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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1509th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (9 October 2024)

¹ This document covers the activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 30 September 2024 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 28 November 2024.

I. Fourth part of the Ordinary Session of 2024 (30 September – 4 October 2024)

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

The Parliamentary Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure and adopted [Resolution 2573 \(2024\)](#) and [Recommendation 2285 \(2024\)](#) on Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. In doing so, the Assembly expressed its wish to help keep the suffering of prisoners of war and civilian captives, held in the Russian Federation or the temporarily occupied areas of Ukraine, and their families, high on the international political agenda. The Assembly said that too often, relatives have no way of obtaining information about the fate of their loved ones and demanded "immediate and unimpeded" access for International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to all places of detention. Among other things, it also welcomed prisoner exchanges and supported the idea of an "all for all" exchange. A group of Ukrainian women whose loved ones are being held in the Russian Federation observed the debate from the public gallery, and met the PACE President, who expressed his full solidarity with and support for them. These women also participated in a side event with the title "Tortures and deaths of Ukrainian POWs and illegally detained civilians in Russian captivity: what the Council of Europe member States can do to stop it and hold Russia accountable".

The Assembly further adopted [Resolution 2575 \(2024\)](#) on Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor – Ukraine once again faces the threat of genocide, drawing a parallel between the Holodomor and the methods used and statements made at the highest level today in the context of Russia's ongoing war of aggression. The parliamentarians pointed to the massacres of Bucha and Irpin, the use of powerful weapons in heavily populated areas, the targeting of civilian infrastructure by the Russian Federation, the "filtering out" and torture of Ukrainian political and cultural elites, the systematic destruction of the spiritual legacy and cultural heritage of the Ukrainian people, the use of food as a weapon, and the forcible deportation of tens of thousands of Ukrainian children as evidence of this new genocidal threat. The Assembly called on all Council of Europe member, observer and partner states to "make use of all instruments at their disposal, including under the Genocide Convention, to prevent any further acts of genocide against the Ukrainian people as a national group". It also invited the ICC Prosecutor to "consider examining the reported allegations of genocide against the Ukrainian people", both generally and regarding the transfer of Ukrainian people.

The Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine, launched on 27 June 2024, held its first meeting on Monday 30 September 2024. On Wednesday 2 October, the documentary Intercepted was screened, in presence of the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Chair of the Minister's deputies and the director of the movie. The documentary contrasts scenes of everyday life of Ukrainians since the full-scale invasion with intercepted phone conversations between Russian soldiers and their families.

Last but not least, [Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza](#), 2022 Václav Havel Prize winner imprisoned in 2022 for criticizing the war in Ukraine and released with other political prisoners in a prisoner exchange on 1 August 2024, delivered a speech in occasion of the 2024 Václav Havel Prize ceremony. He called for the release of all prisoners of war and for a collective strive for a democratic Russian Federation.

B. Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit

Adopting [Resolution 2566](#) "The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavik Declaration" the Assembly called on the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) to "gradually enhance support for the Ukrainian Government in the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in social sectors", paying particular attention to housing and public health. In addition, it encouraged the CEB to "focus on the social dimensions of climate change and environmental degradation", as highlighted in the Reykjavik Declaration. According to the parliamentarians, the CEB should also step up its focus on target group countries through the provision of more grants and technical assistance to support the preparation and implementation of social projects with the highest potential impact.

Adopting [Resolution 2567](#) on "Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe", the parliamentarians stressed the need to address harmful propaganda effectively and in a more co-ordinated way to safeguard the proper functioning of our democratic systems. They called on States not to confine their response to restrictions, which could become a tool to silence critical voices and opposition, but rather to develop holistic

strategies which safeguard freedom of expression and freedom of information. According to the adopted text, it is crucial to build trust in institutions and that the public is provided with reliable information on matters of public interest. Transparency of media ownership and financial sources must be enhanced, and equal access to information and media, as well as information literacy, must be fostered.

The parliamentarians called for an explicit “right to food” in national constitutions, including the right of access to drinking water, which would “oblige all branches of government to place people’s rights at the heart of food policies”. Adopting [Resolution 2577](#), the Assembly also urged laws to make food distribution, processing and marketing fairer and more stable by “reducing economic imbalances between public and private players, aligning agricultural issues with the objectives of ecological transition and supporting farmers in this transition in an inclusive way, while ensuring fair remuneration and greater protection of their rights”. In the framework of the debate, the PACE hosted the Nomad Kitchen, a workshop where smoothies were prepared and shared using surplus food collected locally.

Finally, the Assembly adopted [Resolution 2578 \(2024\)](#) on Risks and opportunities of the metaverse. With this, the Assembly urges the decision makers to have a balanced approach to immersive technologies, acknowledging the many opportunities for breakthrough advances which the metaverse triggers, while being aware of the possible threats to democracy, human rights and the rule of law and the potential misuses which would undermine our societies. The Assembly calls on Council of Europe member States to ensure that the legislative and regulatory frameworks applicable to metaverse environments uphold democracy, human rights and the rule of law, responds to law infringements with adequate measures concerning policing, jurisdiction, evidence gathering and deterrent sanctions. International co-operation among governments, as well as their collaboration with the private sector and researchers are essential to address the complexities of metaverse technology, promote sound competition and incentivise the development of safe creative immersive ecosystems and ethical metaverse standards.

C. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

On 1st October 2024, the Assembly elected [Ms Anna Adamska-Gallant](#) as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Poland.

D. Personalities

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

- Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, 2022 winner of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize
- Mr Carlo Monticelli, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank
- Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Mr Gabrielius Landsbergis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and President of the Committee of Ministers
- Mr Timcho Mucunski, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of the Republic of North Macedonia

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

E. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates

The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on "Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine".

The Assembly held two current affairs debates on “Deteriorating situation of human rights, rule of law and democracy in Azerbaijan” and on “Situation in the Middle-East: escalation of violence and mounting humanitarian crisis, particularly in Gaza”.

F. Media coverage

The media coverage of the 4th part-session was outstanding, with the number of articles identified so far jumping by around a third compared to the equivalent part-session last year. Some 135 journalists and TV crews were accredited in Strasbourg, with teams present from several international news agencies and mainstream media from around the world, as well as a number of documentary-makers.

From the Assembly's agenda, the [award of the 2024 Havel Prize](#) to María Corina Machado made the biggest headlines, particularly in Spanish-speaking countries, with the highest number of identified press articles coming from Spain as a result. Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza, winner of the 2022 edition of the Prize, also addressed the Assembly in the context of the ceremony.

Dominating the coverage, was the [testimony](#) given by Julian Assange to the Assembly's Legal Affairs Committee, together with the [plenary debate](#) on his case the following day, which saw global coverage from mainstream media, powered by news agency reports and the livestreams. Other topics to generate significant national coverage were the [waiving](#) of the immunity of Polish PACE member Marcin Romanowski and the [debate](#) on Ukrainian missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity.

Online, the Assembly's [YouTube channel](#) saw 132,000 views across the week, an increase of around 60 per cent compared to the last session. The [livestream](#) of the hearing with Mr Assange generated the bulk of that, 82,000 views so far, and a record number of public comments. Many other media posted our broadcast-quality footage of the hearing, often in full, generating well in excess of 1m total views worldwide on this platform alone. A [podcast](#) in which PACE President Theodoros Rousopoulos spoke with Ms Corina Machado – the second in a new [series](#) of conversations with leading figures reflecting on Council of Europe values – has seen a significant number of views so far. The pattern was similar on the Assembly's other social media platforms, X, LinkedIn and Facebook, with total social media engagement estimated at around 1.4 million.

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 38 recordings in total. The [top interview](#), with Stella Assange and Sunna Ævarsdóttir, has so far garnered just under 5,000 views.

G. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

Recommendations

Recommendation 2282 (2024)	The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavik Declaration (Doc. 16042)
Recommendation 2283 (2024)	A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling (Doc. 16032)
Recommendation 2284 (2024)	Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate (Doc. 16037)
Recommendation 2285 (2024)	Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (Doc. 16050)
Recommendation 2286 (2024)	Guaranteeing the human right to food (Doc. 16041)

Resolutions

Resolution 2566 (2024)	The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavik Declaration (Doc. 16042)
Resolution 2567 (2024)	Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe (Doc. 16034)
Resolution 2568 (2024)	A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling (Doc. 16032)
Resolution 2569 (2024)	Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate (Doc. 16037)
Resolution 2570 (2024)	The situation in Iran and the protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States (Doc. 16035)
Resolution 2571 (2024)	The detention and conviction of Julian Assange and their chilling effects on human rights (Doc. 16040)
Resolution 2572 (2024)	Request for waiver of the immunity of Mr Marcin Romanowski (Doc. 16053)
Resolution 2573 (2024)	Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (Doc. 16050)
Resolution 2574 (2024)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina (Doc. 16039)
Resolution 2575 (2024)	Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor – Ukraine once again faces the threat of genocide (Doc. 16028)
Resolution 2576 (2024)	Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual and queer women in Europe (Doc. 16043)
Resolution 2577 (2024)	Guaranteeing the human right to food (Doc. 16041)
Resolution 2578 (2024)	Risks and opportunities of the metaverse (Doc. 16031)

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 30 September 2024	
<p>2pm – 3pm</p> <p>Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>The humanitarian situation of (mainly) children and women in Gaza, the West Bank and in Israel</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Sam Rose, Director of Planning - Ms Amal Abu Shawareb, Associate Protection Officer, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).
<p>2pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Etilda Gjonaj, (Albania, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) - Ambassador Gilberto Jerónimo, First Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Parties (Istanbul Convention).
<p>2pm – 3pm</p> <p>Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Online hearing on <i>Situation in the Middle East</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Ehud Olmert, former Prime Minister, Israel - Mr Nasser Al Kidwa, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Palestinian Authority.
<p>3pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Online address on <i>Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms María Corina Machado, National Coordinator of Vente Venezuela, and winner of the 2024 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.
Tuesday 1 October 2024	
<p>08:30am – 10am</p> <p>Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe.

<p>8.30am – 10am</p> <p>Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views (open to the public) on <i>The detention and conviction of Julian Assange and their chilling effects on human rights</i> in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, (Iceland, SOC), with the participation of Mr Julian Assange.</p>
<p>8.30 am – 10 am</p> <p>Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>The role of youth in revitalising democracy</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Nina Grmuša, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) - Mr Jorge Jraissati, President of the Economic Inclusion Group, Madrid.
<p>1pm – 2 pm</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Ukraine's path to ensuring every child's right to grow in the family environment & International initiatives creating family settings for children deprived of parental care</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Iryna Tuliakova, Head of the Coordination Center and Ms Kateryna Novokhatnia, First Deputy Head of the Coordination Centre - Ms Darya Kasyanova, National Program Development Director at SOS Children's Villages Ukraine, Chairman of the Board at the Ukrainian Child Rights Network - Ms Olena Khomenko, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, PACE Vice-President, Follow-up Rapporteur on the situation of the children of Ukraine. <p>► Exchange of views on <i>The family environment: a crucial component of child well being</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Darya Herasymchuk, Presidential Commissioner for Children's Rights and Child Rehabilitation. <p>► Exchange of views on <i>UNICEF initiatives on better care in the turbulent wartime in Ukraine: lessons learnt and reflections</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Jean Choi, Chief of the Child Protection Section of UNICEF.
<p>2pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Online hearing on <i>Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Dmytro Lubinets, Ombudsman of Ukraine.

Wednesday 2 October 2024	
<p>2pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary – follow-up of the Venice Commission’s Opinion on the constitutional amendments adopted by the Hungarian parliament in December 2020</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE) and Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Ben Vermeulen, member of the Venice Commission (online).
<p>2pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management</i> in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Ana Maria Telbis, Council of Europe Programme on Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP), Head of Division a.i., Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law.
Thursday 3 October 2024	
<p>8:30am – 10am</p> <p>Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views in the framework of the Follow-up to the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter which took place on 3-4 July 2024 in Vilnius, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Rafael Benitez, Director, Directorate of Social Rights, Health and Environment, Council of Europe.
<p>8.30am – 10am</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>The activities of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Florence Bauer, Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) <p>► Exchange of views on <i>The activities of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Miltos Pavlou, Senior Programme Manager, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).
<p>1pm - 2pm</p> <p>Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Intersectional inequalities: addressing the rights of LGBTI persons with disabilities</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Bella FitzPatrick, Executive Director, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Youth and Student Organisation (IGLYO) - Ms Marine Uldry, Human Rights Policy Coordinator, European Disability Forum - Ms Béatrice Bradillon, Co-Founder of Les Dévalideuses.

<p>2pm - 3pm</p> <p>Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting between the</p> <p>Sub-committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People (Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)</p> <p>and the</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Artificial Intelligence (AI) and migration</i> in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Kristian Bartholin, Head of the Digital Development Unit, Secretary of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) of the Council of Europe; - Ms Mariam Tartousy, Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Council of Europe (online) - Ms Niovi Vavoula, Associate Professor in Cyber Policy at the University of Luxembourg - Ms Ludivine Stewart, PhD Researcher, Law department, European University Institute - Dr William Jones, Associate Professor, Royal Holloway University of London.
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III. Decisions taken by the Bureau (30 September and 4 October 2024)

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 30 September 2024, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **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, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Fourth part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 30 September - 4 October):**
 - o *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:* took note of the request tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, to hold a debate on:
 - *Missing persons due to the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine: prisoners of war and civilians in captivity:* decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate; agreed to modify the title as follows: *Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity, due to the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*, and to refer the matter to the Committee Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;

took also note of the request tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to hold a debate on:

 - *The emergency healthcare and humanitarian situation of women and children in Gaza*, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - o *Requests for current affairs debates:* took note of the requests for the Assembly to hold debates on:
 - *Deteriorating situation of human rights, Rule of Law and democracy in Azerbaijan*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) as the first speaker;
 - *Situation in the Middle-East: escalation of violence and mounting humanitarian crisis particularly in Gaza*; tabled by leaders of the EPP/CD, EC/DA and ALDE political groups: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as the first speaker;
 - o *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda of the part-session (Appendix 1);
 - o *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Cyprus, Poland and Slovenia:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights, including its decision to proceed with the interviews of candidates for the post of

judge in respect of Slovenia during its next meeting and its recommendation to reject the list as regard Cyprus, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report ([Doc. 16045 Add. 2](#));

- *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 3 October 2024)*: prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 June – 29 September 2024)**: approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16045](#));

- **Election observation:**

- *Bulgaria: Early parliamentary elections (27 October 2024)*: approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 4);
- *Republic of Moldova: Presidential election and Constitutional Referendum (20 October 2024)*: took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission held on 17-18 September 2024;
- *Georgia: Parliamentary elections (26 October 2024)*: took note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission held on 23-24 September 2024;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:**

- *Monitoring Committee:*

- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Ms Marija Petrushevska (North Macedonia) as a member;
- on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, nominated as members: Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom) instead of Jill Mortimer (United Kingdom); Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom); Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden) instead of Ms Beatrice Timgren (Sweden); Mr Norbert Kleinwächter (Germany); Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg);

- *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*: on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, nominated Mr Marco Dreosto (Italy) as a member;
- *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*: on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, nominated as members: Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom) and Mr Harald Weyel (Germany);

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 4 October 2024, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards :

- **Communication**: took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;

- **Follow-up to the fourth part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 30 September - 4 October)**: heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly and discussed the follow-up to the part-session;

- **Meeting of the Standing Committee, Luxembourg, 29 November 2024**: took note of the draft agenda;

- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the addendum to the Progress report;

- **Election observation:**

- *Parliamentary Assembly Network of Election Observers*: approved the list of members of the Network and took note of the agreement of the leaders of the five political groups to designate Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3);
- *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (27 October 2024)*: approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 4);
- *Annual Implementation Meeting for endorsers of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (DoP), Gdansk, Poland, 20-22 November 2024*: appointed Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC/DA) to represent the Assembly at this event hosted by ODIHR;

- **Issues raised by committees :**

- *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*: took note of the letters by the Chairperson of the Committee and decided to authorise:
 - Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), rapporteur on *Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*, to carry out a fact finding visit to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, in the framework of the preparation of her report, in 2024 or 2025 (dates to be confirmed);
 - Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the *Situation in the Middle East*, to carry out a fact finding visit to Israel, the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon, in the framework of the preparation of her report (dates to be confirmed and subject to the availability of funds).
- *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: took note of the letters by the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, and approved the revised terms of reference of the *Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine* (Appendix 5) and of the *Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment* (Appendix 6), to be ratified by the Assembly in the addendum of the Progress report;
- **Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA), on the theme “Artificial Intelligence and Democracy”, Oslo, 21 October 2024**: approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau (Appendix 7) and left it to the ad hoc committee to appoint its Chairperson;
- **Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference on "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport", Athens, 4-5 November 2024**: approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau (Appendix 8);
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2024**: approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (Appendix 9);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (4 October 2024 – 26 January 2025)**: appointed Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;
- **Composition of committees**:
 - *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*:
 - on the basis of proposals by the SOC Group, nominated as members: Mr Gerardo Giovagnoli (San Marino) and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland);
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal) as a member;
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, nominated Mr Lőrinc Nacsá (Hungary) as a member;
 - *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*: on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Christophe Bricq (Monaco) as a member;
 - *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*: on the basis of proposals by the EPP/CD Group, nominated as members: Ms Regina Bastos (Portugal), Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain) and Ms Saara-Sofia Sirén (Finland);
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2024**: appointed as a representative at the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART), Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), instead of Mr David Morris (United Kingdom, EC/DA);
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - lists of candidates in respect of Croatia, Malta, Monaco and Poland**: approved the list of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the Sub-Committee on External relations (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) to meet on 11-13 November 2024 in New York, USA;

IV. Prizes

➤ **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

[The twelfth Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#), which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights – has been awarded to Venezuelan political figure and rights defender María Corina Machado. The prize was presented at a special ceremony on the opening day of the autumn plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

As part of the ceremony, the Assembly was also addressed by Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza, who was being held in detention in Russia when he was awarded the Havel Prize in 2022.

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

➤ On 10-11 October 2024, in Belgrade, the **Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:

. will hold a several hearings and exchanges of views with the participation of Ana Brnabić, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Miloš Vučević, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia (tbc), Marko Đurić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia (tbc), and experts on the region, including from international organisations, on topics such as regional developments and security challenges in the Western Balkans; economic challenges, energy cooperation, and environmental transition; and European integration: what next?

➤ On 17 and 18 October 2024, in Ljubljana, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** will hold exchanges of views on:

. *Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Migration* in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE), with the participation of Dr Aleksander Pur, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Slovenia and Mr Petra Molnar, Associate Director, Refugee Law Lab, York University (online);

. *A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling*, as a follow-up to the report prepared by Lord Simon Russell (United-Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of Mr Robert Renier, Senior State Prosecutor– Counsellor, Head of District State Prosecutor's Office in Krško and member of CoE Network of Prosecutors on Migrant Smuggling;

. *Saving migrants' lives at sea and protecting their human rights*, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC), with the participation of Dr Omer Shatz, Legal Director, front-LEX and Senior Fellow, Rule of Law clinic, the Democracy Institute, Central European University (CEU), Ms Anna di Bari, Board Member of Sea Eyes;

. *The challenges and needs of public and private actors in migration management*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC), with the participation of Ms Giusy D'Alconzo, Institutional Relations & Advocacy Manager, Save the Children, Mr Gianfranco Schiavone, Italian Consortium of Solidarity (Consortio Italiano di Solidarietà), Ms Urša Regvar, Head of Asylum and Migration, PIC, and Ms Alexandra Mamaeva, Representative of People's Embassy of Belarus in Slovenia.

➤ A PACE election observation delegation will observe the presidential election and the constitutional referendum (20 October 2024) in the Republic of Moldova in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including ODIHR, the OSCE PA and the European Parliament.

➤ A PACE election observation delegation will observe the parliamentary elections in Georgia on 26 October 2024 as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) including ODIHR, the OSCE PA, the European Parliament and NATO PA.

➤ A PACE election observation delegation will observe the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria on 27 October 2024.

- On 18-19 November 2024, in Geneva, (Switzerland), the **Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** :

. will hold several hearings with the participation of experts on AI, including from UN and other international organisations based in Geneva, on topics such as armed conflicts and security, the Council of Europe Framework Convention on AI, the impact of AI on democratic processes, the use of AI in parliaments and the role of the private sector.

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

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

Ms Tuula Haatainen (Finland, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will participate in the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) annual seminar with Equality Bodies “Exposing Racism, Intolerance, and Inequalities” to be held in Strasbourg on **17 and 18 October 2024**.

- ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary***

Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE) and **Mr George Papandreou** (Greece, SOC), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Budapest from **18 to 20 November 2024**.

- ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland***

Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and **Ms Azadeh Rojhan** (Sweden, SOC), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Warsaw from **18 to 20 November 2024**

- ***Elections in times of crisis***

Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm, in the framework of the preparation of his report (**November, date to be confirmed**).

VII. Online or in person meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports

- ***The role of youth in revitalising democracy***

Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the “Youth Space Berlin Conference (Y-SPACE) - Celebrating 75 years of the Council of Europe, Revitalising democracy”, organised by the German delegation to the PACE and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, at the German Bundestag, Berlin, on **14-15 November 2024**.

VIII. Other activities of members of the Assembly

Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur on *Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers* presented his report as adopted in the fourth part-session to the German Representation to the Council of Europe and to other Permanent Representations interested in Strasbourg, on **3 October 2024**.

Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson, and **Mr Andries Gryffroy** (Belgium, NR), Vice-Chairperson, of the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values* of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will participate, as respectively PACE representative and substitute to Europa Nostra, in the European Cultural Heritage Summit 2024, from **6 to 8 October 2024** in Bucharest.

Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, and **Mr Mogens Jensen** (Denmark, SOC), General Rapporteur on Governance and

Ethics in Sport, will participate in the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, on **9 and 10 October 2024** in Porto (Portugal).

Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on *the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people* of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will participate in the ILGA Europe Annual Conference to be held in Bucharest on **16-19 October 2024**.

Ms Luz Martinez-Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson of the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values* of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the Conference on "Sustaining democracy through quality citizenship education", on **17-18 October 2024**, in Berlin.

Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR), PACE representative to European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), will attend the exceptional 2024 annual seminar organised by the ECRI for Council of Europe member states' Equality Bodies, in close consultation with the European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET) and the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), on **17 and 18 October 2024** in Strasbourg.

Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, and **Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea** (Romania, SOC), General Rapporteur on *science and technology impact assessment*, will participate in the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) annual conference 2024 on "AI and Democracy", on **21 and 22 October 2024** in Oslo.

Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on media freedom and safety of journalists, will participate in the Annual Thematic Conference "Protection of Journalists - a multistakeholder dialogue", in the framework of the Council of Europe Campaign for the Safety of Journalists "Journalists Matter", on **29 and 30 October**, in Strasbourg.

Ms Mariia Mezentsseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will participate in the fourth high-level Forum "Future of Democracy" on Empowerment of Democracies, to be held in Vilnius, on **7-8 November 2024**.

Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on *the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people* of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will participate in the European and Central Asian Trans Council organised by Transgender Europe (TGEU), to be held in Malta, from **21 to 24 November 2024**.

Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC), in his capacity as Rapporteur on *Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers* (Germany, SOC) will attend an online meeting of the network of National Focal Points on Missing Migrants, organised by the ICRC and the ICMPD, in the framework of the Rabat Process, on **28 November 2024**.

IX. Seminars and conferences to be organised by the Assembly

➤ **30 September -04 October 2024, Strasbourg:** *the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division* organised a study visit to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) for the Delegation of the German Parliament. The aim of the study visit was to familiarise participants with the workings of PACE and other institutional bodies of the Council of Europe.

➤ **4-5 November 2024, Athens:** *the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division* in co-operation with the Hellenic Parliament will organise the conference "*Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport*". The Conference will bring into focus some of the critical themes and issues that are faced by the world of sport and sportspersons, the public and our societies such as safety and integrity in sports, equality and inclusion, dignity and well-being of athletes. The event will gather parliamentarians, policymakers, athletes, sporting organisations, and experts from various fields to explore the multifaceted dimensions of these issues within the realm of sports.

➤ **8 October 2024, Chişinău:** *the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division*, under the project "Improving Electoral Practices in the Republic of Moldova (IEPRM), Phase III," will organise a seminar in Chişinău on October 8. The seminar will focus on the investigation and examination of illegal funding of

political parties, electoral contestants, initiative groups, or electoral campaigns. It aims to share both international and national best practices with judges and prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting financial violations by political parties, electoral contestants, and initiative groups. This seminar is organised within the context of the ongoing electoral campaign for the Presidential Elections and the EU-related referendum, which will take place on October 20. In addition, the project is providing ongoing communication assistance to representatives of the Central Electoral Commission of Moldova to safeguard its credibility, enhance its ability to positively influence public narratives, and ensure it acts in a more transparent and open manner towards all electoral stakeholders.

➤ **October – November 2024, Kyiv:** *the PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division* in the framework of the project “supporting democratic post-war elections in Ukraine” will develop and provide an online training course for political parties and candidates on “Balanced representation and participation of women and men in post-war political and electoral processes in Ukraine”. Upon production, the training course is planned to be presented to political parties’ representatives and placed on the CEC online awareness raising platform “CEC: prosvita”.

➤ **October – November 2024, Kyiv:** several trainings on IT related issues (on CISCO infrastructure, Windows Server infrastructure) will be held for the IT staff of the Secretariat of the Central Election Commission. The series of specialised IT trainings for the CEC staff is conducted upon the request of the Commission in order to improve its operational efficiency and service management capabilities, as well as to ensure efficient use of innovative cybersecurity systems recently introduced in the CEC. The trainings will follow the previously conducted trainings on ITIL, IBM QRadar SIEM completed by the CEC IT professionals in March and May 2024 with the Project support.

➤ **November 2024, Kyiv:** the project “Supporting democratic post-war elections in Ukraine” will provide an online presentation of key findings and conclusions of the Risk Assessment and Feasibility Study on i-voting in Ukraine for the members and representatives of the profile Parliamentary Committee that requested the respective study.

X. Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers

➤ **1st October 2024, Strasbourg:** *the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development* considered the Committee of Ministers’ reply to the Recommendation on “Safeguarding democracy, rights and the environment in international trade”.

➤ **29-30 October 2024, Strasbourg:** Mr George Papandreu (Greece, SOC), general rapporteur on democracy, will attend the 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM).

XI. Cooperation with the Venice Commission

➤ **11-12 October 2024, Venice (Italy):** Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, (Spain, SOC) is foreseen to attend the 140th Plenary session of the Venice Commission.

➤ Legal advice will be provided by representatives of the Venice Commission to the PACE delegations observing the presidential election and constitutional referendum in the Republic of Moldova (**20 October 2024**), the parliamentary elections in Georgia (**26 October 2024**) and the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (**27 October 2024**).

XII. External relations

- Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

➤ **On 10 October 2024, online:** Lord Simon Russell (United-Kingdom, EC/DA), rapporteur on *A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling* will hold a meeting with Ms Birgit Sippel, member of the European Parliament (S&D), rapporteur at the LIBE Committee on the European Commission's proposal on The directive laying down minimum rules to prevent and counter the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and stay in the Union, and replacing Council Directive 2002/90/EC and Council Framework Decision 2002/946 JHA.

➤ PACE election observation delegations will observe the presidential election and the constitutional referendum (**20 October 2024**) in the Republic of Moldova and the parliamentary elections in Georgia (**26 October 2024**) in the framework of International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including the European Parliament.

- Relations with other international partners

➤ PACE election observation delegations will observe the presidential election and the constitutional referendum (**20 October 2024**) in the Republic of Moldova and the parliamentary elections in Georgia (**26 October 2024**) in the framework of International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including ODIHR and the OSCE PA.

XIII. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

. **10-11 October 2024, Belgrade:** Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

. **17 October 2024, Terrassa (Spain):** *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)*

. **17-18 October 2024, Ljubljana:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*

. **18-19 November 2024, Geneva:** *Sub-committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* (open to members of the plenary committee)

. **Autumn 2024, (date to be confirmed), UN Headquarters New York:** *Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*

. **28 November 2024, Luxembourg :** *Presidential Committee*

. **28 November 2024, Luxembourg :** *Bureau of the Assembly*

. **29 November 2024, Luxembourg :** *Standing Committee*

Appendix 1 – Agenda of the October part-session



Parliamentary Assembly
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Doc. 16033
01 October 2024

Fourth part of the 2024 Ordinary Session (30 September - 4 October 2024)

Agenda¹

1. Adopted by the Assembly on 30 September 2024.



Abbreviations

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

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

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee

Thursday: 15:00-16:00

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

Monday 30 September 2024

Sitting No. 24 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
 - o (Doc. 16046)

1.3. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in respect of Belgium and San Marino (AS/Inf (2024) 02 rev)

1.4. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2024) 07 + Add.)

1.5. Requests for debate:

1.5.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine"

1.5.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The emergency healthcare and humanitarian situation of women and children in Gaza"

1.5.3. Current affairs debate: "Situation in the Middle-East: escalation of violence and mounting humanitarian crisis, particularly in Gaza"

1.5.4. Current affairs debate: "Deteriorating situation of human rights, rule of law and democracy in Azerbaijan"

1.6. Adoption of the agenda

2. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize (12:00-13:00)

2.1. Statement by Mr Vladimir KARA-MURZA, 2022 Prize winner


2.2. 2024 Prize award ceremony²

Sitting No. 25 (15:30-17:30)

3. Progress report

3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16045, Doc. 16045 Add. 1, Doc. 16045 Add. 2)


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 12:00)


4. Debate


4.1. The Council of Europe Development Bank: implementing the Reykjavik Declaration

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16042)

- ☐ Statement by:
 - o Mr Carlo MONTICELLI, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 11:00)

 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16042)

2. See separate programme, AS/Inf (2024) 09.

Tuesday 1 October 2024

Sitting No. 26 (10:00-13:00)

5. Election (10:00-13:00)

5.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

- ☐ List of candidates:
 - o Poland ([Doc. 16045 Add. 2](#), [Doc. 16025](#))

6. Debate

6.1. Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 16034](#))
- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 16:30)
- ☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 16:00)
- ☐ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16034](#))

7. Address (12:00-13:00)

7.1. Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 16:30)

Sitting No. 27 (15:30-20:30)

8. [Possibly] Election (2nd round) (16:00-19:00)

8.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

9. Joint debate

9.1. A shared European approach to address migrant smuggling

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Lord Simon RUSSELL (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 16032](#))

9.2. Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Julian PAHLKE (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 16037](#))
- ☐ Statement by:
 - o Mr Michael O'FLAHERTY, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 12:00)

☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 16:00)

☐ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 16032](#))

☐ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 16037](#))

10. Current affairs debate

10.1. Deteriorating situation of human rights, rule of law and democracy in Azerbaijan

- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 12:00)

11. Current affairs debate

11.1. Situation in the Middle-East: escalation of violence and mounting humanitarian crisis, particularly in Gaza


- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 12:00)


12. Debate


12.1. The situation in Iran and the protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States

Presentation by:

- o Mr Max LUCKS (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol ([Doc. 16035](#))
- o Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA-FEDORENKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega ([Doc. 16048](#))

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 16:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16035](#))

Wednesday 2 October 2024


Sitting No. 28 (10:00-13:00)

13. Debate

13.1. The detention and conviction of Julian Assange and their chilling effects on human rights

☐ Presentation by:

- o Ms Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16040)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 19:30)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 10:30)


⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16040)

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

14.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and President of the Committee of Ministers

 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 19:30)


Sitting No. 29 (15:30-19:00)

15. Debate

15.1. Request for waiver of the immunity of Mr Marcin Romanowski

☐ Presentation by:

- o Ms Heike ENGELHARDT (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 16053)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)


⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16053)

16. Debate under urgent procedure

16.1. Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine

☐ Presentation by:

- o Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA-FEDORENKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 16050)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 18:00)


⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16050)

17. Debate

17.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, EC/DA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16039)
- o Mr Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI (North Macedonia, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16039)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)




⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16039)

Thursday 3 October 2024

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


18. Debate

18.1. Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor – Ukraine once again faces the threat of genocide

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Knut ABRAHAM (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 16028](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 18:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 10:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16028](#))

19. Address (12:00-13:00)




19.1. Mr Timcho MUCUNSKI, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of the Republic of North Macedonia

-  Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 18:00)

Sitting No. 31 (16:00-20:00)




20. Debate

20.1. Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual and queer women in Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 16043](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 12:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16043](#))




21. Debate

21.1. Protecting the human rights and improving the lives of sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 16044](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 12:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16044](#))

22. Debate

22.1. Guaranteeing the human right to food




- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Simon MOUTQUIN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 16041](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 12:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:30)
-  Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 16041](#))

Friday 4 October 2024


Sitting No. 32 (10:00-13:00)

23. Debate

23.1. Risks and opportunities of the metaverse

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Andi-Lucian CRISTEA (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 16031](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16031](#))

24. Free debate

-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:00)

25. Progress report (continued)

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

- ☐ Addendum:
 - o ([Doc. 16045 Add. 3](#))

26. Closure of the part-session

Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

References to committees

- *Georgian law on “foreign influence”*, [Doc. 16022](#), motion for a resolution: 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 Georgia”*;
- *Establishing closer co-operation with Mongolia*, [Doc. 16023](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;
- *Protecting civilians: urgent action to save civilians in Russian captivity*, [Doc. 16029](#), 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”*;
- *Russian democratic forces*, [Doc. 16054](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
- *Updating the Venice Commission Rule of Law Checklist: a contribution by the Assembly*, [Doc. 16059](#), motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

Modification of a reference

- *Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing*, [Doc. 15566](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4670 of 10 October 2022 (extended on 30 September 2024) – validity: 10 October 2025: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*.

Extensions of references

- *Respect for the rule of law and fight against corruption within the Council of Europe*, [Doc. 15195](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4556 of 25 January 2021 (extended on 1 February 2021, 28 April 2023 and 22 January 2024) – validity : 31 December 2024 : extension until 31 March 2025;
- *Protecting the human rights and improving the lives of sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation* (former title: The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors), [Doc. 15570](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4674 of 10 October 2022 – validity : 10 October 2024 : extension until 10 April 2025.

Appendix 3 – List of members of the Parliamentary Assembly Network of Election Observers

Chairperson / Président : ...

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

Ms /Mme Petra BAYR	Austria / Autriche
Mr /M. Andrea CRISANTI	Italy / Italie
Mr /M. Costis EFSTATHIOU	Cyprus / Chypre
Mr /M. Yunus EMRE	Türkiye
Mr /M. Piero FASSINO	Italy / Italie
Mr /M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ	Switzerland / Suisse
Mr /M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI	San Marino / Saint-Marin
Ms /Mme Saskia KLUIT	Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Arndís Anna KRISTÍNARDÓTTIR GUNNARSDÓTTIR	Iceland / Islande
Mr /M. Max LUCKS	Germany / Allemagne
Mr /M. Jamila MADEIRA	Portugal
Mr /M. Sasa MAGAZINOVIC	Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie- Herzégovine
Mr /M. Didier MARIE *	France
Ms /Mme Kate OSBORNE	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr /M. Paulo PISCO	Portugal
Mr /M. Stefan SCHENNACH	Austria / Autriche

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

Mr/ M. Pauli AALTO-SETÄLÄ	Finland / Finlande
Mr /M. Christian BUCHMANN	Austria / Autriche
Ms /Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER	Austria / Autriche
Ms /Mme Arusyak JULHAKYAN	Armenia / Arménie
Mr /M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK	Ukraine
Mr /M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ	Romania / Roumanie
Ms /Mme Catia POLIDORI*	Italy / Italie
Mr /M. Chris SAID	Malta / Malte
Mr /M. Georgios STAMATIS	Greece / Grèce
Ms /M. Maria SYRENGELA	Greece / Grèce
Mr /M. Nicos TORNARITIS	Cyprus / Chypre

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

Lord David BLENCATHRA*	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr /M. Armen GEVORGYAN	Armenia / Arménie
Mr /M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO	Ukraine
Mr /M. Jan KANTHAK	Poland / Pologne
Mr /M. Axel KASSEGER	Austria / Autriche
Mr /M. Norbert KLEINWÄCHTER	Germany / Allemagne
Mr /M. Daniel MILEWSKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr /M. Kacper Maciej PŁAŻYŃSKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr /M. Marcin ROMANOWSKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr /M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA	Spain / Espagne
Mr /M. Harald WEYEL	Germany / Allemagne
Mr /M. Markus WIECHEL	Sweden / Suède
Mr /M. Morten WOLD	Norway / Norvège

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Mr /M. Mehmet AKALIN	Türkiye
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Mr /M. Damien COTTIER	Switzerland / Suisse
Ms /Mme Valentina GRIPPO	Italy / Italie
Mr /M. Claude KERN*	France
Ms /Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK	Ukraine
Mr /M. Michael LINK	Germany / Allemagne
Ms/ Mme Fiona O'LOUGHLIN	Ireland / Irlande
Mr /M. Dean PREMIK	Slovenia / Slovénie
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Mr /M. Kim VALENTIN	Denmark / Danemark
Ms /Mme Lesia VASYLENKO	Ukraine
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Ms /Mme Sevilay ÇELENK	Türkiye
Mr /M. Paul GAVAN	Ireland / Irlande
Ms /Mme Nina KASIMATI	Greece / Grèce
Mr /M. George LOUCAIDES*	Cyprus / Chypre

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POL	Mr /M. Bertrand BOUYX	France
JUR	Lord Richard KEEN	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
MON	Ms /Mme Zanda KALNINA-LUKASEVICA	Latvia / Lettonie
SOC	Mr /M. Frank SCHWABE	Germany / Allemagne
EPP/CD	Mr /M. Pablo HISPAN	Spain / Espagne
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UEL	Mr /M. Andrej HUNKO	Germany / Allemagne
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PACE members of the Council of Democratic Elections /	Mr /M. Michael Georg LINK	Germany / Allemagne
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Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr /M. Srdjan DARMANOVIC

Montenegro / Monténégro

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Appendix 4 - List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (27 October 2024)

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

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Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye

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

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Ms / Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche

Mr / M. Niklaus-Samuel GUGGER, Switzerland / Suisse

Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

Ms / Mme Maria SYRENGELA, Greece / Grèce

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Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /

Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

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Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVAKOVA, Slovak Republic / République Slovaque

Substitutes / Suppléant-e-s

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

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne

Ms / Mme Heather WHEELER, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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

Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK ÖZEN, Türkiye

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

Ms / Mme Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy / Italie – EPP/CD (excused)

Ms / Mme Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande – SOC (excused)

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr / M. Richard BARRETT, Ireland / Irlande - Member of the Venice Commission / Membre de la commission de Venise

Mr / M. Domenico VALLARIO, Venice Commission Secretariat / Secrétariat de la Commission de Venise

Appendix 5 - Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

Revised terms of reference

Duration: June 2024 - 31 December 2025

In accordance with the Bureau decision of 7 March 2024 to invite the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to consider the setting-up of a Network on the Situation of the Children of Ukraine in the framework of the follow-up and implementation of paragraph 26 of Resolution 2529 (2024) on “the situation of the children of Ukraine”, the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe shall be constituted in the June 2024 part-session of the Assembly under the auspices of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development.

The terms of reference of the Network were adopted by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe at its meeting on 3 June 2024 for transmission to the Bureau of the Assembly.

Aim of the Network

1. In accordance with Resolution 2529 (2024), it is the task of the Network to provide support to the Assembly “to continue its role as a facilitator (...) to support the Ukrainian authorities and various international organisations, such as UNICEF, the UNHCR, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other competent United Nations agencies, and the ICRC, in determining the most rapid means to identify and facilitate an effective search for children, with access to as much information as possible about their identity and the conditions of their deportation or forcible transfer by the Russian Federation.”

In particular, as a platform of exchange, the Network should:

- facilitate the coordination between Ukrainian authorities, international organisations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders
- facilitate the rapid and effective implementation of existing mechanisms and contribute to finding new mechanisms, as appropriate, for the identification, tracing and repatriation of deported Ukrainian children
- ensure that returned Ukrainian children are smoothly reintegrated
- promote the protection of the rights of displaced and refugee Ukrainian children
- ensure promotion and dissemination of Council of Europe standards and of Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU) tools and deliverables
- support the access of Ukrainian children to education and healthcare, including treatment and psychological support for those affected by war.

Composition of the Network

2. The Network shall be composed of:

2.1. In respect of the 46 member States of the Council of Europe: for each unicameral parliament, one titular and one substitute member of parliament, appointed by their national delegation; for each for bicameral parliament, one titular and one substitute member of each chamber of the parliament, appointed by their national delegation.

2.2. In respect of the parliaments with Observer or Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: one member of each national delegation, appointed by the national delegation.

2.3. One member each appointed by the following Committees of the Parliamentary Assembly:

- Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination.

2.4. One associate member appointed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

3. The members of the Bureau of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, the chairpersons of political groups and the President of the Assembly, shall be *ex officio* members of the Network.

Working methods of the Network

4. In terms of the application of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Network shall be assimilated to a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development. All members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development shall be entitled to attend the Network's meetings.

5. The working languages of the Network shall be English and French.

6. The Network shall hold its first meeting during the 2024 fourth part-session of the Assembly (30 September – 4 October), with the President of the Assembly in the Chair and shall elect its Bureau amongst its members on this occasion.

7. In fulfilling its task set out in paragraph 1 of these terms of reference, the Network shall be inspired by international and European treaties, United Nations declarations and reports, and texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly, in particular those related to the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

8. The Network may co-operate with parliamentarians and national parliaments outside of Europe, as well as parliamentary networks and regional and international parliamentary assemblies.

9. The Network may rely on the "Bring Kids Back UA" initiative and on information sharing with Ukrainian civil society.

10. The Network shall endeavour to limit its environmental impact.

Appendix 6 – Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment²

Revised terms of reference

Duration: 2022-2027

In accordance with Resolution 2399 (2021) on “the climate crisis and the rule of law”, the Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (hereafter, “the Network”) was constituted during the January 2022 part-session of the Assembly under the auspices of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development.

The terms of reference of the network were adopted by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe at its meeting on 1st December 2021 for transmission to the Bureau of the Assembly. The Committee adopted a revised version at its meeting on 13 September 2024 for transmission to the Bureau.

Aims of the network

1. In accordance with Resolution 2399 (2021) on “the climate crisis and the rule of law”, the general aim of the Network is “to inspire and follow the action taken by the national authorities to honour the strong commitments they have made vis-à-vis the climate crisis while fostering the mutual enrichment of ideas and setting up regular opportunities for parliamentarians in Europe and on other continents to pool their experience.” To this end, the Network shall be inspired by international and European instruments and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and shall promote the texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly relating to the environment.
2. As a platform for exchanges, the Network shall pursue the following specific goals: work to improve climate governance and to embed and promote the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment in treaties, national legislation, public policies, business and public practice and consciousness in Europe and elsewhere.
3. To achieve these goals, the Network shall:
 - Raise parliamentarians’ awareness of their role in their respective assemblies in connection with the direction, content and funding of environmental policies and the adoption of legislation affecting the environment.
 - Inform parliamentarians about developments in the strategies, standards and supervisory mechanisms which exist within the Council of Europe and other relevant bodies regarding human and environmental rights and of their role in helping them to evolve towards better protection of the right to a healthy environment.
 - Improve interaction between parliamentarians, representatives of civil society in the broadest sense and climate justice mechanisms.

Composition of the Network

4. The Network shall be composed of:
 - 4.1. In respect of the 46 member States of the Council of Europe: one member of parliament for each unicameral parliament, and one member of each Chamber for bicameral parliaments, appointed by the national parliament or chamber respectively.
 - 4.2. In respect of the parliaments with Observer or Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: one member of parliament for each unicameral parliament, and one member of each Chamber for bicameral parliaments, appointed by the national parliament or chamber respectively.
 - 4.3. One member each appointed by the following Committees of the Parliamentary Assembly:
 - Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
 - Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
 - Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
 - Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
 - Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
 - Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

² Modified title. The original title was: Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a Healthy Environment.

4.4. One associate member appointed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

5. The members of the Bureau of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, the chairpersons of political groups and the immediate past President of the Assembly shall be ex officio members of the Network.

Working methods

6. In terms of the application of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Network shall be assimilated to a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development. All members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development shall be entitled to attend the Network's meetings.

7. The working languages of the Network shall be English and French.

8. The Network shall elect its Chairperson and its Vice-Chairperson, who shall make up the Bureau. It shall renew its Bureau every two years during the Assembly's first part-session.

9. The Network shall adopt its work programme on an annual basis.

10. The Network shall facilitate synergy and consistency between the Assembly and other Council of Europe sectors involved in environmental work.

11. The Network may co-operate with parliamentarians and national parliaments outside of Europe, as well as parliamentary networks and regional and international parliamentary assemblies.

12. The Network shall endeavour to limit its environmental impact so as to enhance its sustainability.

Funding

13. The Network's projects shall be funded with voluntary contributions from the member States.

Appendix 7 – List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the annual conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA) “Artificial Intelligence and Democracy” – Oslo, 21 October 2024

Chairperson / Président-e : ...

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

Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

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

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

Ms / Mme Zeynep YILDIZ (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

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

Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE / France, ADLE)

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

Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Ms / Mme Arusyak JULHAKYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD / Arménie, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

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

Mr / M. Andi-Lucian CRISTEA (Romania, SOC / Roumanie, SOC)

Ms / Mme Linda Hofstad HELLELAND (Norway, EPP/CD / Norvège, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Mathieu MICHEL (Belgium, ALDE / Belgique, ADLE)

Ms / Mme Marijana PULJAK (Croatia, ALDE / Croatie, ADLE)

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

Mr / M. Mustafa CANBEY (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC)

Ms / Mme Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Ms / Mme Ester MIELI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)

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)

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)

Appendix 8 – List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport" - Athens, 4-5 November 2024

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

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

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

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Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE (Georgia, SOC / Géorgie, SOC)
Ms / Mme Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)
Ms / Mme Domenica SPINELLI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)
Mr / M. Sergiy VLASENKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

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

Mr / M. Vladimir ĐORĐEVIĆ (Serbia, NR / Serbie, NI)
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD / Irlande, PPE/DC)
Ms / Mme Minna REIJONEN (Finland, EC/DA / Finlande, CE/AD)

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

Mr / M. Branislav BORENOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD / Bosnie-Herzégovine, PPE/DC)
Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Ms / Mme Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Ms / Mme Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD / Roumanie, PPE/DC)

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

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Mr / M. Nikolla CAMAJ (Montenegro, ALDE / Monténégro, ADLE)
Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC / Chypre, SOC)
Ms / Mme Gökçe GÖKÇEN (Türkiye, SOC)
Ms / Mme Seda GÖREN BÖLÜK (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)
Mr / M. Andries GRYFFROY (Belgium, NR / Belgique, NI)
Ms / Mme Linda Hofstad HELLELAND (Norway, EPP/CD / Norvège, PPE/DC)
Ms / Mme Belén HOYO (Spain, EPP/CD; Espagne, PPE/DC)
Mr / M. Mogens JENSEN (Denmark, SOC / Danemark, SOC)
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Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain, SOC / Espagne, SOC)
Mr / M. Mathieu MICHEL (Belgium, ALDE)
Ms / Mme Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland, ALDE)
Ms / Mme Denisa Elena NEAGU (Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE)
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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)

Mr / M. Pablo HISPAN (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

Appendix 9 – List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy 2024 “Democracy and Diversity - Can we transcend the divides?” - Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2024

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

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

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