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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1557th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (15 April 2026)

¹ This document covers activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau of 30 January 2026 up to the meeting of the Bureau of 20 April 2026.

I. Main developments between the Assembly's January 2026 part-session and the April 2026 part-session

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

The fifth high-level dialogue on 'Good democratic governance in Ukraine: achievements, challenges and the way forward in the post-war period' took place in Strasbourg on 1-2 April 2026. This two-day event, organised in collaboration with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Venice Commission, brought together Ukrainian government and parliamentary representatives, as well as leading officials from electoral bodies, security services, broadcasting regulators, local authorities, and more. Key topics included multi-level governance, the transition from military to civilian administration, and post-war elections. PACE Secretary General Despina Chatzivassiliou [opened the event](#), highlighting the growing trust between Ukrainian partners and the Council of Europe after nearly four years of high-level dialogue, and emphasising the Assembly's continued support as Ukraine looks to reinforce its democratic governance after the end of the war. Focusing on elections, she said that the question was not only when they could take place, but also whether they could be held in a way that would be seen as fair by the Ukrainian people and whether they would accept the result. Recalling the Assembly's position that elections held under martial law cannot meet democratic standards, she reiterated the steps Ukraine could take to prepare for a post-war ballot. She warned that preparation needs to be well under way, as 'when conditions allow, there will be very little time'. She also welcomed the creation of a parliamentary working group on this topic. Finally, she also mentioned the PACE UP project, which provides parliamentary support to the Verkhovna Rada as it addresses the challenges of the war and pursues European integration. "We will continue to stand alongside Ukraine and its people by supporting its institutions, contributing to its reforms, and accompanying it on its path towards a democratic and European future," she concluded.

In a [video message](#) released on 24 February 2026 to mark the fourth anniversary of the launch of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, PACE President Petra Bayr emphasised that "this is not only a war against Ukraine; it is a war against everything the Council of Europe stands for: democracy, human rights, and the rule of law". Reiterating the Assembly's unwavering support for Ukraine, she demanded that those responsible for the crimes committed be held fully accountable. "Justice is not revenge. Justice is protection – for future victims, for international law, for peace itself. Impunity must end," she concluded.

On 17 February 2026, Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), PACE's rapporteur on accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, issued a [statement](#) on Estonia's approval of the future agreement establishing the Management Committee of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

B. Other activities

On 23 March 2026, PACE President Petra Bayr held an [exchange of views](#) with Nikos Christodoulides, the President of Cyprus, on current political issues, particularly the situation in the Middle East and its implications for Europe. Ms Bayr was accompanied by the members of the PACE Presidential Committee, comprising the Chairpersons of the five PACE political groups and PACE Secretary General Despina Chatzivassiliou. 'In the current volatile political context, Europe must play an active role in preserving and safeguarding the international rules-based order,' the participants emphasised. The President of Cyprus praised PACE's work in this context, also highlighting its important role in supporting reunification efforts in Cyprus. Mr Christodoulides and Ms Bayr concluded the meeting by reiterating their unwavering support for Ukraine.

On 1 March, Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), PACE rapporteur on the situation in the Middle East, issued a [statement](#) regarding the outbreak of open hostilities between Israel, the United States, and Iran. She acknowledged that this escalation posed serious threats to international peace and security and could plunge the Middle East into a cycle of violence with unpredictable and uncontrollable consequences. She urged all parties to exercise maximum restraint and fully respect international law, including the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure. She said that indiscriminate attacks against countries not directly involved in the conflict only deepen instability and increase the risk of regional war.

II. Meeting of the Bureau (2 March 2026)

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 2 March 2026, in Paris, with Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of the communication by the President of the Assembly;
- **Second part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 20-24 April):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
 - *Kazakhstan: Referendum (19 March 2026):* took note of the invitation letter and decided not to observe the referendum;
 - *Hungary: Parliamentary elections (12 April 2026):* approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3);
 - *Bulgaria: Parliamentary elections (19 April 2026):* decided to observe these elections and to set up an *ad hoc* committee of 20 members (SOC-7; EPP/CD-5; ECPA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1);
 - *Joint debate co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional authorities and the Venice Commission on “Towards Reliable and Inclusive Electoral Processes: The Role of Observers” (Paris, 28-29 April 2026), as a contribution to the New Democratic Pact:* took note of the new title of the debate and approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to participate in this event (Appendix 4);
 - *Armenia: Parliamentary elections (7 June 2026):* approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) as Chairperson and Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, ECPA) as Vice-Chairperson (Appendix 5);
 - *Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections:* took note of the letter from the Chairperson of the Alliance and approved the revised list of members of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections (Appendix 6);
 - *Assembly of Kosovo*:* *Elections to the Assembly of Kosovo (28 December 2026):* decided to organise a post-election technical mission composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the *ad hoc* committee which observed these elections;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and appointed Ingjerd Schie Schou as a member of the selection panel;
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** took note of the information memorandum and approved the publication of the statistics;
- **Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact:** approved the revised terms of reference for the special Committee (Appendix 7);
- **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 11-13 March 2026):** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to participate in this event (Appendix 8);
- **High-level conference on the European Social Charter (Chişinău, 18-19 March 2026):** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to participate in this event (Appendix 9);
- **Black Sea Security Forum (Odesa, Ukraine, 29-31 May 2026):** decided that the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event should be composed of up to three members from each of the Assembly’s committees (subject to security conditions);
- **Issues raised by Committees:**
 - **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:** took note of the letter from the Chairperson of the Committee and approved the draft terms of reference of the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Appendix 10);
- **Petitions to the Assembly:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to:

* 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.

- refer *for report* to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, a request to review and revise the Assembly's procedures and criteria for petitions;
- instruct the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities to prepare a note containing proposals to update the Bureau's criteria on the admissibility of petitions;
- declare that the three petitions presented in the memorandum are inadmissible;
- **Other business:**
 - ***Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (30 January - 19 April 2026)***: appointed Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;
- ***Appointment of Assembly representatives to official activities***: appointed Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) to represent the Parliamentary Assembly at the event "Serenissima Republic and modern state: Conversations about rights and democracy" organised by the Venice Commission on 4 March 2026 in Venice;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised:
 - the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Athens on 28-29 (morning) May 2026;
 - the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to meet in Athens on 4-5 June 2026;
 - the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact to meet in Warsaw on 18-19 May 2026;
- **Date and place of next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Monday 20 April 2026, 8am, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Friday 24 April 2026, 8:30am, Strasbourg (part session);
 - Thursday 21 May 2026, 3pm, Monaco.

III. Prizes

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

The deadline for nominations for the third edition of the Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment expired on 27 March 2026. The Selection Panel will now meet in Reykjavik on 6 May 2026 in order to shortlist three candidates.

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

➤ On 2 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities** :

. held a Joint hearing on *Parliaments and Interest Representatives: Regulating Third-Party Contacts* in the framework of the preparation of reports on: "Development of a code of conduct for interest of representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly" (Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) and "Follow-up to the 4th round of GRECO recommendations relating to parliamentarians" (Rapporteur: Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC), with the participation of Mr Raj Chari - professor of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin (online); Mr Christian Heyer - Deputy Director General and Head of the Legal Department in the administration of the German Parliament and Mr Jon Vrushu - Thematic Lead on Political Integrity, Transparency International.

➤ On 9-10 March 2026, in Monaco, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**:

. held a hearing on *Democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC), with the participation of Mr Luigi Di Maio, EU Special Representative for the Gulf region; Mr David Khalfa, Co-director of the Observatory for North Africa and the Middle East at the Foundation Jean-Jaurès; Ms Mina Khani, Board Member of Hengaw Organization for Human Rights and Ms Mahnaz Shirali, political analyst on Iran.

. held a hearing on *Safeguarding the rule of law in Tunisia*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Didier Marie (France, SOC), with the participation of Mr Hasni Abidi, Director of the Center for Studies

and Research on the Arab and Mediterranean World (CERMAM), and Senior Lecturer at the University of Geneva.

➤ On 11 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation:**

. held an exchange of views on *Facilitating economic recovery and resilience of Ukraine: from voluntary returns to enhanced co-operation and investment*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Denis Begic, (Sweden, SOC), with the participation of Ms Aliona Shkrum, First Deputy Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine (online); Mr Cristian Tabacaru, Director of the Loans and Social Development Directorate, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) and Ms Csilla Volgyi, Policy Officer at Home.E1, European Commission (online);

. held a hearing on *Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Pelin Yılık (Türkiye, NR), with the participation of Mr Yves-Laurent Jackson, doctor and professor, Geneva University Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva.

➤ On 11 March 2026, in Paris, the **Sub-Committee on Economic Co-operation and Development of the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation:**

. held an exchange of views, with the participation of Ms Stefania Bazzoni, Director of the Executive Office, Chief of Staff of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), and Mr Rainer Lovato, Deputy Director of the Loans and Social Development Directorate of the CEB.

➤ On 11-13 March 2026, in New York, the **Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. participated in the plenary session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) and in the side events taking place on 11-13 March 2026;

. participated in a side event organised by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and its Network Women Free from Violence on *Countering backlash and safeguarding women's rights*, with the participation of Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe; Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Milana Rikanovic, Head of the UN Women Office in Serbia; Baroness Lyn Brown (United Kingdom, SOC); Ms Sevilay Çelenk (Türkiye, UEL) and Mr Saša Gavrić from OSCE-ODIHR.

➤ On 12 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. held an exchange of views on *Media freedom in sport*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of Mr Andreas Selliaas, sport journalist, Norway and Ms Mejdaline Mhiri, co-president of the Association of Women Sports Journalists, Paris;

. held an exchange of views on *The erosion of press freedom through violence against journalists in the Middle East*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), with the participation of Mr Jonathan Dagher, Middle East expert, Reporters Without Borders, Paris;

. held an exchange of views on *The New Democratic Pact for Europe*, with the participation of Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director, Directorate for Democracy, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;

. held an exchange of views on *Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Andrei Richter, PhD, Professor Researcher, Department of Journalism, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University Bratislava and Mr Frédéric Bokobza, Deputy Director General of the Regulatory Authority for Audiovisual and Digital Communication (Arcom), France;

. held an exchange of views on *Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of Ms Joëlle Farchy, Professor of Information and Communication Sciences at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, specialist in the economics of cultural industries and co-director of the PcEn Chair (Cultural Pluralism and Digital Ethics); and Mr Edmund Misson, Head of the Innovation and Measuring Progress Division, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD, Paris;

. held an exchange of views on *Preserving European rural culture and heritage*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR), with the participation of Mr Pascal Liévaux, Senior officer, Department for Research, Valorisation and Intangible Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture, France; Mr Rui Gomes, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Council of Europe, Luxembourg; and Ms Simona Messina, Executive Secretary of Transhumance Trail, Italy.

➤ On 13 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**

. held a hearing on *Guaranteeing the right to access to drinking water*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of Mr Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (online) and Mr Abou Amani, Director of the Division of Water Sciences and Secretary of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO;

. held an exchange of views on *Fundamental rights and housing in the EU's climate and energy transition*, with the participation of Ms Anna Sekula, Equality, Inclusion and Sustainability Unit of FRA (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights);

. held a hearing on *Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Dmytro Solomchuk, member of the Ukrainian Parliamentary Committee on Agrarian and Land Policy (online) and Mr Viktor Hordiienko, Ukrainian farmer (online);

. held a hearing on the *Situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories*, with the participation of Ms Celine Galli, Medical Doctor;

. held an exchange of views on *Sexual violence against children*, with the participation of Mr Michel Amas, lawyer at the Marseille Bar.

➤ On 16 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

. held a hearing on the *Abolition of the death penalty: current global trends and situation in Israel and Japan*, in the context of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of Mr Nicolas Perron, Program Director, Together against the death penalty, Paris; Prof. Ron Dudai, Ben Gurion University (Israel), associate researcher, Death Penalty Research Unit, Oxford University, Visiting Fellow at Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen's University, Belfast (United Kingdom) and Ms Tracey Cui, Center for Prisoners' Rights (CPR), Japan (online);

. held an exchange of views on *Threats to the International Criminal Court*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of Judge Nicolas Guillou and Mr Osvaldo Zavala Giler, Registrar, both of the International Criminal Court, The Hague;

. held an exchange of views on *Accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), with the participation of Ms Iryna Mudra, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine and Mr Arjen Uijterlinde, Special Envoy for the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands (online).

➤ On 17 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**

. held a hearing on *the current human rights situation in Azerbaijan*, in the context of a report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan prepared by Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA) and Ms Azadeh Rojhan (Sweden, SOC), with the participation of Mr Emin Abbasov, Human Rights Lawyer, Co-founder / Chair of Independent Lawyers Network; Ms Tamar Chanturia, Advisor, International Human Rights Law at Progress & Change Action Partnerships, Coordinator of the Campaign to End Repression in Azerbaijan and Ms Gulnara Mehdiyeva, Human Rights Defender.

➤ On 20 March 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. held a hearing on *Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Edite Estrela, (Portugal, SOC), with the participation of Mr David Milner, Head of

the Human Rights Intergovernmental Co-operation Division and Secretary of the Steering Committee for Human Rights, DG I, Council of Europe (*online*) and Ms Charlotte Gilmartin, Head of the Policy Unit and Secretary of the Gender Equality Commission, Gender Equality Division, DG II, Council of Europe;

. held a hearing on *Protecting ethnic and religious diversity in Syria*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Bisera Kostadinovska-Stojchevska, (North Macedonia, SOC), with the participation of Dr Karim El Mufti, Professor of political science, international affairs and international law, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon and Dr Myriam Benraad, Honorary Professor at the University of Exeter, Researcher, Institut de Recherches et d'études sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman, Paris.

➤ On 20 March, in Paris, the **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. held an exchange of views on *Eradicating racial discrimination: ways forward*, with the participation of Ms Michaela Moua, EU Anti-Racism Coordinator, European Commission (*online*) and Ms Kyra Ghedhab, Secretary General, SOS Racisme – *Touche pas à mon pote*, France.

➤ On 30-31 March 2026, a PACE delegation carried out a pre-electoral mission in Budapest, as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) including the ODIHR, the OSCE PA and the European Parliament.

➤ On 7 April 2026, in Paris, the **Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:**

. held a joint meeting with the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights.

➤ On 12 April 2026, a 30-member PACE delegation, headed by Pablo Hispan (Spain, EPP/CD) observed the parliamentary elections in Hungary as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprising the ODIHR and the OSCE PA. The statement of the visit is available [here](#).

➤ On 17 April 2026, Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC), chairperson of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the elections to the Assembly of Kosovo* (28 December 2025) and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) vice-chairperson, will pay a technical post-electoral mission to Pristina.

➤ On 19 April 2026, a PACE delegation will observe the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprising the ODIHR.

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

➤ ***Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare***

Ms Pelin Yilik (Türkiye, NR), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation* carried out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro on **5 and 6 March 2026**.

➤ ***Fighting back against transnational repression***

Mr Constantin Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Lyon (France) on **13 March 2026**.

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

Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA) and **Mr Yunus Emre** (Türkiye, SOC), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Belgrade on **23 and 24 March 2026**.

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

Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to The Hague on **25 March 2026**.

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➤ **Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania**

Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) and **Mr Paweł Jabłoński** (Poland, ECPA), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Tirana on **30-31 March and 1 April 2026**.

➤ **Violent Pornography**

Ms Laura Castel (Spain, EUL), rapporteur for the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom on **14 and 15 April 2026**.

VI. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ **The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: the need for a global response**

Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, had an online meeting with Ms Fiona Frazer, OHCHR Representative and Human Rights Chief of the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan on **7 April 2026**. On the same day, she also had an online meeting with Ms Susan Jane Ferguson, Special Representative of UN Women in Afghanistan.

VII. Other activities of members of the Assembly

Mr Chris Said (Malta, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025) and member of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections, participated in the Post-election analysis conference: "Parliamentary Election in the Republic of Moldova: Electoral Integrity and Perspectives for Democratic Consolidation", in Chisinau on 19 and 20 February 2026.

Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) represented PACE at the International Conference on Patients' Rights on 26 and 27 February 2026 in Yerevan.

Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation* and General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies, participated *online* in the Fourth Meeting of the Drafting Group on the safe third country concept (CDDH-PTS), held in Strasbourg from 17 to 19 March 2026.

An Ad hoc Bureau committee participated in the High-Level Conference on Social Rights - the European Social Charter on 18-19 March 2026 in Chişinău.

Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, representative of the committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), participated in the ECRI 100th Plenary meeting, held in Strasbourg on 18 and 19 March 2026.

Ms Oana Murariu (Romania, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* participated in the 102nd plenary meeting of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Strasbourg, 23-27 March 2026.

Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC) participated in the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV) on 24 and 25 March 2026 in Strasbourg.

Ms Ogerta Manastirliu (Albania, SOC) represented PACE at the 47th plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee) from 24 to 26 March 2026 in Strasbourg.

Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable environment* and General rapporteur on local and regional authorities participated in the 50th session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities from 31 March to 2 April 2026 in Strasbourg.

Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), member of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, rapporteur on "Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence", will participate in the Inter-Parliamentary Union 152nd Assembly, to be held in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 15 to 19 April 2026.

VIII. Parliamentary and electoral cooperation activities of the Assembly

The **PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division**, through the Project “Support to Electoral Cycle in Albania” (SECA):

- **19 February 2026, Tirana:** launched the Call for Proposals: 'Grants to Support Civil Society and Media Organisations Engagement in the Electoral Area' in the framework of the CoE/EU JP Action “Support to the Electoral Cycle in Albania”.
- **3 March 2026, Tirana:** organised the online Information Session on the grant call for proposal to Support Civil Society and Media Organisations Engagement in the Electoral Area. 25 representatives from CSOs attended this information session, which was followed by the official publication of a Questions and Answers document.

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

- **13-15 February, Tarcin, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** organised the third module of the Academy for Women Candidates focusing on mastering media engagement and public performance. The programme addressed the realities of political life such as preparing for television appearances, handling interviews, speaking at press conferences and public events, and working strategically with journalists. The training culminated in media appearance and interview simulations. Each participant took part in a mock interview, receiving tailored feedback, concrete recommendations and practical tips to refine their media performance. The hands-on format ensured that learning translated directly into improved confidence and stronger public delivery.
- **9-11 March, Tarcin, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** organised and supported a workshop to develop the multiannual electoral training needs catalogue of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CEC BiH). The workshop is part of the broader process of establishing a functional and sustainable Centre for Education within the CEC BiH, with the Catalogue serving as a key planning and coordination tool for electoral training. The Catalogue will provide a structured overview of training needs for different electoral stakeholders and distinguish between training activities conducted during election and non-election periods.
- **23-25 March, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** in cooperation with the Council of Europe Project *Towards an equal, inclusive and tolerant Bosnia and Herzegovina*, supported the capacity building training on recognition and response to hate speech for the employees of the CEC of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The training aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of the CEC BiH Secretariat and Legal Department's staff to recognise, assess and respond to hate speech, in line with European human rights standards and domestic legal obligations, with relevance for election-related contexts.
- **17-19 April, Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** will organise the closing module and the ceremony of certificate delivery for the Academy for Women candidates “From participation to power: Women, Leadership and Resilience in Politics”. The final module aim to inspire women candidates through first-hand experience of women holding high-level political positions, including members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). At the same time, the module will provide a structured space to openly discuss violence against women in politics, with a particular focus on tech-facilitated violence, which remains one of the key challenges to women's participation in public and political life.

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

- **30 January 2026, Chisinau:** held an explanatory session on the methodology for the execution of missions based on agreed-upon procedures applied to political parties which reported venues and expenses exceeding 1 million MDL during the year. The event aimed to explain the newly adopted Central Electoral Commission's rules and the electoral authority's expectations, based on the new methodology to interested stakeholders such as auditors and representatives of the political parties.
- **19–20 February 2026, Chisinau:** held the Post-election Analysis Conference following the Moldovan 2025 Parliamentary Elections. The conference, hosted by Council of Europe and Central Electoral Commission in partnership with other development partners, gathered over 200 participants who discussed key challenges and exchanged actionable recommendations to advance the Republic of Moldova's electoral system and align it more closely with international democratic standards and European Union integration efforts.

- **5 March 2026, online, Republic of Moldova:** officially launched a new e-course titled “Electoral Integrity” to help future election officials prepare for the certification exam. The main objectives of this course are to strengthen a culture of integrity among those involved in the electoral process, to provide a tool for identifying and addressing violations, and to support future election officials in preparing for their certification exam. The e-course could be a real reference for around 20.000 electoral officials in the Republic of Moldova.
- **19 March 2026, Chisinau:** organised a training session for around 20 judges and prosecutors from various regions of the Republic of Moldova to strengthen their capacities in investigating and examining illegal political and electoral financing.
- **2 April 2026, Chisinau:** organised a training session for Moldovan magistrates on the examination of misdemeanours that infringe political, labour, and other constitutional rights. During the session, participants analysed the legal framework, practical approaches, and case studies relating to electoral misdemeanours, including passive electoral corruption and offences affecting political and labour rights. The magistrates’ specific focus was on discussions regarding the application of relevant legislation, distinctions between administrative and criminal liability, and a review of best practices and the latest cases on the topic.

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

- **January – March 2026, Kyiv:** provided expert/consultancy support within the framework of the Working Group/thematic sub-groups established under the Parliament of Ukraine on the development of comprehensive legislative proposals related to specifics of organisation and conduct of elections in conditions of special period and/or post-war elections in Ukraine (upon the request of the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ukraine).
- **January – March 2026, Kyiv:** ensured the elaboration by the Group of Experts engaged by the project of the draft list of criteria with quantity and quality indicators and methodology of collection and assessment of respective data/information to assess pre-conditions necessary for the conduct of democratic post-war elections in Ukraine and to define impossibility of calling, organisation and conduct of post-war elections on certain territories.
- **20 February 2026, Kyiv:** held a meeting with representatives of the CEC and the profile Parliamentary sub-committee on elections and referenda to present and discuss the draft list of criteria with quantity and quality indicators and the methodology of collection and assessment of respective data/information to assess pre-conditions necessary for the conduct of democratic post-war elections in Ukraine and to define the impossibility of calling, organisation and conduct of post-war elections, elaborated by the Group of Experts engaged by the Project. Upon the results of the meeting and discussions, a draft document will be further finalised and presented to the respective national authorities concerned.
- **27 March 2026, Kyiv:** held a meeting of representatives of the Central Election Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and the Consulate of Ukraine in the UK with the Project election expert based in the UK to follow up on the data received from the UK authorities about Ukrainian citizens currently residing in the UK for the purpose of planning practical arrangements necessary for the organisation of out-of-country voting for Ukrainian voters in the UK (subject to legislative amendments being adopted by the Parliament of Ukraine).
- **1 – 2 April 2026, Strasbourg:** organised round V of the High-Level Dialogue “Good democratic governance in Ukraine: achievements, challenges and the way forward in the post-war period” held in cooperation with the Parliament of Ukraine, Central Election Commission and the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, co-organised and co-facilitated by the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, and the Venice Commission. The meeting gathered 44 representatives from various national and local authorities, including the leadership and members of the Parliament of Ukraine, Central Election Commission, Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting, State Security Service of Ukraine, Centre for Countering Disinformation under National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine, association of local self-government bodies, expert and civil society, to discuss progress and agree on further actions to improve the legal framework on multilevel governance and post-war elections in Ukraine.
- **January – April 2026, Kyiv:** provided technical support and maintenance as well as update of the "CEC: prosvita" online platform necessary to ensure due functioning of the platform and training courses and materials placed thereon.

IX. Cooperation with the Venice Commission

- **4 March 2026, Venice (Italy):** Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) represented the Parliamentary Assembly at the event “Serenissima Republic and modern state: Conversations about rights and democracy” organised by the Venice Commission.
- **5 March 2026, Venice (Italy):** Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD), representative of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, and Ms Laura Castel (Spain, GUE) representative of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)* participated in the 86th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe.
- **6-7 March 2026, Venice (Italy):** Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, representative of the President of the Assembly and Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, ECPA), representative of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, participated in the 146th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission.
- **17 March 2026, Paris:** the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)* requested an opinion of the Venice Commission on amendments to the Law on Grants, the Law on the Political Union of Citizens and the Criminal Code, as well as related legislation, as adopted by the Georgian Parliament on 4 March 2026.
- Legal advice was provided by representatives of the Venice Commission to the PACE delegations observing the parliamentary elections in Hungary (12 April 2026) and the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (19 April 2026)

X. External relations

- Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

- **18-19 March 2026, Brussels:** Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA), Chair of the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact, participated in a conference on “The Future of Democracy Support” organised by the European Parliament.
- **16-17 April 2026, Brussels:** Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies (in the *Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation*), will carry out a fact-finding visit to the European Parliament and the European Commission.

- Relations with other international partners

- A PACE delegation observed the parliamentary elections in Hungary on 12 April 2026 as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprising the ODIHR and the OSCE PA.
- A PACE delegation will observe the early parliamentary elections in the Bulgaria on 19 April 2026 as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprising the ODIHR.

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

- . **2 March 2026 - Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **2 March 2026 - Paris:** *Bureau meeting*
- . **2 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities*
- . **9-10 March 2026 - Monaco:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **11 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation*
- . **11 March 2026 - Paris:** *Sub-Committee on International Protection, Integration and Support to Vulnerable Persons*

- . **11 March 2026 - Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings*
- . **11 March 2026 - Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Economic Co-operation and Development*
- . **11 – 13 March 2026 – New York:** *70th Session of the CSW (2026) - Commission on the Status of Women (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)*
- . **11 – 13 March 2026 – Paris:** *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network*
- . **12 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **13 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **16 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **17 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **18 – 19 March 2026 - Chisinau:** *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the High-level Conference on the European Social Charter*
- . **20 March 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **20 March 2026 - Paris:** *joint meeting with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance*
- . **20 March 2026 - Paris:** *Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities*
- . **20 March 2026 - Paris:** *Meeting of the Sub-Committee on disability, multiple and intersectional discrimination*
- . **7 April 2026 - Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights - joint meeting with the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights*

Appendix 1 – Draft agenda of the second part-session



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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, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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

Rul: Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities

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

Pact: Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

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





ECPA: European Conservatives, Patriots and Affiliates

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Members not belonging to a political group

Symbols

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

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee

Monday: 15:00-16:00

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:30-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Sitting No. 10 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

1.3. Changes in the membership of committees

1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure

1.4.1. Debate under urgent procedure: "Request for opinion on the draft additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism"

1.5. Adoption of the agenda

2. Progress report

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

Presentation by:

o Mr Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

2.2. Observation of the early elections to the Assembly of Kosovo*² (28 December 2025)

Presentation by:

o Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 19 April, 16:00)

3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)

3.1. 2026 Council of Europe Museum Prize awarded to Young V&A³

Sitting No. 11 (16:00-17:30)

4. Address (16:00-17:00)

4.1. Mr Jean-Noël BARROT, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 20 April, 09:00)

5. Progress report (continued)

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

Presentation by:

o Mr Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

5.2. Observation of the early elections to the Assembly of Kosovo* (28 December 2025)

Presentation by:

o Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 19 April, 16:00)

2. *All reference to Kosovo in this document, 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.

3. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2026)07.

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Sitting No. 12 (10:00-13:00)

6. Debate

6.1. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy

Presentation by:

- o Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16363)
- o Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16363)

7. Question time (12:15-13:00)

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

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

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

8. Address (15:30-16:30)

8.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

Presentation by:

- o Mr Mihai POPȘOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, President of the Committee of Ministers

Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 09:00)

Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 13 April, 11:30)

9. Debate

9.1. Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion or belief in Europe

Presentation by:

- o Mr Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16373)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 09:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16373)

10. Debate

10.1. Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Presentation by:

- o Ms Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cdh : Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC) (Doc. 16361)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 09:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16361)

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

11. Joint debate

11.1. Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16372)

11.2. Paving the way for a culture of consent

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16370)
- Statement by:
 - o Ms Ana REDONDO, Minister for Equality of Spain
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 10:30)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16370)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16372)

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

12.1. H.E. Mr Denis BEĆIROVIĆ, Chairperson of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)

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

13. Address (15:30-16:30)

13.1. Annual activity report 2025 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (CommHR(2026)31)

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Michael O'FLAHERTY, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 09:00)

14. Debate

14.1. Towards the universal abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Gala VELDHOEN (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16375)
- Statements by:
 - o Ms Barbara LOCHBIHLER, Commissioner at the International Commission against the Death Penalty
 - o Ms Antoinette CHAHINE, International human rights defender
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16375)

15. Debate

15.1. Tracking the proceeds of the crime denounced by Sergei Magnitsky and holding its perpetrators accountable

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16362)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 09:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16362)

Thursday 23 April 2026

Sitting No. 16 (10:00-13:00)

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

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

Sitting No. 17 (15:30-20:00)

18. Debate

18.1. European guidelines to counter social dumping and labour exploitation

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Valérie PILLER CARRARD (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16371)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16371)

19. Debate


19.1. Copyright enforcement in the artificial intelligence environment

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Mogens JENSEN (Denmark, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16374)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16374)

Friday 24 April 2026

Sitting No. 18 *(10:00-13:00)*

20. Free debate

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 16:00)

21. Progress report (continued)

22. Closure of the part-session

Appendix 2 - References and transmissions to committees

A. References to Committees

- *The convergence of extremist, autocratic and oligarchic threats to democracy in Europe*, Doc. 16331, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
- *Democratising the economy: a new frontier for democratic governance*, Doc. 16333, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*;
- *Safeguarding international justice from transnational repression*, Doc. 16338, 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 “Fighting back against transnational repression”;
- *Countering the backlash against women’s rights: a European response*, Doc. 16339, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- Bureau decision: *The need for accountability of Council of Europe high ranking officials elected by the Parliamentary Assembly and increased integrity standards for the Organisation*: reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report*;
- Bureau decision: *Review and revision of the Assembly’s procedures and criteria for petitions*: Reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report*.

B. Modification of a reference

- *Digital transformation: the role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work* (former title: The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)), Doc. 16055, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for opinion*.

Appendix 3 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Hungary (12 April 2026)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente : Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie

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

Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye
Ms / Mme Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Titus CORLATEAN, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin *
Ms / Mme Kristina IKIC BANICEK, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Julian JOSWIG, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Christophe LACROIX, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Christophe CHAILLOU, France
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Mr / M. Nuno FAZENDA, Portugal
Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ LIMONES, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Sigurður Helgi PÁLMASSON, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Namik TAN, Türkiye
Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine

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

Mr / M. Christophe BRICO, Monaco
Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO, Portugal
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne *
Ms / Mme Nada LAKOVIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Christian-Augustin NICULESCU-TÂGÂRLAS, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte
Mr / M. Johannes VOLKMANN, Germany / Allemagne **

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

Mr / M. Adam BALTEN, Germany / Allemagne
Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie *
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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

Mr / M. Roland Rino BÜCHEL, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine
Mr / M. James MACCLEARY, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque
Ms / Mme Marjana PULJAK, Croatia / Croatie *

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
Mr / M. Olivier BITZ, France

Mr / M. Felix KLOS, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Louise MOREL, France
Mr / M. Dominik OBERHOFER, Austria / Autriche

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

Ms / Mme Gabrielle CATHALA, France
Ms / Mme Semra ÇAĞLAR GÖKALP, Türkiye *

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye **

Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (ex officio)

Mr / M. Georges PAPANDREOU, Greece Grèce, SOC
Mr / M. Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia, ALDE / Estonie, ADLE

Secretariat of political groups / Secrétariat des groupes politiques

Ms / Mme Denise O'HARA, EPP/CD

Accompanying persons / Personnes accompagnantes

Lady Tara BLENCATHRA, accompanying / accompagnant Lord David BLENCATHRA
Mr / M. Paweł SKALIK, accompanying / accompagnant Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI

* Pre-electoral mission / mission préélectorale

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

Appendix 4 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* Committee to participate in the joint debate organised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Venice Commission “Towards Trusted and Inclusive Electoral Processes: The Role of Observers” (Paris, 28-29 April 2026)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Petra BAYR (Austria / Autriche, SOC)

President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Présidente de l'Assemblée parlementaire

Ms / Mme Petra BAYR (Austria / Autriche, SOC)

Members of the Presidential committee / membres du comité présidentiel

Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE (Germany / Allemagne, SOC)

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

Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary/ Hongrie, ECPA /CEPA)

Mr / M. Iulian BULAI (Romania / Roumanie, ALDE / ADLE)

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL (Spain / Espagne, UEL / GUE)

Mr / Mr George LOUCAIDES (Cyprus / Chypre, UEL / GUE)

Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections / Alliance parlementaire pour des élections libres et équitables

Bureau of the Alliance / Bureau de l'Alliance

Chairperson / Président Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA /CEPA)

Mr / M. Didier MARIE (France, SOC)

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

Mr / M. Claude KERN (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK (Türkiye, UEL / GUE)

Members of the Alliance / membres de l'Alliance

Mr / M. Christophe CHAILLOU (France, SOC)

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

Ms / Mme Alicia KEARNS (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA /CEPA)

Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI (Poland / Pologne, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Substitutes / suppléant.es

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

Mr / M. Chris SAID (Malta / Malte / EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Maria SYRENGELA (Greece / Grèce / EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI (Albania / Albanie, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Council for Democratic Elections (CDE) of the Council of Europe / Conseil des Elections Démocratiques (CED) du Conseil de l'Europe

CDE Members / membres du CED

AS/MonMs / Mme Laura CASTEL (Spain / Espagne, UEL/GUE)

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

AS/Pol Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS (Netherlands / Pays-Bas, ALDE/ALDE)

CDE Substitutes / suppléant.es du CED

AS/Pol Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA/CEPA)

AS/Jur Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA (North Macedonia / Macédoine du nord, SOC)

AS/MonMs / Mme Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE/ADLE)

Bureau of the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact / Bureau de la commission spéciale sur le Nouveau Pacte Démocratique

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Mr / M. Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA / CEPA)

Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-Président.es

Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece / Grèce, SOC)

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

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

PACE General rapporteur on Democracy / Rapporteur général de l'APCE sur la démocratie

Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece / Grèce, SOC)

PACE Rapporteur on « Elections in times of crisis » / Rapporteur de l'APCE sur « Elections en temps de crise »

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

PACE rapporteur on The need to protect election observers / Rapporteuse de l'APCE sur "Nécessité de protéger les observateurs d'élections »

Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS (Netherlands / Pays-Bas, ALDE / ADLE)

Appendix 5 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Armenia (7 June 2026)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président : Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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Appendix 6 – List of members of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections

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Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr / M. Srdjan DARMANOVIC	Montenegro / Monténégro
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Appendix 7 – Revised terms of reference of the New Democratic Pact

Title: Special committee on the New Democratic Pact (AS/Pact) - (81 seats + 5)

Duration: The special committee shall be established for a period of two years (1+1).

Role: The special committee shall be the Parliamentary Assembly's coordinating body and interface for its contribution to the preparation, implementation and promotion of the New Democratic Pact for Europe, leveraging on the dual (national and European) mandate of its members. It shall, in particular:

- act as a platform for reflection and foresight;
- provide the Parliamentary Assembly's input to the Pact;
- advance inter-parliamentary dialogue on the Pact, its tools and objectives;
- promote the Pact in national parliaments and at national level in different fora;
- as appropriate, represent the Parliamentary Assembly at high-level events connected to the Pact.

Specific tasks

- The special committee may hold meetings in Strasbourg, Paris, and in a Council of Europe member States, at the invitation of its relevant parliaments. On these occasions, it may hold hearings with a wide range of interlocutors.
- The special committee may support events organised by its members in their national parliaments.
- The special committee shall prepare a report on the New Democratic Pact to be debated by the Assembly and leading to the adoption of a resolution and/or recommendation. This report should be finalised by the end of the first year, or the second should the mandate be renewed.

Composition

The special committee shall be composed of representatives and alternates from each national delegation, in conformity with Rule 44.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. In conformity with Rule 44.8, candidatures for membership of the committees shall be addressed to the President of the Assembly, who shall submit to the Assembly, the Standing Committee or, failing that, the Bureau. Chairpersons of political groups will be as *ex officio members*.

Bureau

The special committee shall elect a Bureau consisting of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons from among its members, in accordance with Rule 46 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

The Chairperson of the special committee shall be a member of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly and of the Standing Committee.

Languages

Meetings of the special committee will be held in English and French.

Financing

The activities of the special committee may be financed through the ordinary budget and voluntary contributions.

2. Draft decision

The Bureau is invited to approve the revised terms of reference of the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact.

Appendix 8 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 11-13 March 2026)

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Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC)

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

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

Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation / Commission des migrations, de la protection internationale et de la coopération économique

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

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Appendix 9 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter (Chişinău, 18-19 March 2026)

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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des affaires politiques et de la démocratie
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Appendix 10: Draft terms of reference of the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

1. The Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (“the Network”) shall be established under the auspices of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in accordance with [Resolution 2599 \(2025\)](#) “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”.

Aim of the Network

2. In accordance with Resolution 2599 (2025), the Network is tasked with promoting and contributing to the full, effective and rapid implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights through the work of parliamentarians. This aim is in line with the Reykjavik Declaration, adopted at the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (16-17 May 2023), which recalled that national parliaments also bear responsibility for implementing the Convention and complying with the judgments of the Court, and invited the Assembly (through its President) to strengthen the political dialogue with its national interlocutors in this area.

3. To this end, the Network shall:

3.1. Meet in order to: share best practices among members of how they have helped to promote the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights at national level; hear presentations by experts about the implementation of the Court’s judgments, including on the most effective structures at national level to promote judgment implementation, key thematic issues, and relevant best practices for parliamentarians; and hear presentations by individual applicants, their representatives, survivors’ organisations, and civil society involved in the execution of judgments;

3.2. Support parliamentarians in their work to ensure parliamentary scrutiny and to promote the implementation of judgments at national level, for instance through parliamentary oversight, political follow-up, and contributions to accountability mechanisms at the national level, as well as by engaging with relevant national interlocutors and encouraging legislative and structural reforms;

3.3. Organise study visits for parliamentarians to observe best practices for parliamentary committees overseeing the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

3.4. Publish, disseminate, and update resources for parliamentarians on how to promote the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

3.5. Organise training sessions for the staff of national parliaments on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

3.6. Conduct awareness-raising at national level concerning the European Convention on Human Rights system, the need to ensure the compatibility of national legislation with the Convention’s standards, and the role of parliamentarians in this regard;

3.7. Liaise with and cooperate with the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe and the Execution Coordinators Network.

Composition of the Network

4. The Network shall be composed of members of the Parliamentary Assembly, as follows:

4.1. two members appointed by each national delegation: one member from the governing majority and one from the opposition;

4.2. the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights shall be ex officio members of the Network;

4.3. one representative appointed by each of the following Committees of the Parliamentary Assembly:

- Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

5. The Chairperson of the Network may invite members of national parliaments who are not members of the Network to participate in the work of the Network.

Working methods of the Network

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

7. The Network will meet in Strasbourg, Paris, or in a member State of the Council of Europe at the invitation of its parliament.

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. In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a meeting of the Network may be chaired by a member of the Bureau of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, or, in their absence, by the longest-serving member present.

9. Except where alternative arrangements are expressly made, the costs of participation of members of the Network in its events shall be borne by their national parliaments.

10. In fulfilling its aim as set out in paragraph 2 of these terms of reference, the Network shall be inspired by the European Convention on Human Rights and other relevant international and Council of Europe treaties, texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly, as well as by other relevant international declarations and reports recognising that persistent non-implementation of judgments constitutes a serious threat to the rule of law, respect to human rights and democratic values.

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

12. The dissolution of the Network shall be subject to a decision of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the latter's approval by the Bureau.

Funding

13. The Network shall be funded with voluntary contributions.