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To the members of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 24 March 2025

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, meeting on 24 March 2025, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) in the chair, as regards:

- ***Consideration of a list of candidates for a post of judge in the European Court of Human Rights (Monaco):***
 - held an exchange of views with the Chair of the Advisory Panel of Experts, Mr Luis López Guerra;
 - held interviews with the candidates in respect of Monaco and recommended to the Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, Mr Sébastien Biancheri as the most qualified candidate;
- ***Consideration of a list of candidates for a post of judge in the European Court of Human Rights (Slovak Republic):***
 - held an exchange of views with the Chair of the Advisory Panel of Experts, Mr Luis López Guerra;
 - recommended to the Assembly to reject the list on both procedural and substantive grounds, noting that not all candidates fulfil the requirements of Article 21 of the European Convention on Human Rights for election as a judge at the European Court of Human Rights, and to request the Government of the Slovak Republic to submit a new list of candidates;
- ***Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights (rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC)***
 - held a hearing, with the participation of:
 - Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the European Court of Human Rights and Judge of the Court elected in respect of the United Kingdom (1998-2012);
 - Ms Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen, Professor at the Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University;
 - Mr Yonko Grozev, former Section President at the European Court of Human Rights and Judge of the Court elected in respect of Bulgaria (2015-2024);
- ***Next meeting:*** took note of the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:
 - Paris, 10-11 June 2025 (Council of Europe office) – tbc;
 - Paris, 15-16 September 2025 (Council of Europe office) – tbc.

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