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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1548<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (21 January 2026)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau of 3 October 2025 up to the meeting of the Bureau of 26 January 2026.

## **I. Main developments between the Assembly's October 2025 part-session and the 2026 January part-session**

### **A. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine**

From 17 to 18 October 2025, members of the Parliamentary Network on the Situation of Children of Ukraine gathered in Tallinn for a two-day conference titled 'Restoring Childhood: Physical and Psychological Rehabilitation of War-Affected Ukrainian Children'. Hosted by the Riigikogu (the Estonian parliament), the meeting brought together parliamentarians, Ukrainian officials, experts, and civil society representatives to discuss ways in which national parliaments can strengthen rehabilitation and psychosocial support systems for children affected by the war. Participants emphasised the importance of rebuilding and modernising Ukraine's rehabilitation infrastructure, providing training and professional exchanges for Ukrainian specialists, and fostering partnerships between hospitals and rehabilitation centres through 'twinning' initiatives. They also advocated for rehabilitation programmes that reach rural and frontline regions and encouraged the exchange of experience between European countries regarding accessibility for disabled people. The Network also recommended recognising schools as key environments for psychosocial care and supporting the creation of a resilient mental health system. Furthermore, they recommended ensuring that rehabilitation initiatives include family-based counselling to strengthen home-based emotional support. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that every Ukrainian child affected by the war has access to recovery, education, and hope through parliamentary engagement and international cooperation.

On 23 October 2025, Olena Khomenko, the Chair of the PACE Parliamentary Network on the Situation of Children in Ukraine, expressed her deepest outrage and sorrow at the brutal Russian missile and drone attacks carried out across Ukraine the previous day. "According to official Ukrainian sources, at least six civilians were killed, including a six-month-old baby and a 12-year-old girl, and dozens were injured. The strikes hit residential areas in Kyiv and surrounding communities, destroying homes and trapping families under the rubble. In the Kharkiv region, a Russian drone hit a kindergarten in the Holodnohirskiyi district, killing one member of staff and injuring others. Nearly 50 children had to be evacuated from the burning building. "These deliberate attacks against civilians and children are a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Targeting homes and kindergartens is an act of unimaginable cruelty and a grave crime that demands accountability", Olena Khomenko stated. She then called on the international community to react with unity and determination, strengthening sanctions and diplomatic pressure on the Russian aggressors while providing urgent humanitarian and psychosocial support to affected children and families, and to ensure justice through reinforced international accountability mechanisms for crimes committed against children.

On 16 December 2025, Titus Corlăţean, PACE rapporteur on accountability for Russia's aggression against Ukraine, addressed the diplomatic conference in The Hague for the adoption and opening for signature of the Convention establishing the International Claims Commission for Ukraine. He pledged that the Assembly would do everything in its power to support the Commission and the future compensation fund. "The Claims Commission will ensure accountability and redress for Ukraine, upholding the principles of state responsibility and the international legal order," he stressed. "Any future peace settlement must include reparations for the victims of the aggression". He recalled that the Assembly had played a key role in the Organisation's legal and political response to Russia's aggression by recommending Russia's expulsion from the Council of Europe and by being among the first to call for an international compensation mechanism comprising three stages: a register of damage, a claims commission and a compensation fund. He welcomed that the second of these steps was now becoming a reality.

### **B. Other activities**

During this time, the Assembly's [ad hoc Committee on the New Democratic Pact](#) continued to contribute to the New Democratic Pact for Europe, which was launched by the Organisation's Secretary General. On 4 November, the *ad hoc* Committee held its second meeting, in Strasbourg, to mark the 75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights. Its members examined the impact of Strasbourg Court rulings on freedom of expression and assembly and considered how political parties could act as the primary defence against democratic backsliding. In the meantime, the Assembly also launched a new [dedicated webpage](#) showcasing its commitment to the European Convention on Human Rights. On 20 November, ahead of the Assembly's Standing Committee meeting in Chişinău, the *ad hoc* Committee heard first-hand from the Republic of Moldova's top election official about how the country had managed to resist foreign interference during recent elections. On this occasion, it also held an exchange of views with Council of Europe Secretary General Alain Berset on the Pact. Finally, on 11 December in Paris, the *ad hoc* Committee met again to discuss further actions to protect democracies and to exchange views with Nathalie Loiseau, Chair of the European Parliament's Special

Committee on the European Democracy Shield, Mary Beth Goodman, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, and Gillian Dorner, the OECD's Deputy Director for Public Governance.

Three major conferences and events were organised during the reporting period. On 13 October, the Polish Parliament and PACE's Sub-Committee on AI and Human Rights organised an [international conference](#) in Warsaw entitled "Parliamentary democracy and legislation in the age of artificial intelligence: the European perspective". Over 100 participants attended the event, engaging in discussions with leading AI experts on topics such as hybrid threats, the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on AI, and the use of AI by parliaments and its applications in defence and medicine. On 27 November, the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye co-organised a parliamentary roundtable on "The Role of Public Policy in Preventing and Addressing the Disappearance of Migrants". Bringing together more than 80 participants, the event launched the recently published [toolkit](#) for parliamentarians on this issue. Most recently, on 15–16 December in London, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliament of the United Kingdom co-organised a [Parliamentary Conference on Artificial Intelligence](#). The conference offered a platform to exchange best practice, define parliamentary roles in AI governance and mobilise support for the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on AI.

Finally, the Assembly made a significant contribution to the 2025 edition of the Council of Europe's [World Forum for Democracy](#). This global event took place in Strasbourg from 5 to 7 November under the title "Democracy at Risk: How Can We Revive It?". The Assembly organised two major events: a discussion exploring how young people are reshaping democratic participation beyond traditional voting, which was moderated by Valentina Grippo, PACE General Rapporteur on media freedom and the safety of journalists. The second was a session co-organised with the Council of Europe Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) which discussed the impact of artificial intelligence on elections and democratic participation. The latter was facilitated by George Papandreou, PACE's General Rapporteur on Democracy. Laura Castel, a member of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections, also participated in the panel discussion. The President of the Parliamentary Assembly delivered the opening address at the Forum, calling for renewed commitment to democratic participation, dialogue, and equality. Petra Bayr, the chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, moderated a plenary session aimed at exploring how democratic engagement can be revitalised through stronger civic involvement and innovative participation tools. Luz Martínez Seijo, the Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, was one of the panellists in a plenary session that explored how history education shapes democratic citizenship and resilience.

## **II. Meetings of the Bureau (4 and 20 November and 11 December 2025)**

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Ad hoc committee on the New Democratic Pact:** decided to modify the composition of the *ad hoc* committee by including the Committees General rapporteurs;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Kyrgyzstan: early parliamentary elections (30 November 2025):* approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3);

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday, 20 November 2025, in Chisinau, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Chisinau (21 November 2025)**
  - request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request of ALDE, SOC, EPP/CD and UEL groups to hold a current affairs debate on *Citizens' mobilisation in the defence of human rights and democracy: recent developments in Latvia*, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate and appointed Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC) as the first speaker;
  - took note of the draft agenda;

- **Dialogue with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with the Secretary general of the Council of Europe;
- **First part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January)**
  - drew up the preliminary draft agenda for the first part-session of 2026;
- **References and transmissions to committees** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 4, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (28 September 2025):* approved the observation report of the parliamentary elections;
  - *Assembly of Kosovo<sup>2</sup>: Early elections (28 December 2025):* decided to observe these elections and set up an *ad hoc* committee composed of 11 members (SOC: 3; EPP/CD: 3; EC/DA: 2; ALDE: 2; UEL: 1), subject to receiving an invitation;
  - *Schedule of the elections in 2026:* took note of the calendar;
  - *Appointment of a PACE representative to the 2025 Annual Implementation Meeting of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (Geneva, 10–12 December 2025):* decided to appoint Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) to represent the Assembly at this event;
- **Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment:** took note of the calendar and of the launch of the 2026 edition of the Prize on 21 November 2025;
- **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 European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Joachim VOGT (Liechtenstein, EC/DA) as a member;
  - **Ad hoc committee on the New Democratic Pact:** updated the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee (Appendix 5).

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2025, in Paris, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Dialogue with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** held an exchange of views with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Follow-up to the Standing Committee meeting (Chisinau, 21 November 2025):** approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **First part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January):**
  - updated the preliminary draft agenda draft agenda for the first part-session of 2026;
  - took note of the requests for the Assembly to hold debates under the urgent procedure on:
    - *65th anniversary of the European Social Charter*, at the request of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
    - *Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire*, at the request of the UEL group;

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<sup>2</sup> All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- *Preserving the integrity of the European Convention on Human Rights system*, at the request of the leaders of political groups;
  - took note of the request for the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on *Safeguarding the system of international justice* (at the request of the leaders of the political groups).
- **Resolution 2621 (2025) “Russian Democratic Forces”**: heard a statement by the President of the Assembly on the follow up to be given;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 6, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Election observation**:
  - *Assembly of Kosovo*<sup>3</sup>: *Early elections (28 December 2025)*: in line with the written consultation of the 3 December 2025, approved the nomination of Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC) as Chairperson and Mr Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson of the *ad hoc* committee and updated the list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee to observe these elections (Appendix 7);
- **Parliamentary and electoral co-operation activities**: took note of the work plan for 2026;
- **Issues raised by committees**:
  - *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: considered and approved the revised Terms of Reference for the General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories;
  - *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: took note of the decision by the Committee to extend the terms of reference of the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine by one year.
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, and of the calendar of the 2026 edition and invited Bureau members to propose candidatures for the vacant seat in the Selection Panel and to submit the names and CVs of candidates together with justification of fulfilment of required condition (“recognised moral standing in the field of human rights”) to the Secretary General of the Assembly by 15 February 2026, in view of the Bureau taking a decision on the appointment at its meeting in March 2026.
- **Composition of thematic committees**: agreed that, for 2026, members of a committee whose appointment by their national delegation has been disputed on the grounds that it does not comply with the gender representation requirement shall sit provisionally on that committee with the same rights as other members until a new composition is submitted to the Assembly or the Standing Committee, and at the latest until the opening of the 2027 session;
- **Rules of confidentiality**: the President reminded members that all information pertaining to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *in camera* proceedings, including fact-finding visits by its co-rapporteurs, is strictly confidential and may not be disclosed or reported outside the committee.
- **Date and place of next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Monday 26 January 2026, 8 h 00, Strasbourg (part-session);
  - Friday 30 January 2026, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
  - Mercredi, 6 March 2026, 9 h 30, Paris.

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### III. Meeting of the Standing Committee (21 November 2025)

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 21 November 2025 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly, and Ms Arusyak Julhakyan, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Igor Grosu, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Mihai Popșoi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and the United Kingdom;
- approved the changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (26-30 January 2026);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix 8);
- held a current affairs debate on “Citizens’ mobilisation in the defence of human rights and democracy: recent developments in Latvia”;
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the Observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025);
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly

<b>Resolution 2631 (2025)</b>	<b>Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health</b>
<b>Resolution 2632 (2025)</b>	<b>Identifying and managing conflicts of interest in the Parliamentary Assembly</b>
<b>Resolution 2633 (2025)</b>	<b>Modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure</b>
<b>Resolution 2634 (2025)</b>	<b>Increasing members’ active participation in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly</b>
- decided to hold its next meeting in Monaco on 22 May 2026.

### IV. Prizes

#### ➤ **Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment**

On **21 November 2025**, in Chisinau, the Parliamentary Assembly [launched](#) the call for nominations for the 3rd edition of the Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment.

#### ➤ **Museum Prize**

On **2 December 2025**, in Paris, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media held an exchange of views with Mr Mathieu Viau-Courville, member of the Jury for the Museum Prize, Luxembourg, and decided to award the [2026 Museum Prize](#) to Young Victoria & Albert Museum, United Kingdom.

#### ➤ **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

On **16 January 2026**, the Parliamentary Assembly, in partnership with the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation, issued a [call](#) for nominations for the 2026 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.

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

- On 20-21 October 2025, in London, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**<sup>4</sup>:
  - . held an exchange of views on *The role of diasporas and migrants in building social cohesion and progress*, in the context of a report prepared by Lord Leslie Griffiths (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of Ms Nana Anto-Awuakye, Engagement Coordinator, African Catholic Diaspora (England & Wales), CAFOD and pupils from Central Foundation Schools of London (borough of Islington and borough of Tower Hamlets);
  - . held an exchange of views on *Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR), with the participation of Ms Sally Hargreaves, Professor of Clinical Public Health, City St George's, University of London and Ms Inka Weissbecker, expert on Mental Health, Brain Health and Substance Use, World Health Organization;
  - . heard a keynote address on *the Rule of law and migration policy: reflections on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights* by Mr Tim Eicke K.C, Essex Court Chambers, London, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (2016 – 2025);
  - . held an exchange of views with Mr Kristoffer Tamsons (Sweden, R, EPP/CCE), Deputy Thematic Spokesperson on migration and integration, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe;
  - . heard an address by Lord Alfred Dubs, member of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee, House of Lords, UK Parliament;
  - . held a round table discussion on *Immigration as a strategic response to demographic ageing: Implementing PACE Resolution 2586 (2025)*, with the participation of Ms Emily Farchy, Senior administrator in IMD, OECD; Ms Christa Rottensteiner, IOM London Chief of Mission, IOM; Dr Serena Franco, head of international projects of the municipality of Camini, Italy; Mr John Hampson, volunteer for the SAI project of the municipality of Camini, Italy; Ms Maddie Harris, Director and Founder of Humans for Rights Network; Ms Charlotte Khan, Head of Advocacy & Public Affairs, Care4Calais and Mr Johannes Boehmer, Vice-Governor, CEB.
- On 13 November 2025, in Limassol, Cyprus, the **Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities**:
  - . held an exchange of views on *responding to GRECO recommendations, with examples from member States*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) with the participation of Mr Charalambos Athanasiou, former Vice President and current Member of the Special Permanent Committee on Parliamentary Ethics of the Hellenic parliament; Ms Arusyak Julhakyán, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the National Assembly of Armenia; Mr Mile Lefkov, Head of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Mandatory-Immunity Issues of the National Assembly of North Macedonia and Mr Vaso Obradović, member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Parliament of Montenegro;
  - . held an exchange of views on *responding to GRECO recommendations, the example from the House of Representatives of Cyprus*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) with the participation of Ms Alexia Kalispera, Head of the Cyprus Delegation to GRECO and Member of the Bureau of GRECO and Mr Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the House of Representatives on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner for Administration.
- On 30 November 2025, a PACE delegation [observed](#) the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprising the ODIHR and the OSCE PA.

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<sup>4</sup> As of January 2026, the new name of the committee is *Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation*.

➤ On 1 December 2025, in Paris, the **Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport:**

. held an exchange of views on *Advertising in sport: safeguarding ethics and public health*, with the participation of Mr Christian Kalb, Director of CK Consulting, expert in sports betting and sports governance issues, France; Mr Bram Constandt, Professor of Sport Management, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and Ms Steffi De Jans, Senior postdoctoral researcher, Department of Communication Sciences, Ghent University, Belgium;

. held an exchange of views on *UEFA WOMEN's EURO 2025: advancing human rights and gender equality in sport*, in the context of the follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 2607 (2025) and Recommendation 2297 (2025) on "Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities", with the participation of Mr Filippo Veglio, Head of Social & Environmental Sustainability, Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), Belgium; Ms Elizabeth Pike, Institute of Sport, School of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, University of Hertfordshire, UK - Head of the Sport and Social Inclusion Research Group (SSIRG) - International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) and 2024 IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Award; Ms Maritchu Rall, Chair of the Committee "Sport and Human Rights" and representative of the European Social Action Network (ESAN) and Mr Christian Saint-Lezer, expert and representative of the European Association for Education (AEDE) - France, Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe.

➤ On 1-2 December 2025, in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. held an exchange of views on *Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace*, in the context of the follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 2558 (2024) and Recommendation 2280 (2024), with the participation of Ms Tetyana Berezhna, Deputy Prime Minister for Humanitarian policy of Ukraine, Minister of Culture (online); Ms Chiara Dezzi Bardeschi, Head of the UNESCO Office in Ukraine and Ms Kristin Hausler, Chairperson of the Committee on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict, International Law Association (ILA), London;

. held an exchange of views on *Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of Ms Karen Rønde, CEO, Danish Press Publications' CMO (DPCMO) (online);

. held an exchange of views on *Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation*, in the context of the follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 2550 (2024) and Recommendation 2278 (2024), with the participation of Mr Munir Mammadzade, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) representative to Ukraine; Ms Iryna Volokhai, parent of a child with special education needs; and Mr Serhii Pozniakov, Graduate of the Kharkiv Special School, connected online from Ukraine;

. held an exchange of views on *The role of youth in revitalising democracy*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Bram Dewolfs, President of Urban Foxes – Peacemakers and Urban Pedagogy, Brussels.

➤ On 1 December 2025, in London, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

. heard a statement from the Deputy Prime Minister, followed by an exchange of views;

. held an exchange of views on *the European Convention on Human Rights: rising to the challenges of our times*, with Mr Tim Eicke KC, Essex Court Chambers, London, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom (2016-2025);

. held an exchange of views Lord Burnett of Maldon and Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, members of the House of Lords Constitution Committee, United Kingdom;

. held an exchange of views on *Fighting back against transnational repression*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), and on *Safeguarding human rights in the artificial intelligence-driven public sector*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC), with Mr Alex Sobel MP and Lord Murray of Blidworth, Members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights of the Parliament of the United Kingdom;

. held an exchange of views with Mr Alan Mitchell, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

➤ On 2 December 2025, in London, the **Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

. held a hearing on *How to ensure that the Russian Federation implements the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Tony Vaughan (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of Mr Rupert Skilbeck, Director of REDRESS, London, and Mr Toby Collis, lawyer, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, London;

. held a hearing on *Promoting democratic security through the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*, with the participation of Dr Adam Bodnar, Polish Senator, former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Poland, and former Polish Commissioner for Human Rights, and Ms Veronika Fikfak, Professor of Human Rights and International Law, University College London School of Public Policy, London;

. held an exchange of views on *Parliamentary supervision of the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: best practices* with Mr Rob Linham, Deputy Director, Rights and Public Law, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom, and Mr Alex Sobel MP and Lord Murray of Blidworth, Members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

➤ On 3 December 2025, in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. held a hearing on *Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), with the participation of Mr Leonhard den Hertog, Policy Officer, DG JUST, Gender Equality Unit, European Commission, (*online*) and Ms Louise Hooper, Barrister and independent expert at the Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination of the Council of Europe;

. held a hearing on *The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Nazifa Yusufi Bek, Professor and activist, human rights and women's rights defender, former Member of Parliament in Afghanistan, President of the Afghan Women Parliamentarians and Leaders Network (AWPLN) (*online*); Ms Shah Gul Rezaie, former Member of Parliament from Afghanistan; Ms Mobina Akbari, Founding Member, Afghan Women Parliamentarians and Leaders Network (AWPLN), and Former Policy and Programme Expert, Ministry of Women's Affairs of Afghanistan (*online*) and Mr Richard Bennett, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan (*online*);

. held a joint meeting with the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence** on *Paving the way for a culture of consent*, in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), with the participation of Ms Evin Incir, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, co-rapporteur on "The importance of consent-based rape legislation in the EU", Sweden (*online*); Ms Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop, member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) and former CEO for the Rape Crisis Centre, Ireland and Ms Sara Uhnöo, Associate professor in sociology, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

➤ On 4 December 2025, in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**

. held a hearing on *Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Taras Vysotskyi, Deputy Minister of Economy, Environment, and Agriculture of Ukraine;

. held a hearing on *The situation of Ukrainian soldiers who became disabled as a result of hostilities*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Jan Filip Libicki (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Nataliia Kalmykova, Minister of Veterans Affairs of Ukraine;

. held a hearing on *Guaranteeing the right to access to drinking water*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of Ms Sabrina Cajoly, founder of Kimbé Rêd, French West Indies.

- On 8 December 2025, in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . held an exchange of views with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR), with the participation of Ms Amira Yahiaoui, clinical psychologist at the Evelyne and Jean Kestenberg Centre for Psychoanalysis of ASM13, psychodramatist, temporary lecturer and researcher at the Institute of Humanities, Sciences and Societies (IHSS), Paris;
  - . held an exchange of views on *Frontline States: the role of the Council of Europe in implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Christiana Erotokritou (Cyprus, SOC), with the participation of Ms Paloma Favieres, General Director for Humanitarian Assistance and the Reception System for International Protection, Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Spain and Mr David Mancini, prosecutor, Italian delegate to the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings of the Council of Europe (GRETA).
- On 8 December 2025, in Paris, the **Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . held an exchange of views with Ms Sawsane Djazouli, Policy and Communications Officer, #DiasporaVote!.
- On 9 December 2025, 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 *The situation regarding the media in Albania*, in the context of a report on the Post-Monitoring dialogue with Albania prepared by Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Alina Tatarenko, Head of the Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression of the Council of Europe; Ms Blerjana Bino, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Center Science and Innovation for Development (Albania) and Ms Ena Bavčić, Senior Advocacy and Policy Advisor, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom.
- On 10 December 2025, in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**
  - . held a hearing on *Strengthening early warning mechanisms for democratic backsliding*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Matjaž Gruden, Director for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe;
  - . held a hearing on *Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Francesca Fanucci, Senior legal advisor, European Center for Not-For-Profit Law (ECNL), and representative of the Conference of International NGOs of the Council of Europe at the Committee on Artificial Intelligence of the Council of Europe;
  - . held a hearing on *Digital transformation: the role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), with the participation of Ms Angelica Salvi Del Pero, Senior advisor, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD and Mr Flavio Calvino, Senior Economist, Firms, Digital Transformation & Technology Diffusion, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD.
- On 28 December 2025, a PACE delegation [observed](#) the early elections to the Assembly of Kosovo\*.

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\* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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

### **➤ *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine***

**Mr Damien Cottier** (Switzerland, ALDE) and **Ms Saara-Sofia Sirén** (Finland, EPP/CD), 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 Kyiv on **8-10 October 2025**.

### **➤ *Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies***

**Ms Tuula Haatainen** (Finland, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Hungary on **20-21 October 2025**.

### **➤ *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina***

**Mr Zsolt Németh** (Hungary, ECPA) and **Mr Pablo Hispán** (Spain, EPP/CD), 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 Sarajevo on **3-5 November 2025**.

### **➤ *Situation in the Middle East***

**Ms Dora Bakoyannis** (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out fact-finding visits to Paris on **3 October 2025**, and to Israel and the West Bank on **9-13 November 2025**.

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

**Ms Edite Estrela** (Portugal, SOC) and **Ms Sabina Ćudić** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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 Tbilisi on **10-12 November 2025**.

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

**Ms Elvira Kovács** (Serbia, EPP/CD) and **Ms Valentina Grippo** (Italy, 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 Madrid and Barcelona on **12-14 November 2025**.

### **➤ *European guidelines to counter social dumping and labour exploitation***

**Ms Valérie Piller Carrard** (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Netherlands on **13-14 November 2025**.

### **➤ *Digital transformation: the role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work***

**Ms Marietta Karamanli** (France, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the OECD headquarters in Paris, on **26 November 2025**.

### **➤ *Threats to the International Criminal Court***

**Mr Tekke Panman** (Netherlands, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the ICC in The Hague, on **27-28 November 2025**.

## **VII. Other activities of members of the Assembly**

**Mr Joseph O'Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights, in Edinburgh on **3 October 2025**.

**Ms Gala Veldhoen** (Netherlands, SOC), member of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, participated in an event co-organised by DGI and the National

Human Rights Council of Morocco on the occasion of the world day against the death penalty, in Rabat, on **10 October 2025**.

**Mr Andries Gryffroy** (Belgium, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, substitute of the representative of the committee to the EUROPA NOSTRA - Pan-European Federation for Heritage, participated in the European Cultural Heritage Summit 2025, held in Brussels, on **12-15 October 2025**.

**Ms Valentina Grippo** (Italy, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, participated as panellist in the MFRR Summit 2025 (European Centre for Press and Media Freedom), held in Brussels, on **13 October 2025**.

**Mr Michael Farrugia** (Malta, SOC), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate to the Council of Europe Conference on the Protection of Health, in Strasbourg on **15 October 2025**.

**Ms Aurora Florida** (Italy, SOC), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, in Florence on **21 October 2025**.

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in North-South Prize Award Ceremony and meeting of the Executive Committee and the North-South Dialogues, in Lisbon on **28-29 October 2025**.

**Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova** (Ukraine, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated online in the 49<sup>th</sup> session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, in Strasbourg on **28-30 October 2025**.

**Mr Georgios Stamatis** (Greece, EPP/CD), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, in his capacity of General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers, participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee), in Chişinău on **18-21 November 2025**.

**Mr Rónán Mullen** (Ireland, EPP/CD), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in 46<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee), in Chişinău on **18-21 November 2025**.

**Ms Arusyak Julhakyan** (Armenia, EPP/CD), member of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, participated in the 101<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), in Strasbourg, on **18-21 November 2025**.

**Mr Chris Said** (Malta, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025) and member of the *Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections*, participated in the hearing on "Safeguarding Democracy: Elections and Foreign Interference" organised by PACE *ad hoc* Committee on the New Democratic Pact in Chisinau on **20 November 2025**.

**Mr Koloman Brenner** (Hungary, NR), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, rapporteur for follow-up on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions in Europe*, participated as panellist in the conference "Academic Freedom in Action 2025", held in Strasbourg, on **25-26 November 2025**.

**Ms Aurora Florida** (Italy, SOC), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *Ad hoc* Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME), in Strasbourg on **2-4 December 2025**.

**Ms Zeynep Yildiz** (Türkiye, NR), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, representative of the committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), participated in the in the ECRI 2025 Annual Seminar, held in Strasbourg on **23-24 October 2025**, and in the ECRI 99<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting, held in Strasbourg on **3-5 December 2025**.

**Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova** (Ukraine, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in the Ceremony for the official presentation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and the opening for signature of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law, in Strasbourg on **3 December 2025**.

**Mr Georgios Stamatis** (Greece, EPP/CD), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on Inclusive Care for Older Persons, organised by the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Development Bank, in Strasbourg on **9 December 2025**.

**Mr Dan Aldridge** (United Kingdom, SOC), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the MEDICRIME Convention, in Strasbourg on **9-10 December 2025**.

**Ms Laura Castel** (Spain, UEL), member of the *Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections*, participated in the 2025 Annual Implementation Meeting of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation in Geneva, on **10-12 December 2025**.

**Mr Andries Gryffroy** (Belgium, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, rapporteur for follow-up on “The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue”, participated online in the meeting of the reflection group on “Thematic representativeness of cultural routes of the Council of Europe”, held in Paris on **15-16 December 2025**.

**Mr Titus Corlăţean** (Romania, SOC), member of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, participated in the Diplomatic conference for the adoption of a convention establishing an International Claims Commission for Ukraine, in The Hague, on **16 December 2025**.

**Ms Nadejda Iordanova** (Bulgaria, NR), member of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, participated in the 70<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), in Strasbourg, on **15-19 December 2025**.

## **VIII. PACE parliamentary and electoral cooperation activities**

➤ **23 November 2025, Chisinau:** the *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division* organised, in cooperation with the Women@PACE group and the Moldovan Delegation to the Assembly, a round table on “Violence against women and the role of parliaments and parliamentarians in implementing the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention”. The round table focused on what parliamentarians can do to implement the Istanbul Convention, the Council of Europe’s legal standard on combating violence against women and domestic violence and heard from leading Moldovan officials on the progress made by the country to keep women safe, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators.

➤ **15-16 December 2025, London:** the *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division* organised, in cooperation with the UK Parliament, the “Parliamentary Conference on Artificial Intelligence.” The conference brought together parliamentarians from Council of Europe member States and other key stakeholders to examine the latest developments in artificial intelligence and their implications for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. It provided a platform to exchange best practices, define parliamentary roles in AI governance, and mobilise support for the Council of Europe’s Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence.

The **PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division**, through the Project *Strengthening Elections Integrity in Albania*:

➤ **10-12 October 2025, Tirana:** supported the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Albania in organising a “Training of trainers for the local by-elections for mayors on 9 November 2025”.

➤ **24 October 2025 Tirana:** organised, in collaboration with the CEC of Albania, a Round table on “The Complaint Tracking and Monitoring Platform” to present and discuss the Complaint Tracking and Monitoring (CTM) Platform. The platform, developed with the support of the Council of Europe, was designed to enhance the transparency and efficiency of handling electoral complaints by enabling online submission, registration, tracking, and analysis of complaints throughout the electoral process. The event brought together key stakeholders, including representatives of the CEC, political parties, civil society organisations, and international partners. The platform’s main functionalities were demonstrated, with particular emphasis on its ability to track complaint status and ensure transparency for all users, including citizens. The subsequent discussions focused on collecting feedback and recommendations to further improve the platform’s effectiveness and user-friendliness, with a view to strengthening electoral dispute resolution and the overall integrity of the electoral process.

➤ **3 November 2025, Tirana:** organised, together with the CEC, a round table on “First-time voters electoral education program: Outcomes and way forward” in the framework of the First-time voters (FTV) programme, implemented by the Academy of Political Studies in cooperation with the National Agency for Pre-University Education (AKAP). FTV aims to engage young voters in the democratic process. The round table provided a platform to discuss the outcomes of the program and the way forward for enhancing electoral education for future generations.

The **PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division**, through the EU/CoE JP *Support to the Election Cycle in Albania*:

➤ **13 November 2025, Albania:** formally launched the action through a multi-stakeholder event that identified key electoral challenges and reaffirmed commitment to inclusive, credible, and transparent elections. Early implementation activities, including the constitutive meeting of the Steering Committee, demonstrated strong institutional ownership by the Central Election Commission in Albania, alignment with its strategic priorities, and the active engagement and commitment of other stakeholders.

➤ **January 2026 (tbc), Albania:** is preparing to launch collaboration between civil society and media organisations and the Central Election Commission (CEC) through an E-consultation platform integrated into the CEC portal. The kick-off event, expected in January 2026, will institutionalise cooperation and enhance stakeholder engagement throughout the electoral cycle. In parallel, the action will support the civil society and media organisations through grant schemes, which will be initiated through an open call for proposals within January. The grants aim to strengthen national organisations capacity to carry out non-partisan, evidence-based reporting and analysis, as well as increase their engagement in the electoral policy-making processes across the electoral cycle.

The **PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division**, through the Project *Supporting transparency, inclusiveness and integrity of electoral practice and processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Phase II*:

➤ **4-5 October 2025, Igman, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** organised the first module of the Academy for Women Candidates on the topic “Understanding the electoral process and gender quotas”. The Academy is a unique training programme for first-time women candidates and those who have run but not yet held office. It gathered 24 participants and lasted for two intensive training days. It explored the country’s electoral system and challenges that continue to block women’s equal participation in political parties and political life.

➤ **29-30 November 2025, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** organised the second module of the Academy for Women Candidates on the topic “Electoral campaign- my story”. This module focused on what makes a campaign not only visible, but also meaningful. Through a mix of interactive presentations, group exercises, and real-life examples, participants explored how to develop a strong and authentic political narrative explaining who they are, what they stand for, and the impact they hope to deliver.

➤ **11-12 December 2025, Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** organised the training “Criminal vs. misdemeanour liability under the Law on the Financing of Political Parties” for the BiH Audit and Legal departments of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It focused on core elements of criminal liability related to political party financing, including how to recognise key indicators of a criminal offence, distinguish administrative violations from criminal conduct, understand the threshold of reasonable suspicion, and assess what qualifies as relevant evidence.

➤ **November-December 2025:** developed a draft roadmap for the establishment of the Centre for Education within the CEC BiH based on the need assessment involving all key electoral stakeholders carried out in July 2025.

The **PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division**, through the Project *Improving electoral practice in the Republic of Moldova (IEPRM), 2025-2028*:

➤ **10 and 24 October 2025, Chisinau:** organised two webinars on the mid-term assessment of the implementation of the Strategic programme 2024-2026 of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova (CEC) and the Strategic programme 2024-2027 of the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training based on the Council of Europe URSO (Useful, Relevant, Sustainable, Owned) methodology for the project beneficiary institutions - the CEC and Training Centre – as well as for the CoE local consultants.

➤ **20 October 2025, Chisinau:** published a post-electoral report on youth participation on the 28 September 2025 Parliamentary elections, including youth turnout, total youth candidates and those elected, the youth-focused priorities in the programs of parties that entered Parliament, as well as recommendations.

- **October 2025, Chisinau:** published a report on monitoring of sexist speech and behaviour by the electoral candidates during the September 2025 Parliamentary elections period in the Republic of Moldova, focusing only on online media outlets.
- **October-November 2025, Chisinau:** developed a methodological Guide on carrying out the audit for political parties with expenditure or revenue over 1 million lei reporting to the CEC, approved and applied by the CEC as of January 2026.
- **4-5 December 2025, Chisinau:** held a validation workshop on the mid-term assessment results of the CEC and Training Centre strategic programmes, based on the abovementioned URSO methodology, and produced recommendations on how to adjust the Strategic programmes of the CEC and the Training Centre for 2026.
- **11 December 2025, Chisinau:** held a Project Steering Committee meeting presenting the key achievements for 2025 and approving the project plan of activities for 2026.
- **12 December 2025, Chisinau:** held a training session for around 25 judges and prosecutors from various regions of the Republic of Moldova, aimed at strengthening their capacities to investigate and examine illegal political and electoral financing. During the training, participants were introduced to the newly developed Guide on the investigation of offences related to the illegal financing of political parties and electoral corruption in the Republic of Moldova, which is intended to serve as a practical and new methodological support for the magistrates, electoral officials and other interested practitioners.
- **18 – 19 December 2025, Chisinau:** held a two-day inclusive workshop for around 50 representatives of the CEC and District Electoral Councils. The workshop was aiming to review and assess the operational results and performance of the electoral administration during the 2025 Parliamentary election. At the end of the event, participants developed robust recommendations to ensure accountability of political financing and prevent misuse of administrative resources in the future electoral processes.
- **December 2025, Chisinau:** in collaboration with the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training, developed a new online training course entitled “Electoral Integrity”, which was designed to provide professional training on political and electoral integrity to support future electoral officials in preparing for the Training Center’s certification exams.

The **PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division**, through the Project *Supporting democratic post-war elections in Ukraine – Phase II*:

- **28 October, 17 and 25 November 2025, Kyiv:** organised and facilitated meetings of the Group of Experts working on the elaboration of a list of criteria with quantity and quality indicators and methodology of collection and assessment of respective data/information to assess pre-conditions necessary for the conduct of democratic post-war elections in Ukraine and to define the possibility/impossibility of calling, organisation and conduct of elections on some territories. The work of the Group of Experts is conducted in cooperation with the Central Election Commission of Ukraine (CEC). The developed draft document will be presented to, and discussed with, representatives of the CEC and other national authorities concerned, for its consideration while elaborating legislative framework for post-war elections.
- **9 – 12 December 2025, Chernivtsi, Ukraine:** organised, in cooperation with the CyberEast+ project implemented by the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe, a cyber exercise on “Election interference: response, investigation, forensics and interagency cooperation” combined with a cybersecurity crisis communication workshop. The activity was organised for nearly 30 representatives of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine, as well as law-enforcement, criminal justice and security agencies, media regulator (State Security Service of Ukraine; National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine; State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine; Cyber Police, Prosecutor’s General Office; National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting). The main goal was to strengthen the capacity of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine, as well as other national authorities concerned in counteracting and efficiently coordinating their response measures, including crisis communication, to elections interference made through cyberattacks/incidents and accompanying large-scale disinformation campaigns in the context of the preparation to the post-war elections and related challenges.
- **January – February 2026, Kyiv:** is providing expert/consultancy support within the framework of the Working group established under the Parliament of Ukraine on the development of comprehensive legislative proposals related to specifics of organisation and conduct of elections in conditions of a special period and/or post-war elections in Ukraine (upon the request of the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ukraine).

## **IX. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly**

- **13-14 November 2025, Limassol, Cyprus:** the *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities* organised a round table on “Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments”.
- **5 December 2025, Paris, French National Assembly:** the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development* organised a conference on “Social rights and the cost-of-living crisis”.

## **X. Cooperation with the Venice Commission**

- **8 October 2025, Venice, Italy:** the representative of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, Mr Pablo Hispán, (Spain, EPP/CD), participated in the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections, as well as Ms Rian Vogels, member of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, and Lord Blencathra, member of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe*.
- **9-10 October 2025, Venice, Italy:** the representative of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), participated in the 144<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).
- **9 December 2025, Paris:** the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)* requested an opinion of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the recent amendments to the Organic Law of Georgia on “Political Associations of Citizens” and Article 381 of the Criminal Code of Georgia.
- **11 December 2025, Venice, Italy:** the representative of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, Mr Pablo Hispán, (Spain, EPP/CD), participated in the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections, as well as Ms Liliana Tanguy, member of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe*.
- **12-13 December 2025, Venice, Italy:** the representative of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), participated in the 145<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).
- Legal advice was provided by representatives of the Venice Commission to the PACE delegation observing the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic **on 30 November 2025** and the early elections to the Assembly of Kosovo\* **on 28 December 2025**.

## **➤ XI. External relations**

### **- Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions**

- On 11 December in Paris, members of the *ad hoc* Committee on the New Democratic Pact exchanged views with **Nathalie Loiseau**, Chair of the European Parliament's Special Committee on the European Democracy Shield
- **Post-Monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia**

**Ms Sibel Arslan** (Switzerland, SOC) and **Mr Joseph O'Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD), 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 European Union institutions in Brussels on **15-16 January 2026**.

### **- Relations with other international partners**

- **15-16 October 2025, London:** the *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities*, through the project *Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments (VC 3901)*, in co-operation with the OSCE-ODIHR, organised a study visit to Westminster for a parliamentary delegation from the National Assembly of Armenia.

➤ A PACE delegation observed the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic on **30 November 2025** as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprising the ODIHR and the OSCE PA.

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

- . **3 October 2025, Strasbourg:** Bureau meeting
- . **13-14 October 2025, Warsaw:** Sub-Committee on artificial intelligence of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- . **20-21 October 2025, London:** Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- . **4 November 2025, Strasbourg:** Bureau meeting
- . **13-14 November 2025, Limassol (Cyprus):** Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities
- . **20 November 2025, Chisinau:** Presidential Committee
- . **20 November 2025, Chisinau:** Bureau meeting
- . **21 November 2025, Chisinau:** Standing Committee
- . **1-2 December 2025, Paris:** Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- . **1 December 2025, London:** Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- . **2 December 2025, London:** Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- . **3 December 2025, Paris:** Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- . **4 December 2025, Paris:** Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- . **8 December 2025, Paris:** Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- . **8 December 2025, Paris:** Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration
- . **9 December 2025, Paris:** Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- . **10 December 2025, Paris:** Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- . **10 December 2025, Paris:** Presidential Committee
- . **11 December 2025, Paris:** Bureau meeting
- . **12 January 2026, Paris:** Committee on the Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- . **14 January 2026, Strasbourg and hybrid:** Joint Committee meeting



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## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Rul: Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

ECPA: European Conservatives, Patriots and Affiliates





ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Members not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Joint Committee

Thursday: 15:00-16:30

### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:30

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:00

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:30-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

## Sitting No. 1 (11:30-13:00)

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### 1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Examination of the credentials
- 1.2. Farewell ceremony for the outgoing President of the Assembly
- 1.3. Election of the President of the Assembly
- 1.4. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
- 1.5. Appointment of members of committees
- 1.6. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
  - 1.6.1. Current affairs debate: "Safeguarding the system of international justice"
  - 1.6.2. Debate under urgent procedure: "65th anniversary of the European Social Charter"
  - 1.6.3. Debate under urgent procedure: "Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire"
  - 1.6.4. Debate under urgent procedure: "Preserving the integrity of the European Convention on Human Rights system"
  - 1.6.5. Debate under urgent procedure: "Actions by the US Administration against Venezuela and threats against other Latin American countries and against Greenland / Denmark"
  - 1.6.6. Debate under urgent procedure: "Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland"
- 1.7. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.8. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Republic of Moldova, 21 November 2025)

### 2. Joint debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
  - Presentation by:
    - o Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)
- 2.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic (30 November 2025)
  - Presentation by:
    - o Mr Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16319)
- 2.3. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2025)
  - Presentation by:
    - o Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (Latvia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16316)
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 25 January, 16:00)
  - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 08:30)

## Sitting No. 2 (15:40-17:30)

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### 3. [Possibly] Current affairs debate<sup>2</sup>

#### 3.1. Safeguarding the system of international justice

Statement by:

- o Ms Stephanie HUBIG, German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 09:00)

### 4. Joint debate (continued)

#### 4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

Presentation by:

- o Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

#### 4.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic (30 November 2025)

Presentation by:

- o Mr Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16319)

#### 4.3. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2025)

Presentation by:

- o Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (Latvia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16316)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 25 January, 16:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 08:30)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16316)

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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## Tuesday 27 January 2026

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### Sitting No. 3 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 5. [Possibly] Elections

#### 6. Address (10:00-11:00)

##### 6.1. Ms Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova


 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

#### 7. Address (11:00-12:00)

##### 7.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Presentation by:

- o Mr Alain BERSET, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

#### 8. Ceremony marking the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust<sup>3</sup> (12:00-12:45)

### Sitting No. 4 (15:40-20:00)

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#### 9. [Possibly] Elections (2nd round)


#### 10. Debate


##### 10.1. Elections in times of crisis

Presentation by:

- o Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16297)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)


 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16297)


#### 11. Debate


##### 11.1. Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent

Presentation by:

- o Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16311)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16311)


#### 12. Debate


##### 12.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina


Presentation by:

- o Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, ECPA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16310)

- o Mr Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16310)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16310)

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3. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2026)...

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## Wednesday 28 January 2026

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### Sitting No. 5 (10:10-13:00)

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#### 13. Debate

##### 13.1. Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Sona GHAZARYAN (Armenia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16308)
  - o Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. ...)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 10:40)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16308)

#### 14. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 14.1. Mr Ararat MIRZOYAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)

### Sitting No. 6 (15:40-20:00)

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#### 15. Address (15:40-16:40)

##### 15.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Mihai POPȘOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, President of the Committee of Ministers
- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)

#### 16. Debate

##### 16.1. Draft additional protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare services

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Camen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16309)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:10)
- Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 16309)

#### 17. Debate

##### 17.1. Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Luz MARTINEZ SEJO (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16314)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:10)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16314)

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## Thursday 29 January 2026

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### Sitting No. 7 (10:10-13:00)

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- 18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate
- 19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate

### Sitting No. 8 (16:30-20:00)

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#### 20. Debate

##### 20.1. For a ban on conversion practices

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Kate OSBORNE (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16315)
- Statement by:
  - o Ms Helena DALLI, former European Commissioner for Equality, former Minister for European Affairs and Equality of Malta
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16315)

#### 21. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate

#### 22. Debate

##### 22.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16317)
  - o Mr Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16317)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16317)

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## Friday 30 January 2026

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### **Sitting No. 9** *(10:10-13:00)*

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**23. Free debate**

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 29 January, 16:00)

**24. Progress report (continued)**

**25. Constitution of the Standing Committee**

**26. Closure of the part-session**

## Commission permanente

### Projet d'ordre du jour révisé

de la réunion qui aura lieu

**à Chisinau le vendredi 21 novembre 2025 de 9h30 à 13h00 et de 14h30 à 15h30**

(Lieu : Parlement de la République de Moldova, Boulevard Stefan cel Mare 105, Chisinau, République de Moldova)

1. **Ouverture de la réunion par le Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire**
2. **Discours de bienvenue de M. Igor Grosu, Président du Parlement de la République de Moldova**
3. **Échange de vues avec M. Mihai Popșoi, Vice-Premier ministre et ministre des Affaires étrangères, Président du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe**  
CM/Inf (2025) 14  
CM/Inf (2025) 15
4. **Vérification de nouveaux pouvoirs** [Doc. 16295](#)
5. **Modifications dans la composition des commissions** Commissions (2025) 07  
Commissions (2025) 07 add.
6. **Demande de débat d'actualité (selon l'article 53 du Règlement)**  
La mobilisation citoyenne pour la défense des droits humains et de la démocratie : les développements récents en Lettonie
7. **Ordre du jour** AS/Per (2025) OJ 02 rev3  
Adoption de l'ordre du jour
8. **Première partie de session de l'Assemblée parlementaire (26-30 janvier 2026)** AS/Bur (2025) 62  
Examen de l'avant-projet d'ordre du jour
9. **Saisine des commissions** AS/Per (2025) 06  
Examen des propositions soumises par le Bureau de l'Assemblée
10. **Observation d'élections**  
Observation des élections législatives en République de Moldova (28 septembre 2025) [Doc. 16296](#)  
*Rapporteur de la commission ad hoc du Bureau :*  
*M. Chris Said (Malte, PPE/DC)*  
Débat
11. **Égalité et non-discrimination**

Prévenir et lutter contre la discrimination fondée sur le genre dans le domaine de la santé

*Rapporteuse de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination :*  
*Mme Camilla Fabricius (Danemark, SOC)*

Débat

Vote sur un projet de résolution

## 12. (Éventuellement) **Débat d'actualité**

« La mobilisation citoyenne pour la défense des droits humains et de la démocratie : les développements récents en Lettonie », avec la participation de :

Mme Beata Jonite, Responsable des politiques et du plaidoyer, Centre MARTA, Lettonie

## **À 14h30**

### 13. **Règlement, éthique et immunités**

a. Identifier et gérer les conflits d'intérêts au sein de l'Assemblée parlementaire

[Doc. 16287](#)

*Rapporteur de la Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités :*  
*M. Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, PPE/DC)*

Débat

Vote sur un projet de résolution

b. Modification de certaines dispositions du Règlement de l'Assemblée

[Doc. 16292](#)  
et [amendement](#)

*Rapporteuse de la Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités :*  
*Mme Victoria Tiplom (Suède, CEPA)*

Débat

Vote sur un projet de résolution

c. Accroître la participation active des membres aux travaux de l'Assemblée parlementaire

[Doc. 16293](#)  
et [amendements](#)

*Rapporteuse de la Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités :*  
*Mme Petra Bayr (Autriche, SOC)*

Débat

Vote sur un projet de résolution

### 14. **Questions diverses**

### 15. **Prochaines réunions**

Monaco, 22 mai 2026

Podgorica, Monténégro, 27 novembre 2026

**Appendix 3: List of members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the early Parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic (30 November 2025)**

**Chairperson / Président :** Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

**Vice-Chairperson / Président :** Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN (Türkiye, ALDE / ADLE)

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

Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne

Mr / M. Ivan RACAN, Croatia / Croatie

**Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s**

Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège

Mr / M. Andrea CRISANTI, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France

Mr / M. Namik TAN, Türkiye

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

Mr / M. Garret AHEARN, Ireland / Irlande

Mr / M. Paul GALLES, Luxembourg

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

**Substitutes / Suppléante**

Mr / M. Tekke PANMAN, Netherlands / Pays Bas

Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie

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

Ms Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. Fabio PIETRELLA, Italy / Italie

**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. Manu DIERICX, Belgium / Belgique

**Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s**

Mr / M. Dean PREMIK, Slovenia / Slovénie

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)<sup>5</sup>**

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**Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s**

Ms / Mme Gabrielle CATHALA, France

Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

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

Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on "Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic" / Rapporteuse de la Commission des affaires politiques et de la démocratie sur « L'examen du partenariat pour la démocratie concernant le Parlement de la République kirghize »

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<sup>5</sup> In line with paragraph 14 of the [Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly](#), the UEL group has allocated its vacant seat to the SOC group on 3 November 2025 / Conformément au paragraphe 14 [des Lignes directrices pour l'observation des élections par l'Assemblée parlementaire](#), le groupe UEL a attribué son siège vacant au groupe SOC le 3 novembre 2025.

## Appendix 4 : References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- *Advancing a shared European vision through arts and leadership education*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account* in the preparation of the report on “The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power”.
- *Need to protect election observers*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*.
- *On the road to parity: supporting young women in politics*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*.
- *Baltic Sea security challenges*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*.
- *Democracy, rule of law, and inclusive dialogue in Türkiye in light of the current political situation*: 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 preparation of the report on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye”*.
- *Media freedom in decline in Albania*: 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 preparation of the report on the “Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania”*.
- *Restricting citizenship rules: social cohesion and human rights at stake*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*.
- *Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*.
- *65th anniversary of the European Social Charter*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*.
- *European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

### B. REPLIES AFTER CONSULTATION

- *Balancing innovation and regulation: ensuring new technologies serve democracy and human rights*, [Doc. 16111](#): no further action.
- *Regulating social networks: a democratic imperative*, [Doc. 16127](#): no further action.
- *The urgent need to ensure the survival of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty*, [Doc. 16159](#): no further action.

## Appendix 5 – Revised list of members of the *Ad hoc* committee on the New Democratic Pact

### **President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire**

Mr Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS (EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Greece / Grèce

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Président de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

Mr Bertrand BOUYX (ALDE / ADLE) France

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Président de la Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme**

Lord Richard KEEN (ECPA / CEPA) United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Présidente de la Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable**

Ms Saskia KLUIT (SOC) Netherlands / Pays-Bas

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Président de la Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées**

Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (ECPA / CEPA) Ukraine

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Président.e de la Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias**

Mr Mehmet AKALIN (ALDE / ADLE) Türkiye (1<sup>st</sup> *Vive-Chair*, 1<sup>er</sup> *Vice-Président*)

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Présidente de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination**

Ms Catia POLIDORI (EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Italy / Italie

### **Chairperson of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Présidente de la Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)**

Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Latvia / Lettonie

### **Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities / Président de la Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités**

Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (SOC) Cyprus / Chypre

### **Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / Présidente de la Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme**

Ms Petra BAYR (SOC) Austria / Autriche

## Chairpersons of Political Groups / Présidents de Groupes politiques

Mr Frank SCHWABE	Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group/ Groupe des Socialistes, démocrates et verts
Mr Pablo HISPÁN	Group of the European People's Party / Groupe du Parti populaire européen
Mr Zsolt NÉMETH	Group of the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates/ Groupe des Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés
Mr Iulian BULAI	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe / Alliance des Démocrates et des Libéraux pour l'Europe
Mr George LOUCAIDES	Group of the Unified European Left / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne

## Youth Rapporteurs / Rapporteur-es pour la jeunesse

Mr Max LUCKS (SOC)	Germany / Allemagne
Ms Saara-Sofia SIRÉN (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Finland / Finlande
Ms Aurora FLORIDIA (SOC)	Italy / Italie
Ms Arusyak JULHAKYAN (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Armenia / Arménie
Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (ALDE / ADLE)	Ukraine
Ms Aysu BANKOĞLU (SOC)	Türkiye
Ms Naomi CACHIA (SOC)	Malta / Malte
Ms Sona GHAZARYAN (ALDE / ADLE)	Armenia / Arménie

## General Rapporteurs / Rapporteurs généraux et rapporteures générales

...	Violence against Women / <i>Violence à l'égard des femmes</i>
Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO	Rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTI <sup>6</sup> ) people / <i>Droits des personnes lesbiennes, gays, bisexuelles, transgenres et intersexes (LGBTI)</i>
Mr Francesco VERDUCCI	Combating racism and intolerance / <i>Contre le racisme et l'intolérance</i>
Mr Georgios STAMATIS	Roma and Travellers / <i>Roms et Gens du Voyage</i>
Ms Mia KARAMEHIĆ – ABAZOVIĆ	Science and technology impact assessment / <i>Evaluation de l'impact de la science et de la technologie</i>
Ms Valentina GRIPPO	Media freedom and safety of journalists / <i>Liberté des médias et la sécurité des journalistes</i>
Mr Mogens JENSEN	Governance and Ethics in Sport / <i>Gouvernance et l'éthique dans le sport</i>
Ms Gala VELDHOEN	Abolition of the death penalty / <i>Abolition de la peine de mort</i>
Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS	Situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers / <i>Situation des défenseurs des droits de l'homme et des lanceurs d'alerte</i>
Ms Azadeh ROJHAN	Political prisoners / <i>Prisonniers politiques</i>
Mr Christophe BRICO	Budget and intergovernmental programs / <i>Budget et le programme intergouvernemental</i>
Mr Sergiy VLASENKO	Anti-Corruption and Ethical Standards / <i>Normes éthiques et lutte contre la corruption</i>
Ms Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA	Local and regional authorities / <i>Pouvoirs locaux et régionaux</i>
Ms Elena BONETTI	Participation of children / <i>Participation des enfants</i>

<sup>6</sup>At its meeting on 6 December 2016, the committee decided to modify the title and mandate, to include a reference to intersex people.

Mr George PAPANDEOU	Democracy / <i>Démocratie</i>
Mr Ryszard PETRU	For a Democratic Belarus / <i>Pour un Bélarus démocratique</i>
Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS	Russian Democratic Forces / <i>Forces démocratiques russes</i>

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

Ms Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (NR / NI)	Türkiye
Mr Marko PAVIĆ (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Croatia / Croatie
Mr Namık TAN (SOC)	Türkiye
Ms Yelyzaveta YASKO (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Ukraine

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

Mr Damien COTTIER (ALDE / ADLE)	Switzerland / Suisse
Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES (SOC)	Spain / Espagne
Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Armenia / Arménie
Ms Zeynep YILDIZ (NR / NI)	Türkiye

**Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable**

Mr Armen GEVORGYAN (ECPA / CEPA)	Armenia / Arménie
Ms Maria-Gabriela HORGA (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Romania / Roumanie
Ms Danuta JAZŁOWIECKA (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Poland / Pologne
Ms Valérie PILLER CARRARD (SOC)	Switzerland / Suisse

**Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées**

Mr Emmanuel FERNANDES (UEL / GUE)	France
Mr Paul GALLES (ALDE / ADLE)	Luxembourg
Ms Kate OSAMOR (SOC)	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Romania / Roumanie

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

Mr Andries GRYFFROY (ALDE / ADLE)	Belgium / Belgique
Ms Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (SOC)	Spain / Espagne
Ms Marijana PULJAK (ALDE / ADLE)	Croatia / Croatie
Mr Sigurður Helgi PALMASON (SOC)	Iceland / Islande

**Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination**

Ms Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Austria / Autriche
Ms Wanda NOWICKA (SOC)	Poland / Pologne
Ms Hripsime GRIGORYAN (SOC)	Armenia / Arménie
Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA-FEDORENKO (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Ukraine

**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)**

Ms Sabina ĆUDIĆ (ALDE / ADLE)	Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine
Ms Zita GURMAI (SOC)	Hungary / Hongrie
Ms Albana VOKSHI (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)	Albania / Albanie
Mr Didier Marie (SOC)	France

**Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities / Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités**

Ms Sevilay ÇELENK (UEL / GUE)	Türkiye
Mr Yunus EMRE (SOC)	Türkiye
Ms Victoria TIBLOM (ECPA / CEPA)	Sweden / Suède

## Appendix 6 : References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Safe and legal migration pathways: enhancing and implementing good practices**

[Doc. 16279](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Marco Scurria (Italy, ECPA) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report*

2. **Towards a coherent European policy on veterans**

[Doc. 16280](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report*

3. **Climate action as a human and democratic responsibility**

[Doc. 16281](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report*

4. **Maritime interference and shadow fleets: a serious threat to security and the environment**

[Doc. 16282](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Baltic Sea security challenges"*

5. **The enforced disappearance of newborns, infants and children**

[Doc. 16285](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for consultation*

6. **Protecting the freedom of expression of members of parliaments**

[Doc. 16290](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for opinion*

7. **Need for enhanced international co-operation on combatting human trafficking**

[Doc. 16291](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Niculescu-Tâgârlaş (Romania, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for consultation*

## **B. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF REFERENCES**

- *Preserving European rural culture and heritage*, [Doc. 15974](#), Reference 4811 of 24 May 2024 – validity: 24 May 2026: extension until 31 December 2026.
- *Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies*, [Doc. 15905](#), Reference 4791 of 7 March 2024 – validity: 7 March 2026: extension until 30 June 2026.

## **C. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION**

- *The European Prisons Charter*, [Doc. 16209](#): no further action

**Appendix 7: List of members of the Ad Hoc committee for the observation of the early elections to the Assembly of Kosovo\*, 28 December 2025**

**Chairperson / Président** : Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président** : Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD) / Grèce, PPE/DC)

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

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye

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

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

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ZZ

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

Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne

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**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)<sup>7</sup>**

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye

Ms / Mme Sabina ĆUDIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine

Mr / M. Stephen GETHINS, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France

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

Mr / M. Arnaldo LOMUTI, Italy / Italie

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\* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

<sup>7</sup> In line with paragraph 14 of the [Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly](#), the SOC group has allocated its vacant seats to the ALDE group on 3 December 2025.

## Appendix 8: References to committees ratified at the Standing Committee Chisinau

### 1. **Advancing a shared European vision through arts and leadership education**

[Doc. 16132](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power"*

### 2. **Need to protect election observers**

[Doc. 16241](#)

**Motion for a recommendation tabled by Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

### 3. **On the road to parity: supporting young women in politics**

[Doc. 16256](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

### 4. **Baltic Sea security challenges**

[Doc. 16262](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

### 5. **Democracy, rule of law, and inclusive dialogue in Türkiye in light of the current political situation**

[Doc. 16263](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

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 preparation of the report on "The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye"*

### 6. **Media freedom in decline in Albania**

[Doc. 16264](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly**

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 preparation of the report on the "Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania"*

### 7. **Restricting citizenship rules: social cohesion and human rights at stake**

[Doc. 16274](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

**8. Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence**

[Doc. 16275](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

**9. 65th anniversary of the European Social Charter**

[Doc. 16284](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

**10. European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond**

**Bureau decision**

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*