with Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Violation of Polish airspace by the Russian Federation:** approved an urgent [statement](#);
- **Political parties and democracy** (*rappporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou, Norway, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms** (*rappporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **Russian democratic forces** (*rappporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Middle East: recent developments:** heard a statement from Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the *Situation in the Middle East*, and held a hearing with the online participation of Mr Ramiz Alakbarov, Deputy Special Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Coordinator, Officer in Charge, Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO), Ms Ben Ari, Chair of the Observer Delegation of Israel to the Parliamentary Assembly, and Mr Rawhi Fattouh, Speaker of the Palestinian National Council, followed by an exchange of views;
- **Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine** (*rappporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur following his fact-finding visit to Kyiv, on 21-23 July 2025, and considered a revised introductory memorandum;
- **The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** (*rappporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, considered an outline report and agreed to change the title of the report to *Digital transformation: the role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work*;
- **Work programme:**
 - **Call for candidates of a rapporteur for report:** took note of the candidature of Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal, EPP/CD) for the report on *Suspension of Israel's observer status*;
 - **Revised Terms of Reference of General Rapporteurs:** took note of the modalities to implement the changes to the length of the mandates of General Rapporteurs;

- **Reporting back on participation in meetings:** heard statements from:
 - Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) about his participation in the “Democracy’s Firewall Hackathon” of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 20 June 2025; in the meeting of Directors of Policy Planning of Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Council of Europe Member States and Permanent Observers, Strasbourg, 1 July 2025; and in the AI for Good Global Summit 2025, Geneva, Switzerland, 8-11 July 2025;
 - Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) about her participation in the “Democracy’s Firewall Hackathon” of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 20 June 2025;
- **Appointment of committee representatives:**
 - **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy at risk: how can we revive it?”** (Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025): in addition to the members already appointed, appointed Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR) and Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau;
 - **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence** (London, 15-16 December 2025): in addition to the members already appointed, appointed Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) as a substitute member of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau;
- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the changes as highlighted in bold in the Appendix;
- **Authorisations by the committee:** authorised:
 - Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), General Rapporteur on democracy, to participate in the High-Level Conference on Building Democratic Resilience to Disinformation, in Malta, on 17 September 2025 (at no cost for the Assembly); and in the 2025 Democracy Week, in Geneva, on 6-7 October 2025 (at no cost for the Assembly);
 - Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the *Situation in the Middle East*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Paris, following the 2025 fourth part-session, in the framework of the preparation of her report;
- **Invitation to hold a meeting in Monaco, on 9 and 10 March 2026:** took note of, and welcomed, the invitation of the Chairperson of the delegation of Monaco to the Assembly and decided to hold a meeting in Monaco on 9 and 10 March 2026 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly);
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - October part-session (29 September-3 October 2025), Strasbourg,
 - 10 December 2025, Paris.

Catherine Hugel, Eugen Schoenfeld, John Dorber

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