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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1464th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (19 April 2023)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 2 March 2023 and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 24 April 2023.

I. Main developments between the Assembly's first part-session of 2023 and the second part-session of 2023

A. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

Addressing the multifaced consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine and supporting our member State Ukraine has continued to be the Assembly's number one priority during this period. On 24 February 2023, the President of the Assembly, together with Council of Europe's Secretary General, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland and President of the Committee of Ministers, and the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe, marked one year of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine during a [special ceremony](#) held in Strasbourg. In his speech, the PACE President expressed the Assembly's full solidarity with the people of Ukraine and reiterated that PACE support for Ukraine, to restore its territorial integrity and national sovereignty and to ensure that justice is done, will never falter. On the same day, the President of the Assembly, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland and President of the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's Secretary General, Commissioner for Human Rights and President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, made a [joint statement](#) calling for unity and the restoration of peace in Ukraine.

How to further support Ukraine against the Russian Federation's aggression was at the heart of a [current affairs debate](#) on *Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the Russian Federation's large-scale war of aggression: the role of the Council of Europe*, held during the Standing Committee meeting in the Hague on 2 March 2023. Members of the Assembly underlined that, by building on the numerous Resolutions and Recommendations adopted since the launch of the war of aggression, the Assembly should intensify its efforts to ensure an effective system of accountability.

In addressing the [International Bucha Summit](#) on 31 March 2023, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Tiny Kox, expressed his profound horror and shock at the grave violations of human rights and breaches of international humanitarian law that happened in Bucha and other towns around Kyiv. In underlying the responsibility of the international community to ensure accountability for these crimes and to guarantee that justice is delivered, the President called on as many States and international organisations as possible, and in particular the United Nations General Assembly, to endorse the establishment of an hoc international criminal tribunal to prosecute the crime of aggression and to support its functioning.

As regards the April part-session's agenda, an urgent debate on *The situation of Ukrainian civilians, including children, forcibly displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation*, with the online intervention of Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska, is due to take place on Thursday 27 April 2023.

B. Assembly's contribution to the Reykjavík Summit

Under the aegis of the Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), the Assembly continued to follow the preparations for the Reykjavík Summit of the Council of Europe, and to work on ensuring a strong parliamentary dimension to the Summit.

On 3 March 2023, members of the Standing Committee meeting in the Hague, held an [exchange of views](#) on *#RoadToReykjavik: towards the Council of Europe of the future*. Keynote speakers of this event were Mr Martin Eyjólfsson, Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland; Mr Leendert Verbeek, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and Ms Jacobine Geel, President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights. During the debate, members of the Assembly outlined their expectations from the Summit in line with the Assembly's [Recommendation 2245 \(2023\)](#). They all recognised that the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine should be at the centre of the Summit's agenda, with a strong focus on accountability and the practical means to ensuring it. Members also believed that Heads of State and Government should not miss the opportunity offered by the Summit to renew, strengthen and give the Council of Europe new means to have an impact and stay ahead of developments, notably in the field of environmental protection and artificial intelligence.

On 20 March 2023, the President of the Assembly [addressed](#) the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to discuss preparations for the Reykjavík Summit and the meeting of the Standing Committee he convened in Reykjavík on 15 May 2023. The President referred, in particular, to the Special Event on the Summit taking place during the Standing Committee meeting, which will cover two main themes at the heart of the Summit's deliberations: *the role of the Council of Europe as a key player of the multilateral architecture, and the Council of*

Europe as a pioneer of human rights protection: the new generation of rights. Members of the Assembly will have the chance to exchange views on these two topics with the Prime Minister of Iceland and other high-level officials, as well as with youth and civil society representatives.

A current affairs debate on the #RoadtoReykjavik is due to be held on Tuesday 25 April 2023, with the participation of the President of the European Court of Human Rights, Ms Síoífra O’Leary. Close dialogue between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Committee of Ministers on the Summit will also continue during the forthcoming part-session on the occasion of a Joint Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 April.

II. Assembly’s second part-session of 2023 (24-28 April 2023)

The draft agenda of the part-session, as well as the list of hearings and exchanges of views open to the public, are enclosed to the present Communication.

As regards the practical organisation of the part-session, due to major modernisation and technical renovation works in the Assembly’s hemicycle, plenary sittings will be held in the hemicycle of the European Parliament. All other official meetings (Committees, political groups, Bureau and Joint Committee) will be held at the Palais de l’Europe (meeting rooms on the second floor). This arrangement will apply to all future part-sessions up until January 2024 included.

Members of the Assembly, secretaries of delegations and political groups, Ambassadors, as well other participants who normally have access to the Assembly’s hemicycle, who hold a specific PACE photo badge or a Council of Europe photo badge with the hemicycle in yellow, will have access to the European Parliament building and its hemicycle. Access will be possible via the bridge between the Palais de l’Europe and the European Parliament located on the 1st floor of the Palais, on presentation of their badge.

During the sittings in the hemicycle of the European Parliament, all votes will take place in accordance with the usual procedure (electronic voting). Specific voting cards will be fabricated for each member of the Assembly, compatible with the European Parliament’s electronic voting system.

Votes for judges to the European Court of Human Rights and Council of Europe personalities by secret ballot will also be done through the electronic voting system available in the European Parliament’s hemicycle.

III. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 2 March 2023

On 2 March, meeting in The Hague, the Bureau of the Assembly:

– **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

– Standing Committee in The Hague (2-3 March 2023)

o Request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request to hold a debate on “Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the large-scale Russian Federation’s war of aggression: the role of the Council of Europe”, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate and appointed Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE) as the first speaker;

o Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda (Appendix I);

– **Second part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 24-28 April):** decided to start the Plenary sittings at 2:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, asked the President to consider convening a meeting of the Joint Committee, took note of the request by the leaders of the political groups for the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on “On the #RoadToReykjavik”, and drew-up the draft agenda;

– **Standing Committee in Reykjavik (15 May 2023):** took note of the draft agenda;

– **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as appear in Appendix II, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;

– Elections observation

- o Montenegro: Presidential election (19 March 2023): confirmed the appointment of Mr Joe O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) as Chairperson, approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix III) and took note of the [statement](#) by the pre-electoral mission;
- o Bulgaria: parliamentary elections (2 April 2023): approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as Chairperson (Appendix IV);
- Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023, tbc): approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections, appointed Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) as Chairperson (Appendix V) and decided that the same delegation would observe the second round of these elections;
- o Conference “Elections in times of crisis: challenges and opportunities” (Bern, 9-10 May 2023): decided to include the institutional representatives of the Assembly to the Council for Democratic Elections as *ex officio* members, as well as to allocate a seat to a member not belonging to a political group to the ad hoc committee to participate in the conference, approved the list of members of this ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) as Chairperson (Appendix VI).

– **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and re-appointed as members of the Selection Panel Ms Anne Brasseur and Mr Nils Muižnieks for a third term of two years starting from 1 June 2023;

– **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2023**: following a consultation by written procedure, approved on 15 February 2023 the nominations as set up in Appendix VII;

– **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**: took note of the information memorandum on the participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in 2022 in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007) and decided:

- o to invite the President of the Assembly to address letters to the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates,
- o to publish the statistics relating to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website;

– Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg or Paris:

o authorised:

- the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, to meet in Marrakech, Morocco, on 8-9 June 2023;
- the Monitoring Committee, to hold a meeting in Rome on 30-31 May 2023 (subject to receiving an invitation);

o taking into account security concerns, postponed the decision concerning the request by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for its ad hoc sub-committee to meet in Ukraine, until the Committee is in a position to define the exact dates and places of the meeting.

IV. Standing Committee meeting, 2-3 March 2023

On 2-3 March 2023, meeting in The Hague, the **Standing Committee**:

- heard opening speeches by Mr Jan Anthonie Bruijn, President of the Senate of the Netherlands (Eerste Kamer), and Mr Tom van der Lee, Vice-President of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands (Tweede Kamer);
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Republic of Moldova and the United Kingdom ;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the second part-session of the Assembly (24-28 April 2023);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau;

- held a current affairs debate on “Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the Russian Federation’s large-scale war of aggression: the role of the Council of Europe”;
- held an exchange of views on “#RoadToReykjavik: towards the Council of Europe of the future”, with the participation of Mr Martin Eyjólfsson, Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland; Mr Leendert Verbeek, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and Ms Jacobine Geel, President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights;
- unanimously adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2487 (2023)	European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection
Recommendation 2248 (2023)	European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection
Resolution 2488 (2023)	The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue
Recommendation 2249 (2023)	The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue
Resolution 2489 (2023)	Promoting online education and research across national borders
Recommendation 2250 (2023)	Promoting online education and research across national borders
Resolution 2490 (2023)	Innovative approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights
- decided to hold its next meetings in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 15 May 2023, and in Riga, Latvia, on 26 May 2023.

V. Activities of committees and networks, and election observation missions

- On 6-8 March 2023, in New York, the **Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)**:
 - . took part in the plenary session of the Commission on the Status of Women and in the side events taking place at the United Nations;
 - . took part in a [side event](#) entitled *Towards a green and digital future: challenges and opportunities for women and girls in public life and the workplace* co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, the Netherlands and Estonia, with the participation of: Ms Marjan Hammersma, Vice-Minister of Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands; Ms Hanna Vseviov, Deputy Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia; Ms Mariëlle Feenstra, NGO Representative, Dutch Delegation to CSW67; Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Petra Stienen, member of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Zita Gurmai, former General Rapporteur on violence against women, member of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Third Vice-Chair of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Margreet De Boer, member of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
- On 15 March 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**:
 - . held an exchange of views on *Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Andrei Vaitovich, Franco-Belarusian journalist based in Lithuania.
 - . held an exchange of views on *The situation of Ukrainian civilians, including children, forcibly displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC), with the participation of Ms Kateryna Rashevskya, legal expert, Regional Centre for Human Rights, Ukraine.
 - . held an exchange of views on *The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pierre-

Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of Ms Meaghan Fitzgerald, Head of the Election Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), and Ms Amara Makhoul, Editor-in-chief, France24, in charge of the InfoMigrants website.

➤ On 16 March 2023, in Marrakech, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**

. held a public hearing on *Safeguarding democracy, rights and the environment in international trade*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of Mr Abdelouahed Rahal, General Director of Commerce of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Morocco, and Mr Mustafa Merizak, Co-ordinator of the Standing Committee for the Promotion of the Culture of Human Rights and the Consolidation of Democratic Construction, Morocco.

. held a public hearing on *Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), with the participation of Ms Latifa Belakhel, Head of Division for non-transmissible diseases, Ministry of Health and Social protection, Morocco, and Mr Chakib Nejari, Professor of epidemiology and public health, Vice-President of the Health Pole, Euromed University, Fez, Morocco.

. held a public hearing on *Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Antón Gómez-Reino (Spain, UEL), with the participation of Ms Rajae Chafil, Climate Change Competence Centre of Morocco (4C Maroc), member of the special Commission on the New Development Model, and Mr Radouan Yessouf, Assistant Director of the Centre for Strategy and Development of the Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency.

➤ On 17 March 2023, in Marrakech, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**

. held a public hearing on *Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), with the participation of Mr Radoine Hassan, Director of the School of Architecture, Planning and Design (SAP+D) at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Ben Guerir, Morocco, and Ms Hind Benzha, Director of Property Development, Ministry of Development of the National Territory, Urban Development, Housing and City Policy, Morocco.

➤ On 17 March 2023, in Marrakech, the **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment:**

. held an exchange of views on *Morocco: Access to drinking water (SDG 6)*, with Mr Abdherrahim El Hafidi, General Director of the Moroccan National Authority of Water and Electricity, Vice-Chair of the African Water Association.

. held an exchange of views on the preparations for the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe and agreed to continue the discussion during the second part-session, and to extend an invitation to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to an exchange of views on this occasion.

➤ On 18 March 2023, in Ben Guerir, the **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment:**

. heard statements on *Access to clean energy – giving a voice to future generations* by Ms Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco, and Mr Hicham El Habti, President of the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Ben Guerir, Morocco.

. held a “Climate Fresco” Workshop (with the NGO Fresque du climat Morocco) and a discussion with young Europeans and Moroccans.

. visited the Green Energy Park, the Smart Building Park and the experimental farm in Ben Guerir.

➤ On 20 March 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**

. held a hearing on *The role of the Council of Europe in preventing human suffering resulting from international armed conflicts: different stages of conflict prevention and best practices to be employed*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE), with the online participation of Ms Katariina Leinonen, Deputy Head of Division, Service of Deputy Secretary General of the Common Security and Defence Policy and Crisis Response, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels.

. held a hearing on *Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Hugo Antonio Acha, Senior Research Fellow, Center for a Secure Free Society (SFS) and Director of Research and Outreach for the Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba (FHRC), Washington.

➤ On 20 March 2023, in Paris, the **Presidential Committee:**

. held an [exchange of views](#) with the following representatives of Russian democratic forces: Ms Natalia Arno, President of the Free Russia Foundation; Mr Dmitriy Gudkov, Russian Anti-War Committee / Russian Action Committee; Mr Gennady Gudkov, Public Movement "For a Free Russia"; Mr Sergei Guriev, Russian Anti-War Committee / True Russia Project / Anti-Corruption Foundation; Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, Free Russia Foundation; Mr Garry Kasparov, Free Russia Forum / Russian Action Committee / Russian Anti-War Committee; and Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Russian Anti-War Committee / Russian Action Committee.

➤ On 21 March 2023 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**

. held a hearing on *Combating undue influence: anti-oligarch legislation in Ukraine, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova*, with the participation of Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe; Ms Angelika Nussberger, Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Germany; and Ms Grainne McMorrough, former Substitute Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Ireland.

➤ On 22 March 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

. held an exchange of views on *Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean, (Romania, SOC), with the participation of Ms Tonje Meinich, Deputy Director General, Legislation Department, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Norway, Chair of the "46+1 Group".

. held a hearing on *UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European Human Rights protection*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), with the participation of Ms Sanchita Hosali, Director of British Institute for Human Rights, United Kingdom, and heard a presentation prepared by Baroness Hale, Former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, in her absence.

. held a hearing on *Allegations of systemic torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in places of detention in Council of Europe member States*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr *Constantinos Efstathiou*, (Cyprus, SOC), which was [livestreamed on the Assembly's YouTube channel](#), with the participation of Mr Alan Mitchell, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Council of Europe; Mr Vladimir Osechkin, President of New dissidents Foundation, founder of Gulagu.net project, and Mr Siarhei Savelyeu, Hotline Coordinator Gulagu.net.

➤ On 23 March 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. held an exchange of views on *The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL), with the participation of Mr Diego Blázquez Martín, Director General for Democratic Memory, Spain.

. held a hearing on *Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andi Lucian Cristea (Romania, SOC), with the participation of: Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of Department, Information Society, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, and Ms Verity McIntosh, Researcher, Senior lecturer in virtual and extended realities at the University of the West of England, Bristol, and member of the Digital Cultures Research Centre, United Kingdom.

. held a hearing on *Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Oleksandr Tkachenko, Minister for Culture and Information Policy, Ukraine, and Ms Krista Pikkat, Director of the Culture and Emergencies Entity, UNESCO, France.

➤ On 24 March 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. held a hearing on *The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of Ms Sabrina Sanchez, General Director, European Sex Workers Alliance (ESWA); Ms Irena Ferčíková Konečná, Policy officer, European Sex Workers Alliance (ESWA); Ms Monica Costa Riba, Senior Campaigner - Gender in Europe, Amnesty International; and Ms Sarah-Marie Maffesoli, Sex Work Advisor, Doctors of the World, France.

. held a hearing on *Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Bernard Rorke, Advocacy and Policy Manager, European Roma Rights Center, Brussels.

➤ **Election observation activities:**

On 22-24 February 2023, a pre-electoral delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), led by Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), made a pre-electoral visit to Montenegro to assess the election campaign and political climate prior to the presidential election on 19 March.

On 17-20 March 2023, a delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), led by Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), travelled to Montenegro to observe the conduct of the presidential election on 19 March.

On 31 March – 3 April 2023, a delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), led by Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), travelled to Montenegro to observe the 2nd round of the Presidential election on 2 April.

On 31 March – 3 April 2023, a delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), led by Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL), travelled to Bulgaria to observe the conduct of the early parliamentary elections on 2 April.

On 12-13 April 2023, a pre-electoral delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) visited Ankara to assess the election campaign and the preparations for the presidential and parliamentary elections to be held in Türkiye on 14 May 2023.

VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Poland***

Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), co-rapporteur of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a [fact-finding visit to Warsaw](#) on **13-15 March 2023**.

➤ ***Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile***

Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a [fact-finding visit to Poland and Lithuania](#) on **26-30 March 2023**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia***

Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) and **Ms Edite Estrela** (Portugal, SOC), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a [fact-finding visit to Tbilisi](#) on **27-29 March 2023**.

➤ ***UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European Human Rights protection***

Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to London on **28-29 March 2023**.

➤ ***Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe***

Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Budapest on **3-4 April 2023**.

➤ ***Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters***

Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a [fact-finding visit to Türkiye](#) on **3-7 April 2023**.

➤ ***The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees***

Mr Birgir Thórarinnsson (Iceland, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Türkiye on **11-15 April 2023**.

➤ ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands***

Mr Titus Corlatean (Romania, SOC) and **Ms Stéphanie Krisper** (Austria, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Netherlands on **18-19 April 2023**.

VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

- **3 March 2023, The Hague, the Netherlands:** the Assembly Interparliamentary Cooperation and Project Support Division, in cooperation with Women@PACE group, the Network Women Free from Violence and the Dutch Delegation to the PACE, organised a [round table](#) on *The Role of Men and Boys in Stopping Gender-Based Violence*.
- **13 March 2023, London:** the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence organised a [peer-to-peer seminar](#) on *The role and responsibilities of parliamentarians in supporting the Istanbul Convention*.
- **17-18 March 2023, Marrakech and Ben Guerir, Morocco:** the Assembly Interparliamentary Cooperation and Project Support Division, in cooperation with the Parliament of Morocco, organised a seminar on *Parliamentary Assembly Network of Parliamentarians of Reference for a Healthy Environment* in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union *Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco*.
- **31 March 2023, Tirana:** the Assembly Interparliamentary Cooperation and Project Support Division, in cooperation with the Parliament of Albania and the Assembly Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, organised a [seminar](#) on *Access to Historic Documents*.

VIII. Cooperation with the Venice Commission

The titular representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC) attended the 133rd Plenary session of the Venice Commission (10-11 March 2023).

Legal advice was provided to the Assembly delegation by representatives of the Venice Commission for the observation of the presidential election in Montenegro (19 March and 2 April 2023) and of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (2 April 2023).

IX. External relations

- Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

10 March 2023, Brussels: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, addressed online the award ceremony of the HISTOLAB Award for Innovative school projects in history education, which was held in the European Parliament in the framework of the European Innovation Days in History Education.

- **Relations with other international partners**

On 6-8 March 2023, while in New York to attend the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67), the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, met with, among others Mr Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, United Nations; Mr Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations; Ms Anita Bhatia, UN Women Deputy Executive Director for UN Coordination, Partnerships, Resources and Sustainability and Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations; and Mr Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations, United Nations.

Election observation delegations of the PACE and of the European Parliament observed the presidential election in Montenegro (19 March and 2 April 2023) in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including also the ODIHR.

An election observation delegation of the PACE observed the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (2 April 2023) in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including also the ODIHR.

On 4-5 April 2023, an ad hoc committee of the Bureau appointed on 20 March 2023, including the Rapporteur on Relations with the OECD of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, participated in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network.

On 18 April 2023, the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, met with Dr Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

X. **List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

- . **2 March 2023:** *Bureau*
- . **2-3 March 2023:** *Standing Committee*
- . **15 March 2023:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **16-17 March 2023:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (Marrakech)*
- . **17-18 March 2023:** *Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment (Marrakech and Ben Guerir)*
- . **20 March 2023:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **21 March 2023:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **22 March 2023:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Sub-Committee on Human Rights*
- . **23 March 2023:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **24 March 2023:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **13 April 2023:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **23 April 2023:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **24 April 2023:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

Appendix I – Agenda of Standing Committee, The Hague, 2 March 2023



AS/Per (2023) OJ 01 rev2
28 February 2023

Standing Committee

Revised draft agenda

of the meeting to be held

**in The Hague on Thursday 2 March 2023 from 16:30 to 18:30
and on Friday 3 March 2023 from 09:00 to 12:30**

(Venue: Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, The Hague, Netherlands)

Thursday 2 March 2023 from 16:30 to 18:30

1. Opening of the meeting by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly
2. Opening speeches by:
 - Mr Jan Anthonie Bruijn, President of the Senate (Eerste Kamer)
 - Mr Tom van der Lee, Vice-President of the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer)
3. Examination of new credentials Doc. 15719
4. Modifications in the composition of committees Commissions (2023) 03
Commissions (2023) 03 Add.
5. Request for a current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure)

Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the Russian Federation's large-scale war of aggression:
the role of the Council of Europe
6. Agenda AS/Per (2023) OJ 01 rev2

Adoption of the revised draft agenda

**This document is the convocation to the meeting
for the members of the Standing Committee**

Copy for information to the Secretaries of delegations and political groups

Members who wish to present amendments
are invited to table them in writing with the Table Office as follows:
Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 01/03 at 09:00 at the latest

7. **Second part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly (24-28 April 2023)** AS/Bur (2023) 08
Consideration of the draft agenda
8. **References to committees** AS/Per (2023) 03
Consideration of the proposals submitted by the Bureau of the Assembly
9. **(Possibly) Current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure)**
Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the large-scale Russian Federation's war of aggression:
the role of the Council of Europe

Friday 3 March 2023 from 09:00 to 12:30

10. **#RoadToReykjavik: towards the Council of Europe of the future**
Exchange of views with the participation of:
- **Mr Martin Eyjólfsson**, Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland
 - **Mr Leendert Verbeek**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
 - **Mr Bjørn Berge**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - **Ms Jacobine Geel**, President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights
11. **Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**
European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection
- Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:*
Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) [Doc. 15718](#)
- Debate
Vote on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation
12. **Culture, Science, Education and Media**
- a. The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue
- Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:*
Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) [Doc. 15710](#)
- Debate
Vote on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation
- b. Promoting online education and research across national borders
- Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:*
Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) [Doc. 15714](#)
- Debate
Vote on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

13. Equality and Non-Discrimination

Innovative approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:
Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)*

[Doc. 15715](#)

Debate

Vote on a draft resolution

14. Other business

15. Next meetings

Reykjavik (Iceland), 15 May 2023

Riga (Latvia), 25-26 May 2023

Appendix II - References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- [Doc. 15688](#), Motion for a resolution, The situation in Iran: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*
- [Doc. 15691](#), Motion for a resolution, Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
- [Doc. 15693](#) Motion for a resolution, Ensuring Azerbaijan’s accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law and its statutory obligations: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on the “Honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan”* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Lachin corridor”*
- [Doc. 15721](#) Motion for a resolution, Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

B. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

- [Doc. 15571](#), Motion for a resolution, Transfer and resettlement of asylum seekers: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures”*.

C. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REFERENCES

- Bureau decision, Reference 4560 of 19 March 2021 – validity: 19 March 2023, Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: extension until 30 April 2023.

Appendix III – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Montenegro (19 March 2023)

Chairperson / Président.e : Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Lise SELNES, Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Adnan DIBRANI, Sweden / Suède
Ms / Mme Margreet DE BOER, Netherlands, Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, France
Mr / M. Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie *
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Andi CRISTEA, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie

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

Ms / Mme Zdravka BUŠIĆ, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande*
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLIEV, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Jorida TABAKU, Albania / Albanie

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Ms / Mme Octavie MODERT, Luxembourg **
Mr / M. Paolo MONIZ, Portugal **
Mr / M. Jacek PROTASIEWICZ, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

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

Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Ms / Mme Tamara VONTA, Slovenia/Slovénie *
Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse

**European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC-DA) /
Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE-AD)**

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Simone BILLI, Italy / Italie *

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Dmytro NATALUKHA, Ukraine **

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

Mr / M. Antón GÓMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

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

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Nicos TORNARITIS, Cyprus / Chypre

* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

**awaiting non-conflict of interest declaration / en attente de la déclaration de non-conflit d'intérêt

Appendix IV – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (2 April 2023)

Chairperson / Président : Mr Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL)

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

Mr / M. Andrzej SZEJNA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus / Chypre
Mr / M. Pedro CEGONHO, Portugal
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France
Ms / Mme Jelena MILOŠEVIĆ, Serbia / Serbie

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
Ms / Mme Róisín GARVEY, Ireland / Irlande

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

Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Ms / Mme Isabel MEIRELLES, Portugal
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Jacek PROTASIEWICZ, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte
Ms / Mme Jorida TABAKU, Albania / Albanie

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

Mr / M. Iulian BULAI, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Mireille CLAPOT, France
Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Oleksandra USTINOVA, Ukraine

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

Lord David BLENATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume Uni
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Harald WEYEL, Germany / Allemagne

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

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Ms / Mme Ms Laura CASTEL, Spain / Espagne

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

Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, SOC, Iceland / Islande
Ms / Mme Valentina MARTINEZ FERRO – EPP/CD, Spain / Espagne

Please note that EPP/CD offers 9 members but only has 6 seats / Veuillez noter que EPP/CD propose 9 membres mais n'a que 6 sièges

Appendix V – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary and presidential elections in Türkiye (14 May 2023)

Chairperson / Président.e : Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC)

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

Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE, Germany / Allemagne*
Mr / M. Jeremy CORBYN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Kate OSAMOR, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Margreet DE BOER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Andrea ORLANDO, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Paulo PISCO, Portugal
Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Max LUCKS, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Derya TÜRK-NACHBAUR, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Andrzej SZEJNA, Poland / Pologne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Christian PETRY, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France
Ms / Mme Heike ENGELHARDT, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Georgie
Mr / M. Sabir HAJIYEV Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro

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

Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Mr / M. Jacek PROTASIEWICZ, Poland / Pologne
Ms / Mme Maria-Gabriela HORGHA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Kęstutis MASIULIS, Lithuania / Lituanie
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Isabel MEIRELLES, Portugal
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Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Ms / Mme Larysa BILOZIR, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Mireille CLAPOT, France*
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Rafael HUSEYNOV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
Ms / Mme Gyde JENSEN, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Denisa Elena NEAGU, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Dean PREMİK, Slovenia / Slovénie
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Ms / Mme Oleksandra USTINOVA, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie

**European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC-DA) /
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Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Simone BILLI, Italy / Italie
Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni*
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Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Paul GAVAN, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Anton GOMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne

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

Mr / M. John HOWELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

Appendix VI – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the parliamentary conference on Elections in times of crisis / Challenges and opportunities (Bern, Switzerland, 9-10 May 2023)

Chairperson / Président : Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE)

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

Mr / M. Adnan DIBRANI, Sweden / Suède
Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, France
Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU, Greece / Grèce
Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Ion PRIOTEASA, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
Ms / Mme Jelena MILOŠEVIĆ, Serbia / Serbie
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus / Chypre

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Ms / Mme Róisín GARVEY, Ireland / Irlande

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

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Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Mr / M. Reinhold LOPATKA, Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland / Pologne
Ms / Mme Arusyak JULHAKYAN, Armenia / Arménie
Mr / M. Kęstutis MASIULIS, Lithuania / Lituanie
Ms / Mme Isabel MEIRELLES, Portugal
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande

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

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Fiona O'LOUGHLIN, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France
Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Ms / Mme Oleksandra USTINOVA, Ukraine
Mr / M. Gusty GRAAS, Luxembourg

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

Mr / M. Ian PAISLEY, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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

Mr / M. Anton GOMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

Members not belonging to a political group (NR) / Membres n'appartenant à aucun groupe politique (NI)

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Members of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (*ex officio*) / Membres du Conseil des Elections Démocratiques de la Commission de Venise (*ex officio*)

Mr / M. Michael Georg LINK, Germany / Allemagne

Ms / Mme María Valentina MARTÍNEZ FERRO, Spain / Espagne

Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia / Croatie

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Ms / Ms Laura CASTEL, Spain / Espagne

Ms / Mme Khatia DEKANOIDZE, Georgia / Géorgie

Mr / M. Aleksander POČIEJ, Poland / Pologne

Appendix VII – Institutional representation of the Assembly in 2023

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2023
I. Council of Europe bodies / Organes du Conseil de l'Europe			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission <i>Commission européenne pour la démocratie par le droit - Commission de Venise</i>	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission <i>Représentants de l'Assemblée désignés par le Bureau pour assister aux sessions de la Commission</i>	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3) <i>Article 2.4 du statut de la Commission de Venise (Rés CM (2002) 3)</i>	Members: Mr Rik DAEMS (Belgium, ALDE) Appointment by the President Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC) (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Serhii VLASENKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur)
Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission <i>Conseil des élections démocratiques de la Commission de Venise</i>	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly <i>Représentants de l'AS/Pol, l'AS/Jur et l'AS/Mon approuvés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée</i>	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003 <i>Décision du Bureau du 10 mars 2003</i>	Members: Mr Michael Georg LINK (Germany, ALDE) (AS/Pol) Mr. Davor Ivo STIER (Croatia, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur) Ms María Valentina MARTÍNEZ FERRO (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Mon) Substitutes: Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) Ms Khatia DEKANOIDZE (Georgia, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur) Ms Laura CASTEL (Spain, UEL) (AS/Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre <i>Centre européen pour l'interdépendance et la solidarité mondiales – Centre Nord-Sud</i>	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly <i>Deux membres du Conseil exécutif - désignés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée</i>	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6) <i>Article 4.2 (b) du statut révisé du Centre Nord- Sud (Rés CM (2011) 6)</i>	Members: Ms Marijana BALIĆ (Croatia, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult) Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC) (AS/Soc) Substitutes: Ms Maria-Gabriela HORGA (Romania, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult) Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Soc)

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2023
<p>European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI</p> <p><i>Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance – ECRI</i></p>	<p>Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)</p> <p><i>Représentants de l'Assemblée désignés par le Bureau (représentants des trois commissions suivantes : AS/Pol, AS/Ega et AS/Cult)</i></p>	<p>Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)</p> <p><i>Article 5 du statut de l'ECRI (Rés CM (2002) 8)</i></p>	<p>Members:</p> <p>Mr Ahmet YILDIZ (Türkiye, NR) (AS/Pol)</p> <p>Ms Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain, SOC) (AS/Cult)</p> <p>Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC) (AS/Ega)</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>ZZZ (AS/Pol)</p> <p>Mr Asim MOLLAZADA (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) (AS/Cult)</p> <p>Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (Belgium, SOC) (AS/Ega)</p>
<p>Group of States against Corruption GRECO</p> <p><i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption - GRECO</i></p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO</p> <p><i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i></p>	<p>Member:</p> <p>Mr Titus CORLATEAN (Romania, SOC) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Ms Elena-Simona SPĂTARU (Romania, ALDE) (AS/Jur)</p>
<p>Committee for Works of Art</p> <p><i>Comité des œuvres d'art</i></p>	<p>Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)</p> <p><i>Deux membres désignés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée (actuellement un membre de l'AS/Cult et le rapporteur du Prix du musée)</i></p>	<p>CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992</p> <p><i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i></p>	<p>Member:</p> <p>Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC) (AS/Cult)</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Mr David MORRIS, (United Kingdom, EC/DA) (AS/Cult)</p>
<p>MONEYVAL</p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12</p> <p><i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i></p>	<p>Member:</p> <p>Ms Maria-Gabriela HORGA (Romania, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Ms Klotilda BUSHKA (Albania, SOC) (AS/Jur)</p>

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2023
<p>Committee of Experts on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV)</p> <p><i>Comité d'experts sur la protection de l'environnement par le droit pénal (PC-ENV)</i></p>	<p>The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; <p><i>Peuvent envoyer des représentants sans droit de vote et à la charge de leurs budgets administratifs respectifs :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe ;</i> 	<p>CM/Res(2021)3</p>	<p>Members:</p> <p>Ms Sunna AEVARSDOTTIR (Iceland, SOC) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Mr Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE) (AS/Soc)</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Mr Ziya ALTUNYALDIZ (Turkey, NR) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Ms Yulia OVCHYNNYKOVA (Ukraine, ALDE) (AS/Soc)</p>
<p>Committee on offences relating to cultural property (PC-IBC)/</p> <p>Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)</p> <p><i>Comité sur les infractions visant les biens culturels (PC-IBC) / Comité directeur de la culture, du patrimoine et du paysage (CDCPP)</i></p>	<p>The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>STCE n°221</p> <p>CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1</p> <p>SG/Inf(2012)12,</p>	<p>Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria) (AS/Cult)</p>
<p>EUROPA NOSTRA</p> <p>Pan-European Federation for Heritage</p> <p>EUROPA NOSTRA - Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</p>	<p>One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer</p> <p>Un membre (et son/sa suppléant/e) qui seront désignés par l'Assemblée pour assister aux réunions du Conseil de la Fédération en tant qu'observateurs</p>	<p>Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra</p>	<p>Member:</p> <p>Ms Foteini Pipili (Greece, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) (AS/Cult)</p>