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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Monaco on 21 May 2026

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday, 21 May 2026, in Monaco with Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** interviewed (in alphabetical order) Ms Tanja Gonggrijp and Ms Marja Ruotanen-Bourdages, candidates for the post of Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe (in camera);
- **Communications:**
 - took note of the communication by the President of the Assembly;
 - held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Monaco (22 May 2026):**
 - took note of the draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June):**
 - *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:*
 - took note of the request by the Committee on Equality and NonDiscrimination to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *Women's access to justice*;
 - *Request for a current affairs debate:*
 - took note of the request by the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation to hold a current affairs debate on *Follow-up to the Chişinău Declaration – Council of Europe action in the field of migration*;
 - drew up the draft agenda for the third part-session of 2026;
- **Follow-up to the Resolution 2553 (2024) Strengthening the youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly:**
 - *Assembly Youth Rapporteurs:* took note of the updated list of the Assembly Youth Rapporteurs (Appendix 1);
 - held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Ms Liliya Elenkova, Chairperson of the European Steering Committee for Youth and Chair of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ);
 - Ms Emma Wedner, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) and Vice-Chair of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ);
 - agreed on holding its annual thematic debate on *Youth and the environment*;
- **Resolution 2621 (2025) “Russian Democratic Forces”:**
 - heard a statement by the President of the Assembly;

- took note of her intention to hold, at the next meeting of the Platform, a discussion on the conduct required from the Platform's members and to request that all members sign a declaration explicitly acknowledging their commitment to the principles and values of the Council of Europe, including respect for diversity and equality;
- on that basis, decided not to modify the current composition of the Platform, at this stage;
- authorised the simultaneous interpretation in/from the Russian language during the meetings of the Platform.
- **9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty (Paris, 30 June-2 July 2026):** took note of the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to participate in this event (Appendix 2);
- **Elections observation:**
 - 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 [Paris Call to Action](#);
 - Armenia: Parliamentary elections (7 June 2026): took note of the [statement](#) of the pre-electoral mission;
 - Assembly of Kosovo*: Early Parliamentary elections (7 June 2026): approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE) as Chairperson (Appendix 3);
 - Kazakhstan: Early Parliamentary elections (August 2026, date tbc): subject to receiving an invitation, approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections, and appointed Ms Sevilay ÇELENK (Türkiye, UEL) as Chairperson and Ms Borianna ÅBERG (Sweden, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson (Appendix 4);
 - Morocco: Parliamentary elections (23 September 2026): decided that the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections should be composed of 20 members (SOC-7; EPP/CD-5; ECPA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1);
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (4 October 2026): approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections, and appointed Mr Jone BLIKRA (Norway, SOC) as Chairperson and Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE) as Vice-Chairperson (Appendix 5);
- Proposal for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting in the context of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026): took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, decided to test a methodology for out-of-country voting observation in the context of these elections, and on the basis of the results of this test, to consider whether the methodology can be applied to future OCV observations.;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Nađa LAKOVIĆ (Montenegro) as member;
- **2026 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2-3 November):** took note of the concept note and decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2029 – 2031):** approved the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report (Appendix 6);
- **2026 Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment:** took note of the list of the three candidates shortlisted;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Monday 22 June 2026, 8 h 00, Strasbourg (part session);
 - Friday 26 June 2026, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Thursday 3 September 2026, 9 h 30, Paris.

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Appendix 1 – List of the Assembly Youth Rapporteurs

Committees / Commissions	Rapporteurs / Rapporteur-es	Country / Pays	Political Group / Groupe politique	appointed on: désigné-e le :
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i>	Max LUCKS	Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>	SOC	11.12.2024
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i>	Zeynep YILDIZ	Türkiye	NR / NI	16.03.2026
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i>	Aurora FLORIDIA	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	SOC	06.12.2024
Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation / <i>Commission des migrations, de la protection internationale et de la coopération économique</i>	Arusyak JULHAKYAN	Armenia / <i>Arménie</i>	EPP/CD / PPE/DC	11.03.2025
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i>	Yevheniia KRAVCHUK	Ukraine	ALDE / ADLE	28.01.2026
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i>	Aysu BANKOĞLU	Türkiye	SOC	05.12.2024
Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / <i>Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)</i>	Naomi CACHIA	Malta / <i>Malte</i>	SOC	29.01.2025
Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities / <i>Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités</i>	Sona GHAZARYAN	Armenia / <i>Arménie</i>	ALDE / ADLE	12.12.2024

Appendix 2 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the 9th World Congress against the Death Penalty, Paris, 30 June to 2 July 2026

Chairperson / Président·e : ZZ...

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

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

Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR)

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

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

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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)

Ms Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE)

Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

Ms Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE)

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

Baroness Shami CHAKRABARTI (United Kingdom, SOC)

Ms Sevilay ÇELENK (Türkiye, UEL)

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Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact / Commission spéciale sur le Nouveau Pacte Démocratique

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Appendix 3 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections to the Assembly of Kosovo* (7 June 2026)

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

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président·e : ZZ

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

Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège

Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord

Mr / M. António MENDONÇA MENDES, Portugal

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

Ms / Mme Maria SYRENGELA, Greece / Grèce

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

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

Mr / M. Iulian BULAI, Romania / Roumanie

Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Erich HESS, Switzerland / Suisse

Ms / Mme Tamila TASHEVA, Ukraine

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

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Appendix 4 – – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections of Kazakhstan (August 2026, date tbc)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK (Türkiye, UEL / GUE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente : Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG (Sweden / Suède, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

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

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Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Ms / Mme Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
Ms / Mme Camilla FABRICIUS, Denmark / Danemark
Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
Ms / Mme Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique
Ms / Mme Iris LUARASI, Albania / Albanie
Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Fabian MOLINA, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Ivan RACAN, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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

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Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède
Mr / M. Garret AHEARN, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Nađa LAKOVIĆ, Montenegro
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

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

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary / Hongrie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Axel KASSEGGGER, Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède

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Mr / M. Manu DIERICX, Belgium / Belgique
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Andries GRYFFROY, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie

Ms / Mme Tamila TASHEVA, Ukraine

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Mr / M. Arnaldo LOMUTI, Italy / Italie

Accompanying person / Personne accompagnatrice

Lady Tara BLENCATHRA, accompanying Lord David BLENCATHRA

Appendix 5 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA (Norway / Norvège, SOC)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente : Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE) comme Vice-présidente

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Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège *
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Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
Ms / Mme Aleksandra VUKOVIĆ KUČ, Montenegro / Monténégro

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Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Garret AHEARN, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO, Portugal
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Ms / Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Nađa LAKOVIĆ, Montenegro
Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

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

Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie *
Mr / M. Fabio PIETRELLA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède

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Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque *

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Co-rapporteurs / Co-rapporteur-es AS/MON (*ex officio*)

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Ms / Mme Oana MURARIU, Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE

**Pre-electoral mission / Mission préélectorale*

Appendix 6 - Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2029 – 2031)

2029	2030	2031
22 - 26 January	21 - 25 January	27 - 31 January
16 - 20 April	8 - 12 April	21 - 25 April
25 - 29 June	24 - 28 June	23 - 27 June
1st October – 5 October	30 September – 4 October	29 September – 3 October