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# Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (24 April 2024)

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers the activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 15 April 2024 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 23 May 2024 (Vilnius).

## **I. Second part of the Ordinary Session of 2024 (15 – 19 April 2024)**

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

During the April part-session, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe adopted Resolution 2539 (2024) on Support for the reconstruction on Ukraine, in which it recommended the seizure of Russian state assets and their use in support of the reconstruction of Ukraine. In its view, this course of action would strengthen Ukraine, ensure the accountability of the Russian Federation and deter against any other future aggression. PACE also stressed that the aggressor State, the Russian Federation, had the obligation to provide full compensation for the damage, loss and injury caused by its wrongful acts, including the destruction of infrastructure, loss of life and economic hardships, in accordance with the principles of international law. The resolution states that the Russian State financial assets already frozen by several countries – approximately US\$300 billion – must be made available for the reconstruction of Ukraine, pointing out that the documented damages to Ukraine's infrastructure and economy caused by the Russian Federation's aggression had reached US\$416 billion in June 2023. In this context, PACE called for the creation of an international compensation mechanism under the auspices of the Council of Europe, to comprehensively address the damages incurred by natural and legal persons affected, including the State of Ukraine. It also recommended the setting up of an international trust fund, where all Russian State assets held by Council of Europe member and non-member States will be deposited, as well as an impartial and effective international claims commission, to adjudicate claims presented by Ukraine and entities affected by the Russian aggression. Finally, PACE urged Council of Europe member and non-member states holding Russian State assets to actively co-operate in the prompt transfer of these assets to the established international compensation mechanism.

The Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Mr Ruslan Stefanchuk, addressed the Parliamentary Assembly in the context of this debate. In his intervention, he stated that “the time of great concern and strong condemnation is over. The time has come for frank and truthful assessments. It is time for quick action and decisions. It is time for responsible leadership. It is time to choose a resolute, united resistance to the Russian terror”. Speaking together with Mr Stefanchuk during a stand-up at the end of the debate, PACE President Theodoros Rousopoulos asked once again the governments of the Council of Europe member states to support the Ukrainian people not only with words but also by providing them with the equipment needed to end this war. Mr Stefanchuk welcomed that the Resolution adopted unanimously by the Parliamentary Assembly will now set a new benchmark for other international organisations that will inspire them to follow this path and to show that, in the third year of this horrible war, this is the support that Ukraine needs.

### **B. Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit**

By adopting Resolution 2545 (2024) on “Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process”, members of the Assembly welcomed the setting up in January 2024 of an Intersecretariat Task Force on the Environment within the Organisation, responsible for carrying out a stocktaking survey of existing and planned activities, and proposing elements for the development of a first Council of Europe strategy on the environment. The Parliamentary Assembly stated that this future strategy must have a clear goal in terms of setting standards at European level and underlined the importance to draw up a legal binding instrument recognising an autonomous right to a healthy environment within the Council of Europe, capitalising on existing Council of Europe standards. In this context, PACE also called on the member states to reflect at national level on the nature and content of the right to a healthy environment, so that this right is rapidly recognised in law as an autonomous human right. The Resolution also encourages the creation of specialised environmental teams in all branches of governance, as well as the introduction of citizen participation mechanisms at national level to promote social acceptance of environmental policies, particularly by and for young people. Finally, the Parliamentary Assembly recommended that the Committee of Ministers give priority to the setting up of an ad hoc intergovernmental committee to organise, co-ordinate and run the implementation of the Strategy and action plan, and to the drawing up of a binding legal instrument as soon as possible.

On 18 April, the Parliamentary Assembly also adopted its Opinion on the draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, which has been drawn up within the Council of Europe. The Assembly warmly welcomed the adoption of this Convention but regretted that it does not cover to an equal extent public and private actors. In this context, members of the Assembly strongly called

on all Council of Europe member states, when ratifying the convention, to opt to fully apply its provisions to the activities of private actors – while hoping that a dynamic interpretation of the convention’s provisions by the Conference of the Parties, its supervisory mechanism, would foster advances over time, through reporting requirements and peer pressure. The Assembly also proposed several amendments to the draft convention. Restrictions on its application to AI activities necessary to protect national security or national defence interests should be possible only if those activities are in line with international human rights law. States should also put in place limitations, or even bans, on certain uses of AI deemed incompatible with human rights. The parliamentarians also proposed to insert a specific provision on health and the environment.

Finally, in its [Resolution 2538 \(2024\)](#), and following the Principles for Democracy adopted in Reykjavik, the Assembly decided to create a Parliamentary Assembly Network of Election Observers, notably to promote the Revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums and other Council of Europe standards in electoral matters, in line with the proposal to reinforce electoral activities endorsed by the Assembly in January 2024.

### **C. Application by Kosovo\* for membership of the Council of Europe**

On 24 April 2023, the Committee of Ministers transmitted the letter to the Parliamentary Assembly for consultation following Kosovo's application for membership of the Council of Europe on 12 May 2022, in pursuance of [Statutory Resolution \(51\) 30 A](#) adopted on 3 May 1951. The decision on the transmission clarifies that it is “without prejudice to the Committee of Ministers’ future consideration of this application to accede to the Council of Europe”. In reply to this consultation, the Parliamentary Assembly adopted, on 16 April 2024, a statutory [Opinion](#) in which it recommends that Kosovo be invited to become a member of the Council of Europe. The Assembly also decided to monitor, as from accession, the fulfillment by Kosovo of an extensive list of commitments and obligations signed by the three highest authorities (Ms Vjosa Osmani Sadriu, President, Mr Albin Kurti, Prime Minister, and Mr Glauk Konjufca, President of the Assembly of Kosovo).

### **D. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

On 16 April 2024, the Assembly elected Mr [Artūrs Kučs](#) and Ms [Úna Ní Raifeartaigh](#) as judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of respectively Latvia and Ireland.

On 17 April 2024, the Assembly elected Mr Alain Chablais as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Liechtenstein.

### **E. Personalities**

The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- Mr Mihail POPȘOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
- Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIC, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Ruslan STEFANCHUK, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
- Ms Dominique HASLER, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education, and Sport of Liechtenstein and President of the Committee of Ministers
- Ms Evgenia KARA-MURZA
- H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois von und zu Liechtenstein

Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <https://pace.coe.int>.

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\* Throughout this text, 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.

## F. Current affairs debates and debates under urgent procedure

The Assembly held three debates under urgent procedure on "Alexei Navalny's death and the need to counter Vladimir Putin's totalitarian regime and its war on democracy", "The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus" and on "Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law".

The Assembly held a current affairs debate on "Responding to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and preventing further escalations in the Middle East following the recent Iranian attack against Israel."

## G. Media coverage

The media coverage of the spring part-session was – on preliminary indicators – among its best, with the number of articles identified so far slightly greater than for any part-session last year. Over 50 journalists were accredited in Strasbourg, from around 20 countries, and there was exceptional interest on social media in particular.

The Assembly's Opinion on Application by Kosovo for membership of the Council of Europe – and the political reaction to it – understandably generated by far the largest amount of coverage internationally, being reported by all the main agencies, as well as considerable follow-up and analysis in regional media.

Two other debates which made headlines, roughly equal in impact according to the statistics, were the Assembly's unanimous call to use frozen Russian state assets to fund reconstruction in Ukraine – widely reported in this country – and the series of strong positions it took on the death of Alexei Navalny, countering Vladimir Putin's regime, supporting anti-war protesters and sanctioning the persecutors of Vladimir Kara-Murza.

On social media, the Assembly's main X account saw 565,000 impressions over session week, its YouTube channel saw 77,500 views and 3,200 hours of watch-time – a significant jump and new record – while its Facebook account showed a reach of 3,400. The Assembly's new LinkedIn page, whose launch coincided with the session, saw 3,200 impressions across the week for its five posts. Re-posts and livestreams on the main CoE platforms, with their considerable followings, also helped to boost views and impressions.

The top posts were on Kosovo, although the highest absolute numbers on X were for a post on the use of Russian state assets for Ukraine, with 188,000 impressions and 12,300 engagements. The sitting featuring the Kosovo and Ukraine debates garnered 13,400 views on YouTube, most watching it live, an all-time record for a single video from PACE.

Finally, the Mediabox continued to be a much-used resource for members and VIP guests, contributing to the social media impact, with a total of 52 recordings in total.

## H. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

### Recommendations

<u>Recommendation 2271 (2024)</u>	Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine ( <u>Doc. 15932</u> )
<u>Recommendation 2272 (2024)</u>	Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process ( <u>Doc. 15955</u> )
<u>Recommendation 2273 (2024)</u>	Towards Council of Europe strategies for healthy seas and oceans to counter the climate crisis ( <u>Doc. 15956</u> )
<u>Recommendation 2274</u>	The protection of children against online violence ( <u>Doc. 15954</u> )

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## Resolutions

<u>Resolution 2537 (2024)</u>	Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy ( <u>Doc. 15946</u> )
<u>Resolution 2538 (2024)</u>	Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums ( <u>Doc. 15940</u> )
<u>Resolution 2539 (2024)</u>	Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine ( <u>Doc. 15932</u> )
<u>Resolution 2540 (2024)</u>	Alexei Navalny's death and the need to counter Vladimir Putin's totalitarian regime and its war on democracy ( <u>Doc. 15966</u> )
<u>Resolution 2541 (2024)</u>	The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus ( <u>Doc. 15967</u> )
<u>Resolution 2542 (2024)</u>	Sanctions against persons on the "Kara-Murza list" ( <u>Doc. 15939</u> )
<u>Resolution 2543 (2024)</u>	Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe ( <u>Doc. 15953</u> )
<u>Resolution 2544 (2024)</u>	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania ( <u>Doc. 15950</u> )
<u>Resolution 2545 (2024)</u>	Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process ( <u>Doc. 15955</u> )
<u>Resolution 2546 (2024)</u>	Towards Council of Europe strategies for healthy seas and oceans to counter the climate crisis ( <u>Doc. 15956</u> )
<u>Resolution 2547 (2024)</u>	The protection of children against online violence ( <u>Doc. 15954</u> )

## Opinions

<u>Opinion 302 (2024)</u>	Application by Kosovo* for membership of the Council of Europe ( <u>Doc. 15958</u> )
<u>Opinion 303 (2024)</u>	Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law ( <u>Doc. 15971</u> )

These texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <https://pace.coe.int>.

## II. Hearings and exchanges of views organised during the part-session

Monday 15 April 2024	
<p><b>14.00pm – 15.15pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on the <i>New Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)</i> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Ralph Kass, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission (GEC).</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 April 2024	
<p><b>8.30am – 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing</b> on <i>The post-electoral situation in Serbia</i>, in the context of a report on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Maja Pejčić and Mr Vladimir Petrović, members of the Republic Electoral Commission</li> <li>- Mr Rasa Nedeljkov, Head of Observation Mission of the Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30am – 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Intervention</b> by Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of the Russian opposition activist and Advocacy Coordinator at the Free Russia Foundation”, in the context of the report foreseen for debate under urgent procedure on <i>The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus</i>, prepared by Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC)</p>
<p><b>8.30am – 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures</i>, in the context of the report prepared by Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Stefan Maier, UNHCR, Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, Representation for EU Affairs, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland, and the Netherlands (online)</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>An urgent call to Europe and its partners: envisioning immediate and long-term policy solutions and support for the displaced people of Ukraine</i>, in the context of the report prepared by Ms Lise Selnes (Norway, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, of the Council of Europe</li> <li>- Mr Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (online)</li> <li>- Dr. Vilde Hernes, Senior Researcher at Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR), Oslo Metropolitan University</li> </ul>

<p><b>10.30am – 12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Cooperation with the European Union</i>, with the participation of Mr Robert Biedroń, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), European Parliament.</p> <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Priorities of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights</i> with the participation of Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.</p>
<p><b>11.30am – 12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Public Hearing</b> on the <i>Museum Prize of the Council of Europe</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Wojciech Śleszyński, Director of the Sybir Memorial Museum, Bialystok, Poland, Winner of the 2024 Council of Europe Museum Prize</li> <li>- Mr Joan Roca i Albert, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> </ul>
<p><b>12.45pm – 1.45pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Women@PACE group and PACE General Rapporteur on Democracy, Mr George Papandreou</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Re-thinking Democracy: participatory Governance, E-Governance and AI's role</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr George Papandreou, PACE General Rapporteur on Democracy</li> <li>- Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), member of the Bureau women@PACE group</li> <li>- Mr Byong-jin Ahn, Professor, Global Academy for Future Civilizations, Kyung Hee University, Seoul</li> <li>- Mr Jeremy Pitt, Professor of Intelligent and Self-Organising Systems, Imperial College, London</li> <li>- Mr Philip Howard, Professor of Internet Studies, Oxford University</li> <li>- Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Member of PACE (Iceland, SOC)</li> </ul>
<p><b>12.45pm – 1.45pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI People in Europe  Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Addressing discrimination and violence against transgender people</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Dinah Bons, Co-Chair, Transgender Europe (TGEU)</li> <li>- Mx Cianán B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer ILGA-Europe</li> <li>- Ms Erika Castellanos, Executive Director of Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday 17 April 2024</b></p>	
<p><b>11.30am -12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing</b> on <i>Conflict in the Middle East</i> with the participation of: Mr Boaz Bizmuth, member of the Observer Delegation of Israel to the Parliamentary Assembly (online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Rawhi Fattouh, President of the Palestinian National Council (online)</li> </ul>

(Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)	
<p><b>12.45 pm – 1.45 pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>The case-law of the Court in environmental matters and the focus on the outcome of climate cases</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Natalia Kobylarz, Senior Legal Advisor at the European Court of Human Rights</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 18 April 2024</b>	
<p><b>2.00pm – 3.15pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Joint meeting</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>The North-South Centre Strategy 2024-2027</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Francesca Camilleri Vettiger, Permanent Representative of Malta, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>14.00pm – 3.15</b></p> <p><b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing</b> on <i>The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Nataliia Shapoval, Chairman of the Kyiv School of Economics Institute (online)</li> <li>- Ms Anna Vlasyuk, Research fellow at the Kyiv School of Economics Institute (online)</li> </ul>

### **III. Decisions taken by the Bureau (15 April and 19 April 2024)**

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday 15 April 2024, in Strasbourg:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Second part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 15-19 April):**



- Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates under urgent procedure on *Alexei Navalny's death and the need to counter Vladimir Putin's totalitarian regime and its war on democracy*; *The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus*; and *Opinion on the Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law*, tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold these debates, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report;
  - Request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request to hold a debate on *Responding to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and preventing further escalations in the Middle-East*, tabled by the Group of the Unified European Left (UEL), modified the title as follow, *Responding to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and preventing further escalations in the Middle-East following the recent Iranian attack against Israel*, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and appointed Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) as the first speaker;
  - updated the draft agenda (Appendix 1);
  - Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges for the post of judges in respect of Austria, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein and Monaco (Doc. 15959 Add. 2);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (26 January – 15 April 2024)**: approved the Progress report (Doc. 15959);
  - **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
  - **Election observation**:
    - North Macedonia: presidential election (24 April 2024) and parliamentary elections (8 May 2024): took note of the statement of the pre-electoral observation mission;
    - Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (9 June 2024): decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee;
  - **Issues raised by committees**:
    - Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to take part in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference on "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport", in Athens, on 4-5 November 2024;
    - Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: authorised Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) and Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) to participate in the conference on "Migration and climate change", on 30 April 2024, in Rabat, Morocco;
  - **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and re-appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier as a member of the Selection Panel for a second term of two years starting from 1 June 2024;
  - **Europe Prize**: considered and approved the updated rules of the Prize (Appendix 3);
  - **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, and of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**:
    - Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, nominated Ms Laura Castel (Spain) as a member;
    - Monitoring Committee: on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Andrian Cheptonar (Republic of Moldova) as a member;

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2024:** approved the proposals contained in the document in Appendix 4.
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised
  - the Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, to meet in Tirana, on 4-5 July 2024;
  - the ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sicily (Italy) of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to carry out a fact-finding visit to Sicily, Italy, early September 2024;
- **Other business:** took note that the President will ask the opinion of the Venice Commission on the Draft law of Georgia on Transparency of Foreign Influence;

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Friday 19 April 2024, in Strasbourg:

- **Communication:** took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;
- **Follow-up to the second part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 15-19 April):** approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly, as set out in Appendix 5;
- **Standing Committee in Vilnius (24 May 2024):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Organisation of the Parliamentary Assembly's part-sessions as from June 2024:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided the modalities as presented in Appendix 6;
- **Co-Presidency in the Group of the Unified European Left (UEL):** on the understanding that only one of the co-presidents can participate in each meeting, the Bureau decided that the UEL Group will always inform about its representation ahead of the meetings of:
  - the Presidential committee
  - the Bureau
  - the Standing Committee

The Chairpersons of political groups are also *ex officio* members of:

- the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- the Monitoring Committee
- the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

For the above-mentioned committees, the UEL Group will inform the Bureau of its decision as to which of his co-presidents will seat as an *ex officio* member.

- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 7, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;

- **Elections observation:**
  - Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (9 June 2024): approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA) as its Chairperson (Appendix 8);
- **Ad hoc committee to participate in an event on “The role of national parliaments in supporting the Belarusians in exile” (Luxembourg, 6-7 June 2024):** approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to participate in the event and appointed Mr Paul GALLES (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson (Appendix 9);
- **Ad hoc committee to visit the ICRC headquarters in Geneva as well as other Geneva based international organisations/agencies in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 2529 (2024) on “The situation of the children of Ukraine” (dates tbc):** approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to participate in the visit (Appendix 10);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (19 April – 24 June 2024):** appointed Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINER (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as rapporteur;
- **Analysis of the use made by the Assembly’s political groups of their allocations for 2023:** approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - List of candidates in respect of Poland:** take note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised
  - The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to meet in Ljubljana, on 17-18 October 2024;
  - the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, to hold a meeting in Lisbon, on 12-13 September 2024;
  - the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to meet in Vilnius on 3-4 July 2024;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the prolongation, until 30 June 2024, of the deadline to submit candidatures for the 2024 edition of the Prize;

#### **IV. Prizes**

##### **➤ Museum Prize**

On 16 April 2024, in Strasbourg, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Wojciech Śleszyński, Director of the Sybir Memorial Museum, Białystok, Poland, Winner of the 2024 Council of Europe Museum Prize and Mr Joan Roca i Albert, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the European Museum Forum (EMF).

Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, PACE President awarded the 2024 Council of Europe Museum Prize to the Sybir Memorial Museum, Białystok, Poland, at a ceremony held at the Hôtel de Ville, Strasbourg.

### ➤ **Europe Prize**

On 17 April 2024, the **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** decided to award the 2024 Europe Prize to the town of Terrassa (Spain). Additionally, the Committee awarded three Plaques of Honour, four Flags of Honour, and 5 European Diplomas – distinctions that also form part of the Europe Prize – to certain municipalities in Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Germany, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal and Romania.

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

The Selection Panel of the Prize will meet in Reykjavik on **2 May 2024**, in order to draw up a shortlist of the three most suitable candidates from the applications for the Prize.

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

The deadline to submit candidatures to the 2024 edition of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize has been prolonged to the **30 June 2024**.

## **V. Future activities of Committees and Networks, and election observation missions**

➤ An election observation delegation of the PACE will observe the presidential election (24 April 2024) and parliamentary elections (8 May 2024) in North Macedonia the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including ODIHR and (for the parliamentary elections) the OSCE PA with the European Parliament.

➤ On 17 May 2024 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** will hold an exchange of views with Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Executive Secretary of the GRECO (Council of Europe).

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

### ➤ ***Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting***

**Ms Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT** (Türkiye, NR), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **14-15 May 2024**.

### ➤ ***Call for Famagusta's return to its lawful inhabitants***

**Mr Piero Fassino** (Italy, SOC) rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Cyprus on **14-15 May 2024**.

### ➤ ***Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace***

**Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk** (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur of *the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will participate at the UNESCO International Conference on "Cultural Heritage and Peace: Building on 70 years of the Hague Convention" on **13-15 May 2024**, in the Hague (Netherlands).

### ➤ ***The situation in Iran and protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States***

**Mr Max Lucks** (Germany, SOC) rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **20-21 May 2024**.

➤ ***The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship***

**Ms Luz Martinez-Seijo** (Spain, SOC), rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, will participate in the 12th European Remembrance Symposium on "Commemorating and Narrating Freedom", which will take place on **21–24 May 2024** in the Polish History Museum in Warsaw.

## **VII. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports**

➤ ***Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: a call to clarify their fate:***

**Mr Julian Pahlke** (Germany, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will hold an online meeting with ICRC, IFCR, IOM, and UNHCR in their role as co-leads of the UN Migration Network workstream on missing migrants and humanitarian assistance **on 26 April 2024** with the following experts: UNHCR: Mr Vincent Cochetel, Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, Mr Andreas Wissner, Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, Mr Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Legal Officer at the Division of International Protection, Mr Samuel Boutruche, Legal Officer, at the Division of International Protection; IOM: Mr Jonathan Prentice, Head of the Secretariat of the UN Network on Migration, Ms Florence Kim, Senior Strategic Communications and Advocacy Coordinator, UNNM Secretariat, Ms Andrea Garcia Boria, Data Analyst, Missing Migrants Project and Ms Mariela Guajardo, Operations and Emergencies Officer; ICRC: Florian von Koenig, Global Advocacy Lead, Central Tracing Agency, and Ms Angela Cotroneo, Global Adviser on Migration; IFCR: Ms Sanjula Weerasinghe, Global Coordinator on Migration and Displacement.

**Mr Julian Pahlke** (Germany, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will hold an online meeting with Mr Peter Kimpian, Secretariat of the Data Protection Unit, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe on **2 May 2024**.

**Mr Julian Pahlke** (Germany, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will hold an online meeting with Ms Yasmine Ashraf, Human Rights Officer, and Ms Rhiannon Eleri Painter, Human Rights Officer, Secretariat of the Special Procedure of the UN on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, on **14 May 2024** (tbc).

➤ ***Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons***

**Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler** (Austria, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will hold an online meeting with Ms Sabine Springer and Ms Rossalina Latcheva, from the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) **on 2 May 2024**.

**Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler** (Austria, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will hold an online meeting with Mr Gerard Quinn, former First Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights and Professor emeritus at the National University of Ireland **on 16 May 2024**.

## **VIII. Seminars and conferences to be organised by the Assembly**

➤ **30 April 2024, Rabat:** the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division in co-operation with the Moroccan Parliament is organising the closing seminar *Migration and climate change: how do they fit together?* in the framework of the project "Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco" funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe. The conference will focus on issues of migration and climate change. It will provide a platform to examine, discuss and exchange on how Morocco and the European countries are dealing with these issues and the specific mechanisms to promote sustainable development and migrant integration policy.

➤ **24 May 2024, Vilnius:** the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division, in cooperation with the Lithuanian delegation to PACE, is organising a hearing on *Sanctions against the Russian Federation and companies assisting with evasion* (in the margins of the meeting of the PACE Standing Committee). The aim of the hearing is to provide a comprehensive overview on the existing sanctions against the Russian Federation; to present an analysis of their impact and effectiveness; to consider effective mechanisms to

monitor compliance with sanctions and avoid sanction circumvention and to discuss the role of parliaments in ensuring that sanctions are duly implemented and achieve their intended objective.

➤ The PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division, in the framework of the project "Improving electoral practice in the Republic of Moldova, Phase 3":

- **15-18 April and 14-17 May, Chisinau:** two Training of Trainers will be organised in cooperation with the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training to strengthen the capacities of the chairpersons of District electoral councils' (DECs), as well as of other members of the DECs in view of the upcoming 2024 Presidential election. The participants will be trained on management of the electoral periods, electoral complaints, legal liability, financing of the elections and of electoral campaigns.

- **26 April, Chisinau:** round table on *Combatting sexism, hate speech and gender-based violence: some results and steps ahead of 2024 Presidential election*. The round table will present and discuss the results of monitoring sexist behaviour in 8 online media during the 2023 general local elections and the Antisexist Plan – Joint CoE initiative for 2024: results and trends following the monitoring of hate speech in 2023 general local elections; forms of legal liability for gender-related misbehaviour, as well as other election-related topics. The round table aims to raise awareness, enhance knowledge and the practical skills in areas of combatting sexism, hate speech and gender-based violence, especially in the upcoming election processes.

➤ The PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division, in the framework of the project on "Supporting democratic post-war elections in Ukraine" is going to organise on:

- **1 May 2024, Kyiv :** presentation to the members of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine (CEC) of the results of the needs assessment produced and the brainstorming session conducted, as well as further proposed plan of action with regard to the elaboration of the CEC's communication strategy, awareness-raising and education campaign on first post-war elections in Ukraine for further CEC consideration and approval. Respective activities are conducted within the framework of the Joint Action with the CEC and other international partners (International IDEA, IFES) launched and supported by the Council of Europe since 2023 with regard to the development of communication strategy for the first post-war elections.

- **20 May 2024, Kyiv :** expert round table on "Gender balanced political participation in context of post-war election related challenges" to be organised by the Ukrainian Parliamentary Committee on State Building, Local Governance, Regional and Urban Development in cooperation with its national and international partners.

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

➤ On **3 April 2024**, a letter was addressed by the President of the Assembly to the President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) inviting the Council for Democratic Elections and the Venice Commission to consider the request emanating from PACE Resolution 2525(2024) at the forthcoming meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections.

➤ On **15 April 2024**, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe requested the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an urgent opinion on the compliance with Council of Europe standards of the Georgian draft law on *Transparency of Foreign Influence*, as being discussed by the Georgian Parliament.

➤ On **16 April 2024**, the Monitoring Committee agreed to request to the Venice Commission two opinions on respectively amendments to the electoral code of Georgia abolishing gender quotas as adopted by the Georgian parliament on 4 April 2024 and on draft constitutional laws on the "protection of family values and minors".

➤ On **18 April 2024**, the Monitoring Committee agreed to request to the Venice Commission an opinion on the relevant provisions of the Turkish Constitution and the Law on the Council of Judges and Prosecutors concerning the composition of the Council of Judges and Prosecutors and the election procedure of its members.

➤ Legal advice will be provided to the PACE delegation by representatives of the Venice Commission for the observation of the presidential election (**24 April 2024**) and parliamentary elections (**8 May 2024**) in North Macedonia.

## **X. External relations**

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

➤ On 16 April 2024, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Robert Biedroń, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), European Parliament.

➤ On 8 May 2024, the PACE ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections in North Macedonia will cooperate with the European Parliament delegation in the context of the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM).

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

➤ An election observation delegation of the PACE will observe the presidential election (24 April 2024) and parliamentary elections (8 May 2024) in North Macedonia in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including ODIHR and (for the parliamentary elections) the OSCE PA with the European Parliament.

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

. **18 April 2024, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*

. **19 April 2024, Strasbourg:** *Bureau meeting*

. **13 May 2024, Vienna:** *Joint meeting of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the ECHR and the Advisory Panel*

. **17 May 2024, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*

. **21 May 2024, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*

. **23 May 2024, Vilnius:** *Presidential Committee*

. **23 May 2024, Vilnius:** *Bureau meeting*

. **23 May 2024, Vilnius:** *Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*

. **24 May 2024, Vilnius:** *Standing Committee*

## Appendix 1 – Agenda of the second part of the 2024 Ordinary Session



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**Doc. 15937**  
17 April 2024

### **Second part of the 2024 Ordinary Session (15-19 April 2024)**

#### **Agenda<sup>1</sup>**

The plenary sittings will be held in the European Parliament Hemicycle.

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1. Adopted by the Assembly on 15 April 2024.





## 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, Refugees and Displaced Persons

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)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

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

EC/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance





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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### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:15

Tuesday: 08:30-10:30

Tuesday: 10:30-12:30

Wednesday: 10:30-12:30

Thursday: 08:30-09:45

Thursday: 14:00-15:15

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-12:00

Monday: 18:00-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:30

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# Monday 15 April 2024

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## Sitting No. 8 (12:15-13:00)

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### 1. Opening of the part-session

#### 1.1. Statement by the President

#### 1.2. Examination of credentials

- List of delegations:
  - o (Doc. 15960)

#### 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2024) 04 + Add1 + Add2)

#### 1.4. Requests for debate:

1.4.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Alexei Navalny's death and the need to counter Vladimir Putin's totalitarian regime and its war on democracy"

1.4.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus"

1.4.3. Urgent procedure debate: "Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law"

1.4.4. Current Affairs Debate: "Responding to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and preventing further escalations in the Middle East following the recent Iranian attack against Israel"

#### 1.5. Adoption of the agenda

#### 1.6. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (7 March 2024) (AS/Per(2024)PV01)

### 2. Debate

#### 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15959, Doc. 15959 Add. 1, Doc. 15959 Add. 2)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 15 April, 10:45)

## Sitting No. 9 (15:30-17:30)

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### 3. Joint debate

#### 3.1. Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Elvira KOVÁCS (Serbia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15946)

#### 3.2. Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Isabel MEIRELLES (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15940)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 15 April, 12:00)


Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 11 April, 15:30)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15946)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15940)

**4. Address** (16:30-17:30)

**4.1. Mr Mihail POPȘOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova**

 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 15 April, 12:00)

**Sitting No. 10** (14:30-20:00)

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**5. Elections** (14:30-18:00)

**5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

- List of candidates:
  - o Ireland (Doc. 15938, Doc. 15959 Add. 2)
  - o Latvia (Doc. 15949, Doc. 15959 Add. 2)
  - o Liechtenstein (Doc. 15924, Doc. 15959 Add. 2)

**6. Question time** (14:30-15:00)

**6.1. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 15 April, 16:30)

**7. Debate**

**7.1. Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Lulzim BASHA (Albania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15932)
  - o Mr Davor Ivo STIER (Croatia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. 15941)
- Statement by:
  - o Mr Ruslan STEFANCHUK, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 15 April, 16:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 12 April, 14:30)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15932)

**8. Debate**

**8.1. Application by Kosovo\* for membership of the Council of Europe<sup>2</sup>**

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Dora BAKOYANNIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15958, Doc. 15957)
  - o Ms Azadeh ROJHAN (Sweden, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. 15964)
  - o Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. 15965)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 15 April, 16:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 15 April, 10:00)
- Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 15958)

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2. \*Throughout this text, 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.

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## Wednesday 17 April 2024

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### Sitting No. 11 (14:30-20:30)

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#### 9. Election (2nd round) (14:30-18:00)

##### 9.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates:
  - o Liechtenstein (Doc. 15924, Doc. 15959 Add. 2)

#### 10. Address (14:30-15:30)

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

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Dominique HASLER, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education, and Sport of Liechtenstein and President of the Committee of Ministers
- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 16 April, 19:00)

#### 11. Joint debate

##### 11.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Alexei Navalny's death and the need to counter Vladimir Putin's totalitarian regime and its war on democracy"

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15966)

##### 11.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus"

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Þórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15967)

##### 11.3. Sanctions against persons on the "Kara-Murza list"

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS (Estonia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15939)
- Statement by:
  - o Ms Evgenia KARA-MURZA
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 16 April, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 16 April, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15966)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15967)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15939)

#### 12. Debate

##### 12.1. Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Christophe LACROIX (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15953)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 16 April, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 15 April, 14:30)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15953)

## 13. Debate

### 13.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 15950](#))
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 16 April, 19:00)
- ⊖ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 15 April, 14:30)
- ⚖️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15950](#))

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## Thursday 18 April 2024

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### Sitting No. 12 (10:00-12:30)

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#### 14. Address (10:00-10:30)

14.1. H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois von und zu Liechtenstein

#### 15. Joint debate

15.1. Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process

☐ Presentation by:

○ Mr Simon MOUTQUIN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15955)

15.2. Towards Council of Europe strategies for healthy seas and oceans to counter the climate crisis

☐ Presentation by:

○ Ms Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15956)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 17 April, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 16 April, 10:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15955)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15956)

### Sitting No. 13 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 16. Debate under urgent procedure

16.1. Draft Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law

☐ Presentation by:

○ Ms Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15971, Doc. 15951)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 18 April, 11:30)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 17 April, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 15971)

#### 17. Current affairs debate

17.1. Responding to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and preventing further escalations in the Middle East following the recent Iranian attack against Israel

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 18 April, 11:30)

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## Friday 19 April 2024

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### Sitting No. 14 (10:30-13:00)

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#### 18. Debate

##### 18.1. The protection of children against online violence

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15954)
- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 18 April, 19:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 17 April, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15954)

#### 19. Progress report (continued)

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

- Addendum:
  - (Doc. 15959 Add. 3)

#### 20. Closure of the part-session



## Appendix 2 - References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence Doc. 15916 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
2. Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values Doc. 15917 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
3. Ensuring full independence and respect for the separation of powers by Constitutional courts Doc. 15918 Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*
4. Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe Doc. 15919 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
5. Addressing youth participation and economic challenges Doc. 15921 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The role of youth in revitalising democracy"*
6. Addressing the financial exclusion of Latin American immigrants Doc. 15922 Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*
7. Establishing a Register of companies that assist Russian entities in evading sanctions and combating circumvention of restrictive measures against Russian entities Doc. 15923 Motion for a resolution : reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine"*
8. Artificial intelligence and migration Doc. 15952 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

### B. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REFERENCES

1. Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – a call to clarify their fate Doc. 15488 Motion for a resolution Reference 4642 of 25 April 2022 – validity: 25 April 2024: extension until 31 December 2024.
2. Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America Doc. 15448 Motion for a recommendation Reference 4638 of 25 April 2022 – validity: 25 April 2024: extension until 27 April 2025.
3. Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition Doc. 15515 Motion for a resolution Reference 4653 of 20 June 2022 – validity: 20 June 2024: extension until 20 June 2025.

## **Appendix 3 – Europe Prize Rules**

### **Article 1**

A Europe Prize offered by the Council of Europe shall be awarded each year by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly to one or more municipalities which have in the Committee's opinion made outstanding efforts to propagate the idea of European unity.

### **Article 2**

The Europe Prize shall consist of a trophy to be held by the winner for one year, a bronze medal, a parchment and scholarship to be spent on a study visit in Europe for one or more young persons resident in the winning municipality.

### **Article 3**

A Plaque of Honour will be awarded to certain municipalities which have already held the Flag of Honour for several years and whose efforts to propagate the idea of European unity are considered worthy of this distinction, ranking just below the Europe Prize.

### **Article 4**

A Flag of Honour is awarded to certain municipalities which deserve an award in recognition of their work in promoting the European idea. These municipalities will usually be selected from among those already holding the European Diploma.

### **Article 5**

A European Diploma will be presented to municipalities whose European merits have been recognised but whose application is too recent for the award of the Flag of Honour.

### **Article 6**

The Committee shall designate the winning municipalities from among those which have submitted applications.

### **Article 7**

Applications from municipalities shall be submitted by the chief officer, mayor or other representative, and must reach the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg by 15 January. Each application must be accompanied by an account of the measures taken by the municipality to propagate the idea of European unity. Applications submitted prior to the current year remain valid for succeeding years. Municipalities which remain candidates are however asked to supply additional information each year, by 15 January, about their European activities during the year.

### **Article 8**

Applicant municipalities undertake to respect and apply the provisions of presentation referred to in the regulations. Prize-winning municipalities shall endeavour to establish close contacts amongst themselves (Association of Towns awarded the Europe Prize), notably by meeting together periodically in one of their member municipalities.

### **Article 9**

9.1 The part of the meeting in which the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize selects the winners for the European Diploma, the Flag of Honour, and the Plaque of Honour and shortlists the three candidate municipalities for the Europe Prize shall be held in camera. The same applies to the part of the meeting during which the plenary committee selects the winning municipality for the Europe Prize.

9.2. For the selection of the winning municipality of the Europe Prize:

9.2.1. The Sub-Committee shall vote, by secret ballot,<sup>2</sup> for the three nominees to be shortlisted from the list of maximum six candidate municipalities preselected by the Secretariat upon the instructions of the Sub-Committee's Bureau. The decision shall be taken by a relative majority. After the counting of the votes cast, the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee shall present the list of the three nominated municipalities for the Prize.

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<sup>2</sup> The procedure set under paragraph 2 of the Rules on voting by secret ballot in Committees (approved by the Bureau of the Assembly on 27 November 2008) shall apply.

In case of a tie resulting in more than three candidate municipalities, a subsequent vote shall be held according to the same modalities.

9.2.2. The Sub-Committee then forwards the list of the three candidate municipalities for the Europe Prize to the plenary committee which shall designate the Prize-winning municipality. The vote shall be taken by secret ballot and the decision shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast. If the absolute majority is not reached, a second round of voting shall be organised, in which a simple majority shall be sufficient.

9.3. For the other awards (European Diploma, Flag of Honour, Plaque of Honour), the vote shall be taken by show of hands.

## Appendix 4 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2024

Body / Organe	Reference / référence	Members / membres	Substitutes / remplaçant-e-s
<b>I. Council of Europe bodies / Organes du Conseil de l'Europe</b>			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission  <i>Commission européenne pour la démocratie par le droit Commission de Venise</i>	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute <a href="#">Res(2002)3</a>  <i>Article 2.4 du statut de la Commission de Venise <a href="#">Res(2002)3</a></i>	<b>Tiny KOX</b> Netherlands / Pays-Bas UEL / GUE (Appointment by the President) ( <i>Désignation par le/la Président-e</i> )  <b>Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES</b> Spain / Espagne SOC (AS/Jur)	<b>Sergiy VLASENKO</b> Ukraine EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Jur)
Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission  <i>Conseil des élections démocratiques de la Commission de Venise</i>	<a href="#">Bureau decision</a> of 10 March 2003  <i>Décision du Bureau du 10 mars 2003</i>	<b>Michael Georg LINK</b> Germany / Allemagne ALDE / ADLE (AS/Pol)  <b>Pablo HISPÁN</b> Spain / Espagne EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Jur)  <b>Laura CASTEL</b> Spain / Espagne UEL / GUE (AS/Mon)	<b>Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC</b> Romania / Roumanie EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Pol)  <b>Octavie MODERT</b> Luxembourg EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Jur) <b>Blerina GJYLAMETI</b> Albania / Albanie SOC (AS/Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – North-South Centre  <i>Centre européen pour l'interdépendance et la solidarité mondiales – Centre Nord-Sud</i>	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute <a href="#">CM/Res(2011)6</a>  <i>Article 4.2 (b) du statut révisé du Centre Nord-Sud <a href="#">CM/Res(2011)6</a></i>	<b>Edite ESTRELA</b> Portugal SOC (AS/Cult)  <b>Stefan SCHENNACH</b> Austria / Autriche SOC (AS/Soc)	<b>Eka SEPASHVILI</b> Georgia / Géorgie EC/DA / CE/AD (AS/Cult)  <b>Carmen LEYTE</b> Spain / Espagne EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Soc)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI  <i>Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance ECRI</i>	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute <a href="#">Res(2002)8</a>  <i>Article 5 du statut de l'ECRI <a href="#">Res(2002)8</a></i>	<b>Max LUCKS</b> Germany / Allemagne SOC (AS/Pol)  <b>Mia KARAMEHIĆ-ABAZOVIĆ</b> Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine NR / NI (AS/Cult)  <b>Petra BAYR</b> Austria / Autriche SOC (AS/Ega)	<b>Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT</b> Türkiye NR / NI (AS/Pol)  ZZ (AS/Cult)  <b>Fourat BEN CHIKHA</b> Belgium / Belgique SOC (AS/Ega)
Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)  <i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption (GRECO)</i>	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO  <i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i>	<b>Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER</b> Austria / Autriche SOC (AS/Jur)	<b>Elena-Simona SPĂTARU</b> Romania / Roumanie ALDE / ADLE (AS/Jur)

<b>Body / Organe</b>	<b>Reference / référence</b>	<b>Members / membres</b>	<b>Substitutes / remplaçant·e·s</b>
Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI)  <i>Comité d'expert·e·s sur l'intelligence artificielle, l'égalité et la discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI)</i>	CM/Res(2021)3	<b>Mireille CLAPOT</b> France ALDE / ADLE (AS/Ega)	
Committee for Works of Art (C-ART)  <i>Comité des œuvres d'art (C-ART)</i>	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992  <i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i>	<b>Constantinos EFSTATHIOU</b> Cyprus / Chypre SOC (AS/Cult)	<b>David MORRIS</b> United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni EC/DA / CE/AD (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12  <i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i>	<b>Maria-Gabriela HORGA</b> Romania / Roumanie EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Jur)	<b>Klotilda BUSHKA</b> Albania / Albanie SOC (AS/Jur)
Committee of Experts on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV)  <i>Comité d'experts sur la protection de l'environnement par le droit pénal (PC-ENV)</i>	CM/Res(2021)3	<b>Constantinos EFSTATHIOU</b> Cyprus / Chypre SOC (AS/Jur)  <b>Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA</b> Ukraine ALDE / ADLE (AS/Soc)	ZZ (AS/Jur)  <b>Stefan SCHENNACH</b> Austria / Autriche SOC (AS/Soc)
Committee on offences relating to cultural property (PC-IBC) / Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)  <i>Comité sur les infractions visant les biens culturels (PC-IBC) / Comité directeur de la culture, du patrimoine et du paysage (CDCPP)</i>	STCE n°221  CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1  SG/Inf(2012)12	<b>Stefan SCHENNACH</b> Austria / Autriche SOC (AS/Cult)	
<b>II. Others / Autres</b>			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage  <i>EUROPA NOSTRA – Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</i>	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	<b>Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO</b> Spain / Espagne SOC (AS/Cult)	<b>Andries GRYFFROY</b> Belgium / Belgique NR / NI (AS/Cult)

## **Appendix 5 – Follow-up to the first part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 15-19 April)**

### **Resolution 2538 (2024) on “Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums” (§ 10.4)**

- ❖ Follow up: Instructed the secretariat to prepare the draft terms of reference of a Parliamentary Assembly Network of Election Observers.

### **Resolution 2540 (2024) on “Alexei Navanly’s death and the need to counter Vladimir Putin’s totalitarian regime and its war on democracy” (§ 29)**

- ❖ Follow up: Invited the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to adopt the Terms of Reference of the new General Rapporteur on the Russian democratic forces.

### **Resolution 2544 (2024) on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania”**

- ❖ Follow up: Decided to seize the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) for report on “Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania”.

### **Current affairs debate on “Responding to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and preventing further escalations in the Middle East following the recent Iranian attack against Israel”**

- ❖ Follow up: Decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on this issue to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Situation in the Middle East”.

### **Resolution 2547 (2024) on “The protection of children against online violence” (§ 9)**

- ❖ Follow up: Taking also into consideration the motion tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, decided to seize the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report, and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health, and Sustainable Development for opinion, on “Violent pornography”.

## **Appendix 6 – Organisation of the Parliamentary Assembly’s part-sessions as from June 2024**

Within the framework of its competence for the organisation of the Assembly’s part-sessions and plenary sittings, the Bureau of the Assembly approved the following modalities for the organisation of the work of the Assembly and of its part-sessions as from the June 2024 part-session.

### **Format of part-session related to the agenda**

Plenary sittings will be held as follows:

- on Mondays from 11:30 to 13:00 and from 15:30 to 17:30,
- on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:30 to 20:00,
- on Fridays from 10:00 to 13:00.

The Bureau reserves flexibility to optimise the time allocated to the discussion of reports submitted by committees and may decide, when considering a draft agenda, to adjust the number of sittings to reflect the number of reports to be debated.

### **Meetings of committees and political groups, non-official meetings (side-events)**

The schedules of committee and political group meetings shall be revised in accordance with the standard calendar of meetings and sittings for the whole session week set out below.

The overall hourly volume of these meetings remains the same:

- up to four committee meetings may be held in parallel (24 one-and-a-half hour slots for an overall volume of 36 hours);
- the political groups shall continue to meet three times a week, on Mondays (two meetings) and Wednesdays (one meeting), for the same total time of 5.30 hours allocated to each group;
- side events/non official meetings may be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from from 13:00 to 14:00. (one per day, i.e. three non official meetings per part-session), unless the organisation of the Assembly’s work, for example the holding of a Joint Committee meeting, makes it impossible to maintain the availability of these slots. During these time slots, two Assembly networks may also meet in parallel.

### **Elections**

On 14 September 2023 and again on 27 November 2023, the Bureau decided that the Assembly would proceed with the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights and other high-level personalities of the Council of Europe in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 40.11 of the Rules of Procedure, by means of ballot papers, polling booths and ballot boxes, and to maintain the practice of appointing tellers by political groups. Since the January 2024 part-session, the attendance sheets have been replaced by a system of verification and electronic signature by validating the voting member’s badge. As of the June 2024 part-session, voting will take place in the perimeter of the rotunda of the Chamber behind the Presidency in accordance with the same arrangements.

The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to organise the elections to be held during the June 2024 part-session in such a way that a possible second round could be held on the same day.

**Standard timetable for the session week**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8h00-9h30: Bureau	8h30-10h00: 4 committees	8h30-10h00: political groups	8h30-10h00: 4 committees	8h30-10h00: Bureau
9h30-11h30: political groups				
11h30-13h00: plenary sitting (opening, credentials, elections President and vice- presidents)	10h00-13h00: plenary sitting	10h00-13h00: plenary sitting	10h00-13h00: plenary sitting	10h00-13h00: plenary sitting
	13h00-14h00: parliamentary networks and side events	13h00-14h00: parliamentary networks and side events	13h00-14h00: parliamentary networks and side events	
14h00-15h30: 4 committees	14h00-15h30: 4 committees	14h00-15h30: 4 committees	14h00-15h30: 4 committees	
15h30-17h30: plenary sitting	15h30-20h00: plenary sitting	15h30-20h00: plenary sitting	15h30-20h00: plenary sitting	
17h30-19h30: political groups				

PM – Monday morning 10.00-11.00: meeting of secretaries of delegations.



## Appendix 7 – References and transmissions to committees

### References to committees

- Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt, Doc. 15942 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*
- A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling, Doc. 15963 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*
- Violent pornography, Doc. 15972 Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health, and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

### Reply after consultation

- Self-determination and territorial integrity in the 21st century, Doc. 15816 Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*

**Appendix 8 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (9 June 2024)**

**Chairperson / Président** : Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA / CE/AD)

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

Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie -Herzégovine

Ms / Mme Kate OSBORNE, United Kingdom / Royaume -Uni

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye

Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège

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

Mr / M. Pauli AALTO-SATÄLÄ, Finland / Finlande

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie

Mr / M. Reinhold LOPATKA, Austria / Autriche

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

ZZ

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

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie

Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS, Netherlands / Pays Bas

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse

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

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Mr / M. Morten WOLD, Norway / Norvège

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

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

Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande\_SOC

Ms / Mme Deborah BERGAMINI, Italie/ Italie\_ EPP/CD

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Mr / M. Michael JANSSEN, Legal Advisor

Ms / Mme Katharina PABEL, Austria / Autriche, representative of the Venice Commission

**Appendix 9 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to participate in an event on “The role of national parliaments in supporting the Belarusians in exile” (Luxembourg, 6-7 June 2024)**

**Chairperson / Président :** Mr / M. Paul GALLES, Luxembourg (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Larysa BILOZIR, Ukraine (ALDE / ADLE)  
Mr / M. Christian BUCHMANN, Austria / Autriche (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)  
Mr / M. Paul GALLES, Luxembourg (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)  
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine (EC/DA / CE/AD)  
Ms / Mme Octavie MODERT, Luxembourg (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)  
Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni (EC/DA /CE/AD)  
Mr / M. Birgir THÓRARINSSON, Iceland / Islande (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)  
Ms / Mme Ana TSITLIDZE, Georgia / Géorgie (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, France (SOC)  
Mr / M. Kimmo KILJUNEN, Finland / Finlande (SOC)  
Mr / M. Bogdan KLICH, Poland / Pologne (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)  
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie (ALDE / ADLE)  
Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLIEV, Ukraine (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)  
Ms / Mme Lesia VASYLENKO, Ukraine (ALDE / ADLE)  
Mr / M. Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania / Lituanie (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

**Appendix 10 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to visit the ICRC headquarters in Geneva as well as other Geneva based international organisations or agencies, in the framework of the follow-up to Resolution 2529 (2024) on “The situation of the children of Ukraine” (dates to be confirmed)**

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

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

Members / membres :

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie (SOC)

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

Sustitute / remplaçante :

Ms / Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO, Monaco (ALDE / ADLE)

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

Members / membres :

Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque (ALDE / ADLE)

Ms / Mme Lesia VASYLENKO, Ukraine (ALDE / ADLE)

Sustitute / remplaçant :

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse (ALDE / ADLE)

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

Members / membres :

Ms / Mme Olena KHOMENKO, Ukraine (EC/DA / CE/AD)

Mr / M. Simon MOUTQUIN, Belgium / Belgique (SOC)

Ms / Mme Minna REIJONEN, Finland / Finlande (EC/DA / CE/AD)

Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce (EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Sustitutes / remplaçantes :

Ms / Mme Larysa BILOZIR, Ukraine (ALDE / ADLE)

Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine (ALDE / ADLE)

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

Members / membres :

Ms / Mme Lise SELNES, Norway / Norvège (SOC)

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine (EC/DA / CE/AD)

Sustitute / remplaçant :

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse (SOC)