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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 29 September 2025

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 29 September 2025, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

– **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;

– **Fourth part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October)**

- took note of the requests to hold debates under urgent procedure on:
 - “Reporting from Gaza: an urgent call to protect the lives of journalists and support their work” tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - “Draft convention establishing an international claims commission for Ukraine”: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report;
 - “Democracy, rule of law and inclusive dialogue in Türkiye” tabled by Mr Max Lucks and 24 members of the Assembly: decided to transform this request into a current affairs debate, recommended to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) as the first speaker;
 - “Israel’s deliberate attacks on the Global Sumud humanitarian flotilla en route to Gaza” tabled by Mr Christophe Lacroix and 23 members of the Assembly: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - “Urgent call to put an end to the devastating humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza” tabled by the leaders of political groups): decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - “Uphold Democracy and the Rule of Law in Georgia” tabled by the Group of the European People’s Party: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) for report;
 - “Urgent call to put an end to the devastating humanitarian catastrophe and the killing of journalists in Gaza” tabled by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;
- took note of the requests to hold current affairs debates on:
 - “Political crisis in Serbia” tabled by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA) as the first speaker;

- “Russia: new threats to European Democracies” tabled by the leaders of political groups: decided to transform this request into a debate under urgent procedure, to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report;
- updated the draft agenda;
- took note:
 - of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Cyprus and Hungary ([Doc. 16257 Add.2](#));
 - that, subsequent to the Committee’s meeting and to the publication of its report, the election procedure in respect of Cyprus has been suspended, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Appendix to Resolution 1432 (2005) as Ms Elena Efrem, one of the three candidates, has withdrawn her candidature. The government of Cyprus has been invited to complete the list by replacing Ms Efrem;
- prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 June – 28 September 2025)** (Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA): approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16257](#));
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
 - *Poland: presidential election (18 May 2025)*: approved the observation [report](#) of the presidential election;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*: decided to postpone to a later date the consideration of the Terms of Reference for the General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories;
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025**: approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event (Appendix 2);
- **Conference on Artificial Intelligence, London, 15-16 December 2025**: approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event (Appendix 3);
- **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 a proposal by the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Pavla Mitova (Bulgaria) as a member;
 - *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities*:
 - on the basis of a proposal by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium) and Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands) as members;
 - *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*:
 - on the basis of a proposal by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Naomi Cachia (Malta) as an alternate;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:**
 - authorised the committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to meet in Monaco on 9-10 March 2026;

- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
- Friday 3 October 2025, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Tuesday 4 November 2025, 18 h 00, Strasbourg (75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights);
 - Thursday 20 November 2025, 15 h 00, Chisinau.

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Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

A. References to committees

- *The functioning of democratic institutions in the Slovak Republic*, [Doc. 16215](#), 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) *for report*;
- *Justice delayed: the unfinished implementation of the Daphne Caruana Galizia case*, [Doc. 16223](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Climate and gender equality – Strengthening the protection of women’s rights in the face of climate disruption*, [Doc. 16224](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*;
- *Ensuring accountability for the downing of Azerbaijan Airlines flight 8243 and preventing risks of military targeting of civil aircrafts*, [Doc. 16234](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

Appendix 2 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 4-7 November 2025

Presidential Committee / Comité présidentiel

Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC / Allemagne, SOC)
Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)
Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, ECPA / Hongrie, CEPA)
Mr / M. Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE)
Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES (Cyprus, UEL / Chypre, GUE)

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

Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Mr / M. Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC)
Mr / M. Stephen GETHINS (United Kingdom, ALDE / Royaume-Uni, ADLE)
Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)
Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC / Grèce, SOC)
Ms / Mme Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)
Mr / M. Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD / Lituanie, PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
Ms / Mme Olena KHOMENKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA)

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)
Mr / M. Vinzenz GLASER (Germany, UEL / Allemagne, GUE)
Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia, ECPA / Arménie, CEPA)

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

Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI (Albania, EPP/CD / Albanie, 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. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)
Ms / Mme Belén HOYO (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)
Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain, SOC / Espagne, SOC)
Mr / M. Pavlo SUSHKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA)
Ms / Mme Maria-Nefeli CHATZIOANNIDOU (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)
Mr / M. Roland Rino BÜCHEL (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)
Mr / M. Mustafa CANBEY (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
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Ms / Mme Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)
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Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC)

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 / Mme Cristina Gabriella DUMITRESCU (Romania, ECPA / Roumanie, CEPA)

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

Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN (Germany, ECPA / Allemagne, CEPA)

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

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Appendix 3 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence, London, 15-16 December 2025

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Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, ECPA / Royaume-Uni, CEPA)
Ms / M^{me} Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC)
Mr / M. Chris SAID (Malta, EPP/CD / Malte, PPE/DC)

Substitutes / Suppléant-es

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Mr / M. Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD / Roumanie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme (5)

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Mr / M. Ivan RAČAN (Croatia, SOC / Croatie, SOC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé, et du développement durable (5)

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