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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 12 January 2026

The **Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**, meeting on 12 January 2026, with first Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, then Mr Serhii Kalchenko (Ukraine, ECPA), second Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Consideration of a list of candidates for a post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights (Cyprus):***
 - held an exchange of views with the Chair of the Advisory Panel of Experts, Mr Luis López Guerra;
 - held interviews with the candidates and recommended to the Assembly, by a narrow majority, Mr Nicholas Emiliou as the most qualified candidate, over Ms Natasa Mavronicola;
- ***Consideration of a list of candidates for a post of judge at the European Court of Human Rights (Netherlands):***
 - held an exchange of views with the Chair of the Advisory Panel of Experts, Mr Luis López Guerra;
 - held interviews with the candidates and recommended to the Assembly, by a majority, Mr Sjoerd Bakker as the most qualified candidate;
- ***Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights (rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC):*** considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended;
- ***Reporting back on participation in a meeting:*** heard a statement from Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Mr Serhii Kalchenko (Ukraine, ECPA) and Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) about their participation in the Seminar marking the 15 years of the Advisory Panel's work (Strasbourg, 27 November 2025);
- ***Next meetings:*** took note of the forthcoming meetings of the committee as follows:
 - January 2026 (Strasbourg, part-session)
 - Paris, 7-8 April 2026 (Council of Europe office) (tbc)
 - Paris, 8-9 June 2026 (Council of Europe office) (tbc)
 - Paris, 14-15 September 2026 (Council of Europe office) (tbc)

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