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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1525<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (16 April 2025)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers the activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 7 April 2025 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 22 May 2025.

## **I. Second part of the Ordinary Session of 2025 (7 – 11 April 2025)**

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

At the [opening of the part-session](#), the President Theodoros Rousopoulos stressed that the outcome of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine will shape the future of the European continent. He called on "European democracies [to] continue to fully support Ukraine in its fight against the brutal and illegal aggression by the Russian Federation and strengthen this support as much as needed". He highlighted that the war in Ukraine targets all of Europe, attacking the common values and principles "that constitute the spine of our European identity. Let us not have any illusions: once a dictator, always a dictator."

On Wednesday 9 April 2025, the Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on the [Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need to ensure accountability and avoid impunity](#). The adopted [Resolution 2598](#), underlines that the war launched by the Russian Federation violates core international legal principles and requires a response to ensure accountability. PACE hailed the outcome of the Core Group's meeting in Strasbourg and the finalisation of legal texts for the establishment of a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression. It called for a political agreement to move forward regardless of the evolution of peace talks. The Assembly also welcomed the launch of formal negotiations in The Hague on an international claims commission and encouraged its creation through "an open Council of Europe convention". Calling for long-term support for displaced Ukrainians, the Assembly stressed that temporary protection should only be lifted once "a lasting, just and comprehensive peace" is in place. It also reiterated its support for repurposing frozen Russian state assets for Ukraine's reconstruction, urging states "to transfer these assets to an international trust fund" to benefit victims. The Assembly expressed its full backing for the International Criminal Court and called on all states to enforce arrest warrants against Russian suspects, including Vladimir Putin. "Peace must be just and based on the principles of international law," the Assembly concluded, insisting that "any final settlement must not result in impunity."

It is also worth noting, that the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine heard a presentation by Presentation of Ms Thórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on *The situation of the children of Ukraine*, and held an exchange of view with Ms Iryna Suslova, Representative on Children's Rights of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner on Human Rights and Ms Jean Choi, the UNICEF Ukraine Child Protection Section Chief.

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

Recalling the "unequivocal obligation" to [implement judgments of the Strasbourg Court](#) in a "timely and effective manner", the Assembly expressed on Wednesday 9 April concern at the failure of some States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights to remedy the underlying causes of human rights violations identified in certain judgments. The parliamentarians referred to cases pending implementation which have been classified by the Committee of Ministers as 'leading' - which usually highlight a wider human rights problem affecting many people. Nine states have over 40 leading cases pending implementation: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, Türkiye and Ukraine. Adopting [Resolution 2599](#), the Assembly urged these countries "to undertake urgent measures to systematically improve their implementation of the Court's judgments". While acknowledging that Ukraine faces "specific challenges in light of the war", it considered "absolutely unacceptable" that in Türkiye the judgement regarding Mr Kavala has not yet been implemented and that he is still imprisoned. The parliamentarians also underlined the "continuing obligation" of the Russian Federation to implement the Court's judgments and welcomed the measures taken by the Committee of Ministers to continue its supervision of cases concerning this country. The Assembly invited national parliaments "to play their role" in the execution of judgments of the Court, by implementing the 'Basic principles for parliamentary supervision of international human rights standards' set out by the Assembly in [Resolution 1823 \(2011\)](#). These require the establishment of appropriate parliamentary structures "to ensure rigorous and regular monitoring of compliance" with and supervision of international human rights obligations, such as a dedicated human rights committee or an analogous structure.

On Thursday 10 April 2025, the Assembly welcomed the [draft Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law](#), which is set to become "the first international legally binding instrument to address environmental crime" but expressed concern that it still lacked ambition and scope in several areas. Approving [Opinion 305](#), the Assembly welcomed the draft Convention's emphasis on prevention of environmental crimes and broad coverage of punishable offences while voicing concerns that

the scope of the monitoring mechanism had been weakened during negotiations, and that the draft omitted some key offences such as unlawful fishing and illegal logging. PACE proposed a series of targeted amendments, including the reinstatement of an article on unlawful fishing as a criminal offence; the inclusion of “negligence” alongside “intent” in the definition of particularly serious criminal acts; and the codification of ecocide into both national and international legal frameworks. It also recommended that the Explanatory Report accompanying the Convention include definitions of key legal terms – such as “irreversible”, “widespread”, “substantial” and “long-lasting” – to provide legal clarity and guide member states in implementation. Finally, the Assembly called on the Committee of Ministers to allocate the necessary resources to promote the Convention’s signature and ratification, and to ensure its entry into force.

The increasing democratic backsliding in member states worries the Assembly, as was reflected in the two urgent procedure debates on “The situation in Georgia and follow up to Resolution 2585 (2025) ‘Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia” and on “The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye”.

### **C. Other debates under the urgent procedure**

Approving a [Resolution 2600 \(2025\)](#) on the situation in Georgia, the Assembly said “retaliation against protesters, journalists and civic leaders continue unabated”. It demanded the release of detained protesters, a stop to ill-treatment of detainees, and investigations into reports of police brutality. There are also growing challenges to freedom of assembly and expression, while the media environment has continued to deteriorate, the parliamentarians said. They called for the repeal or revision of several concerning new laws in these fields, as well as repeal of recent amendments to the electoral code and a series of other steps to “restore the conditions for genuinely democratic elections”. The Assembly added that it was deeply concerned by the “devastating impact” on Georgian civil society of the Foreign Agent Registration Act – serving the same objectives as the controversial Law on Transparency of Foreign Influence – and called for the repeal of legislation ending the mandatory participation of civil society organisations in the law-making process.

Regarding Türkiye, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe [called on the Turkish authorities](#) “to release immediately Ekrem İmamoğlu”, the Mayor of Istanbul, to drop “all unfounded charges against him and others involved in the same investigation” and repeal of the decision of Istanbul University to revoke his university degree. [Resolution 2597 \(2025\)](#) emphasises that these decisions against Mr İmamoğlu “appear politically-motivated and an attempt to intimidate the opposition, obstruct its actions, stifle pluralism and limit freedom of political debate”. The Assembly furthermore called on the Turkish authorities to “fully respect the rights to freedom of expression and assembly, as well as other human rights in the context of the ongoing protests”; to stop any disproportionate use of force against protesters; to release those who have been detained “on unfounded charges”; to release all journalists detained because of reporting on protests; to allow the media to provide the public with necessary information; and to ensure a fair trial for all those detained in this context. Finally, the Assembly urged the Turkish authorities to implement without delay the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights *Osman Kavala*, *Selahattin Demirtaş (No. 2)* and *Figen Yüksekdağ Şenoğlu and Others*, by releasing activists and/or politicians detained on politically-motivated charges and “conducting a comprehensive reform of the justice system to fully guarantee the independence of the judiciary”.

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

On 8 April 2025, the Assembly elected Sébastien Biancheri as [judge](#) to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Monaco.

## **E. Personalities**

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

- Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Mr Xavier Espot Zamora, Head of the Government of the Principality of Andorra
- Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Xavier Bettel, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Luxembourg, Chair of the Committee of Ministers
- His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg

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

## **F. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates**

The Assembly held 4 debates under urgent procedure on:

- "The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye" – Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, ECPA) as Co-Rapporteur;
- "Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need to ensure accountability and avoid impunity" – Rapporteur Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE);
- "Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law" – Rapporteur Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE);
- "The situation in Georgia and follow up to Resolution 2585 (2025) 'Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia'" – Ms Sabina Čudić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE) and Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) as Co-Rapporteur.

The Assembly held 2 current affairs debates on "Protests and rallies in the Western Balkans and Central Europe" and "An urgent call for an immediate end to the humanitarian blockade of Gaza and the reinstatement of the ceasefire".

## **G. Media coverage**

The 2025 Spring Session of the Parliamentary Assembly generated considerable media coverage, with 49 journalists who turned up in Strasbourg to report on it, and around 365 articles (provisional figures) appearing in the international press. Most of the articles were published in Ukrainian (84) and Georgian media (58), followed by Spanish (38) and Armenian (23) media.

The debates on the agenda that were covered the most by international press were those on the 'Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need for accountability' and on 'Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe'. There was also substantial coverage of the urgent debate on 'The situation in Georgia and follow up to Resolution 2585 (2025)', as well as the address of Xavier Espot Zamora, Head of the Government of the Principality of Andorra. The 2025 Council of Europe Museum Prize Award Ceremony, which took place for the first time in the debating chamber, had a major impact in the press of the Basque Autonomous Community, in Spain.

As regards the Assembly's social media output, topics reflected the spread of topics on the agenda, with moderate reach and impressions across its five platforms. Top posts were those concerning the ceremony to award the 2025 Museum Prize to Euskararen Etxea, the House of the Basque Language, and the presence of HRH the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg during a Women@PACE meeting. PACE also began posting on its new BlueSky account during this session.

A special mention to the record registered by the MediaBox, the web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly in Strasbourg, which recorded 29 interviews with parliamentarians, published on the PACE website.

## H. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

### Opinion

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| <a href="#">Opinion 305 (2025)</a> | Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law ( <a href="#">Doc. 16150</a> ) |
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### Recommendations

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| <a href="#">Recommendation 2292 (2025)</a> | Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe ( <a href="#">Doc. 16131</a> )                                 |
| <a href="#">Recommendation 2293 (2025)</a> | Respect for the rule of law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe ( <a href="#">Doc. 16138</a> )       |
| <a href="#">Recommendation 2294 (2025)</a> | Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need to ensure accountability and avoid impunity ( <a href="#">Doc. 16152</a> ) |
| <a href="#">Recommendation 2295 (2025)</a> | Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights ( <a href="#">Doc. 16134</a> )                               |
| <a href="#">Recommendation 2296 (2025)</a> | Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America ( <a href="#">Doc. 16129</a> )                         |

### Resolutions

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| <a href="#">Resolution 2593 (2025)</a> | Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe ( <a href="#">Doc. 16131</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2594 (2025)</a> | Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure ( <a href="#">Doc. 16137</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2595 (2025)</a> | Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens ( <a href="#">Doc. 16135</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2596 (2025)</a> | Respect for the rule of law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe ( <a href="#">Doc. 16138</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2597 (2025)</a> | The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye ( <a href="#">Doc. 16151</a> )   |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2598 (2025)</a> | Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need to ensure accountability and avoid impunity ( <a href="#">Doc. 16152</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2599 (2025)</a> | Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights ( <a href="#">Doc. 16134</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2600 (2025)</a> | The situation in Georgia and follow up to <a href="#">Resolution 2585 (2025)</a> «Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia» ( <a href="#">Doc. 16153</a> ) |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2601 (2025)</a> | Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights ( <a href="#">Doc. 16126</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2602 (2025)</a> | Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European Political Community ( <a href="#">Doc. 16128</a> )  |
| <a href="#">Resolution 2603 (2025)</a> | Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America ( <a href="#">Doc. 16129</a> )  |

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

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

| Monday 7 April 2025  |   |
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| <p><b>2pm – 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</b></p>                       | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>The situation in Georgia and follow-up to Resolution 2585 (2025) on the Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) and Ms Sabina Ćudić (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Salome Samadashvili, Strong Georgia;</li> <li>- Ms Tina Bokuchava, United National Movement – Unity.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2pm – 3pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)</b></p>  | <p>► <b>Hearing</b> on <i>The situation in the Middle East</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr David Khalfa, Co-director of the Observatory for North Africa and the Middle East at the Foundation Jean-Jaurès;</li> <li>- Ms Dareen Khalifa, Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group (online).</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>2 pm – 3:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media (date tbc)</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Hearing</b> on the <i>Council of Europe Museum Prize</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Hans Looijen, Chairperson ad interim of the Board of Trustees of the European Museum Forum (EMF);</li> <li>- Ms Elixabete Etxanobe Landajuela, President of the Provincial Council of Biscay, Spain;</li> <li>- Ms Iurdana Acasuso Atutxa, Director of the Euskararen Etxea (The House of Basque Language), Bilbao, Spain, winner of the 2025 Council of Europe Museum Prize.</li> </ul>                       |
| Tuesday 8 April 2025   |   |
| <p><b>8:30am – 9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</b></p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</b></p> | <p>► <b>Joint hearing</b> on <i>Violent pornography</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Maree Crabbe, Director, It's Time We Talked, Australia (online);</li> <li>- Ms Ruth Breslin, Director, The Sexual Exploitation Research and Policy Institute, Ireland.</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>9:20am – 10am</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</b></p>  | <p>► <b>Audition</b> in the framework of the follow-up to the report “The absolute and urgent need to end the humanitarian crisis for women, children and the hostages in Gaza”, prepared by Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Claire Nicolet, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders (online);</li> <li>- Mr David Wightwick, Chief Executive Officer, UK-Med (online).</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>9:30am – 10am</b></p> <p><b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>the draft Protocol amending the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Nicola Piacente, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT).</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>2pm – 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Audition</b> in the framework of the “Draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare services”, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Damaris Carnal, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO);</li> <li>- Ms Laverne Jacobs, Representative of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (online).</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2pm – 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</b></p> | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Axel Schäfer (Germany, SOC) and Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Raša Nedeljkov, Programme Director, CRTA (Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability), Belgrade;</li> <li>- Ms Jelena Sesar, Balkans researcher, Amnesty International, London;</li> <li>- Mr Milan Trifunović, Head of the Technical Directorate, Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Belgrade.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>2pm – 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> with Mr Frederic Dolt, Head of Department, Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe.</p>  |

| Wednesday 9 April 2025  |  |
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| <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Women@pace</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Structural Gender-based Violence</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.R.H. the Grand-Duchess of Luxembourg;</li> <li>- Ms Chékéba Hachemi, President of “Afghanistan Libre” association, and co-founder of “Stand Speak Rise Up!”;</li> <li>- Ambassador Tanja Gonggrijp, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe and Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention;</li> <li>- Ms Petra Bayr, member of the Bureau of Women@PACE and rapporteur on “Conflict-related sexual violence”.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>3pm – 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings (Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)</b></p> | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Towards a new Council of Europe instrument on the smuggling of migrants</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ms Eva Pastrana, European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Head of Division, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe.</li> </ul>   |
| Thursday 10 April 2025  |  |
| <p><b>8:30 – 10.00 am</b></p> <p><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</b></p>  | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> with the participation of Ambassador Dastid Koreshi, Permanent Representative of Albania, Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC).</p>   |
| <p><b>8:30am – 10am</b></p> <p><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Hearing</b> on <i>“Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy”</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Kimberly McArthur, Chief Operating Officer, Apolitical Foundation (online).</li> </ul>   |



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| <p><b>9am – 9:45am</b></p> <p><b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</b></p>  | <p>► <b>Hearing</b> on the <i>Situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers in Europe</i>, in the framework of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers in Europe, Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Iva Marković, Co-founder of The Right to Water Initiative and Program Director at Polekol (Serbia);</li> <li>- Ms Kersty McCourt, Human Rights lawyer and Senior Advocacy Advisor at Civil Liberties Union for Europe (Belgium);</li> <li>- Ms Luca Dalma Dudit, Executive Board member and Communications Officer at Háttér Society (Hungary).</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development )</b></p> | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>The situation of the children of Ukraine</i>; with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Thórdís Kolbrún Reykþjórd Gylfadóttir, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;</li> <li>- Ms Iryna Suslova, Representative on Children's Rights of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner on Human Rights;</li> <li>- Ms Jean Choi, the UNICEF Ukraine Child Protection Section Chief.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>2 pm – 3:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</b></p>  | <p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Kateryna Dyachuk, Head of the Freedom of Speech Monitoring Department at the Institute of Mass Information (IMI), Ukraine;</li> <li>- Mr Oleh Borysov, International Ukrainian TV channel FREEDOM, Ukraine;</li> <li>- Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe;</li> <li>- Ms Rodica Ciocchina, Campaign for the Safety of Journalists, Freedom of Expression and Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2pm – 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</b></p>   | <p>► <b>Hearing</b> on <i>Greenland: recent developments</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Aaja Chemnitz, Member of the Danish parliament, Chair of the Greenland Committee;</li> <li>- Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Member of the Danish Parliament, Chair of the Foreign Policy Committee.</li> </ul>  |

### **III. Decisions taken by the Bureau (7 April 2025 and 11 April 2025)**

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday, 7 April 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 the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Second part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 7-11 April):**
  - Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates under urgent procedure on:
    - “Opinion on the draft Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law”: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to refer the matter to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report;
    - “The situation in Georgia and follow up to Resolution 2585 (2025) ‘Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia’” tabled by the Monitoring Committee: 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;
    - “The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye” tabled by the Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD): 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;
    - “Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need for accountability, avoiding impunity” tabled by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group (ALDE): 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;
    - “An urgent call for an immediate end to the humanitarian blockade of Gaza and the reinstatement of the ceasefire” tabled by Ms Zeynep Yildiz and 23 other members of the Assembly: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
  - Requests for current affairs debates: took note of the requests from the Presidential Committee to hold debates on:
    - “Protests and rallies in Western Balkans and Central Europe”: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) as the first speaker;
    - “An urgent call for an immediate end to the humanitarian blockade of Gaza and the reinstatement of the ceasefire”: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) as the first speaker;
  - updated the draft agenda;
  - Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Monaco and the Slovak Republic: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights ([Doc. 16140 Add.2](#));
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly (31 January – 6 April 2025)** (Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL): approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16140](#));
- **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:**
  - Assembly of Kosovo<sup>2</sup>: elections (9 February 2025): approved the report of the observation election (Doc. 16146);
  - Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections: approved the revised terms of reference of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections (Appendix 2);
- **Meeting of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Strasbourg, 12 May 2025:** decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event, composed of members appointed by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media.
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:**
  - Monitoring Committee: on the basis of a proposal by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group, nominated Ms Oana Murariu (Romania) as a member;
  - Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: nominated Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) as a member, and on the basis of a proposal by the Group of the Unified European Left, nominated Ms Sevilay Çelenk Özen (Türkiye) as a member;
  - Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights: on the basis of a proposal by the Group of the Unified European Left, nominated Mr Ettore Antonio Licheri (Italy) as a member;

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Friday, 11 April 2025, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the first part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 7-11 April):** heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly and discussed the follow-up to the part-session;
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Valletta (23 May 2025):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **References to committees:** approved the references as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Election observation:**
  - *Albania: parliamentary elections (11 May 2025):* approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe the elections (Appendix 2);
  - *Poland: presidential election (18 May 2025):* approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe the election (Appendix 3);
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities:* approved the Terms of Reference for a General Rapporteur on ethical standards and anti-corruption (Appendix 4);
- **20<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies, Vilnius, 15-16 April 2025:** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event (Appendix 5);
- **Conference on Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants, Strasbourg, 23-24 April 2025:** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau and appointed Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 6);
- **Meeting between parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Kristiansand, Norway, 4-5 May 2025:** approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event (Appendix 7);

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

- **Meeting of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Strasbourg, 12 May 2025:** approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event (Appendix 8);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (11 April – 22 June 2025):** appointed Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) as Rapporteur;
- **Composition of committees:**
  - *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):* on the basis of proposals by the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Vladimir Đorđević (Serbia), Ms Susanne Fürst (Austria), Mr Matthieu Marchio (France), Ms Sigríður Á. Andersen (Iceland) and Ms Cristina Gabriella Dumitrescu (Romania) as members;
  - *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities:* on the basis of proposals by the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Ester Mieli (Italy) and Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden) 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 Mr Mantzos Dimitrios (Greece) as a member;
    - on the basis of a proposal by the Group of the European People's Party, the Bureau nominated Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler (Austria) as a member and Mr Rónán Mullen (Ireland) as a substitute;
- **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2024:** approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - List of candidates in respect of France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Republic of Moldova, and Switzerland:** approved the lists of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
  - the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Valetta on 11 and 12 September 2025;

## IV. Prizes

### ➤ **Museum Prize**

On 7 April 2025, the Museum Prize Award ceremony was held, with the intervention of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Ms Iurdana Acasuso Atutxa, Director of the Euskararen Etxea (The House of Basque Language), Bilbao, Spain, [Winner of the 2025 Council of Europe Museum Prize](#).

### ➤ **Europe Prize**

The 2025 Europe Prize has been awarded by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to the city of Gaziantep in Türkiye. The Prize is awarded each year to the city that has been most active in promoting the European ideal.

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

The Selection Panel of the Prize will meet in Strasbourg on **2 May 2025**, in order to draw up a shortlist of the three most suitable candidates from the 111 eligible applications for the Prize.

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

- On 14 and 15 April 2025, a PACE delegation carried out a pre-electoral mission in Warsaw ahead of the observation of the presidential election in Poland scheduled on 18 May 2025 as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) including the Limited Election Observation Mission of the ODIHR.
- On 15 and 16 April 2025, an ad hoc committee of the Bureau took part in the 20th European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies in Vilnius on “Stability of electoral law: practical aspects”, co-organised by the Council for Democratic Elections and the Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania.
- On 11 May 2025, a PACE delegation will observe the parliamentary elections in Albania as part of an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) including ODIHR, the OSCE PA and the European Parliament.
- On 15 May 2025, in Riga, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**:
  - . will hold a hearing on *Resilience: Civil Society's role in the face of crises*, with the participation of experts;
  - . will hold an exchange of views on *the human rights situation and challenges to civil society and media in Georgia*, with the participation of Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
  - . will hold an exchange of views on *Challenges to civil society and independent media in Hungary*, with the participation of Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.

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

### ➤ ***Post-Monitoring Dialogue with North Macedonia***

**Ms Sibel Arslan** (Switzerland, SOC) and **Mr Joseph O’Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Skopje on **23-25 April 2025**.

### ➤ ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Sweden***

**Ms Yelizaveta Yasko** (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and **Ms Anne Stambach-Terrenoir** (France, UEL), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm on **22-24 April 2025**.

### ➤ ***Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion and belief in Europe***

**Mr Francesco Verducci** (Italy, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **29-30 April 2025**.

### ➤ ***Artificial intelligence and migration***

**Mr Petri Honkonen** (Finland, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Frontex, Warsaw on **6 May 2025**.

- ***The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms***

**Mr Zsolt Németh** (Hungary, ECPA), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Almaty and Astana (Kazakhstan) from **3 to 7 May 2025**.

- ***Free movement of representatives to the Parliamentary Assembly and their substitutes to and from the place of meeting***

**Mr Sergiy Vlasenko** (Ukraine, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Ethics and Immunities*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Yerevan on **19 and 20 May 2025**.

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

- ***Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention***

**Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko** (Ukraine, EPP/CD) rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, and **Mr George Papandreou** (Greece, SOC), *general rapporteur on democracy*, will hold an online meeting with Mr Edwin Lefebvre, Chair of the Working Group on Parameters for the Application and Implementation of the Reykjavík Principles for Democracy of the Steering Committee on Democracy of the Council of Europe (CDDEM), and with Mr Pavel Mička, member of the Bureau of the CDDEM, **on 28 April 2025**.

## **VIII. Other activities of members of the Assembly**

**Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo** (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons, will participate in the European IDAHOT+ Forum 2025, on 20 May 2025 in Valletta.

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

- **23-24 April 2025, Strasbourg:** the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons* will organise conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants”.
- **15 May 2025, Helsinki:** the *Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine* will organise a Conference on “Deported children from Ukraine: parliamentary action”.

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

- **7 April 2025, Strasbourg:** the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)* requested the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an opinion on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) of Georgia, the amendments to the Law on Grants and any other piece of legislation or draft piece of legislation related to the issue of “foreign influence in Georgia”.
- Legal advice will be provided by representatives of the Venice Commission to the PACE delegations observing the parliamentary elections in Albania (11 May 2025) and presidential elections in Poland (18 May 2025).

## **XI. External relations**

### **- Relations with the European Parliament, other European Union institutions other international partners**

➤ On 11 May 2025, a PACE election observation delegation will observe the parliamentary election in Albania, in the framework of International Election Observation Missions (IEOM), including the European Parliament, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and ODIHR.

➤ A PACE election observation delegation will observe the presidential election in Poland (18 May 2025) in the framework of International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including the Limited Election Observation Mission of the ODIHR.

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

- . **11 April 2025, Strasbourg:** *Bureau*
- . **12 May 2025, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **13 May 2025, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **15-16 May 2025, Riga:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **15 May 2025, Helsinki:** *Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine*
- . **16 May 2025, Helsinki:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **19 May 2025, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **22 May 2025, Valletta:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **22 May 2025, Valletta:** *Bureau*
- . **23 May 2025, Valletta:** *Standing Committee*

## Appendix 1 – Second part-session Agenda



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### Second part of the 2025 Ordinary Session (7-11 April 2025)

Agenda<sup>1</sup>

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## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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

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

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

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

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

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

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

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:30

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:30-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 7 April 2025

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

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

##### 1.1. Statement by the President

##### 1.2. Examination of credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
  - o (Doc. 16147 rev)

##### 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2025) 03 + Add1)

##### 1.4. Requests for debate:

1.4.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law"

1.4.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The situation in Georgia and follow up to Resolution 2585 (2025) 'Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia'"

1.4.3. Urgent procedure debate: "The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye"

1.4.4. Urgent procedure debate: "Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need for accountability, avoiding impunity"

1.4.5. Urgent procedure debate: "An urgent call for an immediate end to the humanitarian blockade of Gaza and the reinstatement of the ceasefire"

1.4.6. Current Affairs Debate: "Protests and rallies in the Western Balkans and Central Europe"

1.4.7. Current affairs debate: "An urgent call for an immediate end to the humanitarian blockade of Gaza and the reinstatement of the ceasefire"

##### 1.5. Adoption of the agenda


#### 2. Progress report

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

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16140, Doc. 16140 Add. 1, Doc. 16140 Add. 2)

##### 2.2. Observation of the elections to the Assembly of Kosovo\*<sup>2</sup> (9 February 2025)

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16146 rev)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 7 April, 10:00)

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

##### 3.1. 2025 Council of Europe Museum Prize awarded to Euskararen Etxea<sup>3</sup>

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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(2025)07.

## **Sitting No. 11** (15:30-17:30)


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### **4. Address** (15:30-16:30)

#### **4.1. Annual activity report 2024 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (CommHR(2025)18)**

☐ Presentation by:


o Mr Michael O'FLAHERTY, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 7 April, 12:00)

### **5. Progress report (continued)**

#### **5.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee**

#### **5.2. Observation of the elections to the Assembly of Kosovo (9 February 2025)**

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 7 April, 10:00)

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## Tuesday 8 April 2025

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

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#### 6. Election (10:00-13:00)

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

- ☐ List of candidates:
  - o Monaco (Doc. 16118, Doc. 16140 Add. 2)


#### 7. Debate

##### 7.1. Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (Latvia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16131)
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 7 April, 16:30)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)

#### 8. Address (12:15-13:00)

##### 8.1. Mr Xavier ESPOT ZAMORA, Head of the Government of the Principality of Andorra


-  Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 7 April, 16:30)

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

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#### 9. Question time (15:30-16:00)

##### 9.1. Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

-  Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 8 April, 12:00)


#### 10. Debate (continued)

##### 10.1. Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (Latvia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16131)
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 7 April, 16:30)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)
-  Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16131)




#### 11. Current affairs debate

##### 11.1. Protests and rallies in the Western Balkans and Central Europe

-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 8 April, 12:00)

#### 12. Debate

##### 12.1. Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 16137)
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 8 April, 12:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)
-  Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16137)

## 13. Debate

### 13.1. Putting an end to collective expulsions of aliens

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig ([Doc. 16135](#))
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 8 April, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 7 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 16135](#))

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## Wednesday 9 April 2025

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


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
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
##### 14.1. Respect for the rule of law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 16138)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 8 April, 19:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 10:30)


 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16138)

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

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

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Xavier BETTEL, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Luxembourg, Chair of the Committee of Ministers

 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 8 April, 19:00)

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

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#### 16. Address (15:30-16:00)


##### 16.1. His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg


#### 17. Debate under urgent procedure


##### 17.1. The arrest of the Mayor of Istanbul and the state of democracy and human rights in Türkiye

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16151)
- o Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, ECPA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16151)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 9 April, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 18:00)


 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16151)


#### 18. Debate under urgent procedure


##### 18.1. Russian war of aggression against Ukraine: the need to ensure accountability and avoid impunity

☐ Presentation by:

- o Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16152)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 9 April, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 18:00)

 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16152)

## 19. Debate

### 19.1. Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 16134](#))

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 9 April, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 8 April, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 16134](#))



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## Thursday 10 April 2025




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

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#### 20. Debate under urgent procedure

##### 20.1. Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 16150](#), [Doc. 16120](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 9 April, 19:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 9 April, 10:30)
-  Vote on a draft opinion ([Doc. 16150](#))




#### 21. Debate under urgent procedure

##### 21.1. The situation in Georgia and follow up to Resolution 2585 (2025) "Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia"

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Ms Sabina ČUDIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 16153](#))
  - o Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 16153](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 9 April, 19:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 9 April, 10:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16153](#))

#### 22. Debate

##### 22.1. Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights


- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 16126](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 9 April, 19:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 9 April, 16:00)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16126](#))

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

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#### 23. Current affairs debate

##### 23.1. An urgent call for an immediate end to the humanitarian blockade of Gaza and the reinstatement of the ceasefire

-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 10 April, 12:00)

#### 24. Debate

##### 24.1. Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European Political Community

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - o Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, ECPA), Rapporteur AS/Pol ([Doc. 16128](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 10 April, 12:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 9 April, 16:00)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16128](#))



## 25. Debate

### 25.1. Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol ([Doc. 16129](#))
- Statement by:
  - o Mr Gerardo FERNÁNDEZ NOROÑA, President of the Senate of Mexico (online)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 10 April, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 9 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 16129](#))

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## Friday 11 April 2025

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


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#### **26. Free debate**

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 10 April, 19:00)

#### **27. Progress report (continued)**

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

 Addendum:

o (Doc. 16140 Add. 3)

#### **28. Closure of the part-session**

## Appendix 2 – References to committees

### A. References to committees

- *Balancing innovation and regulation: ensuring new technologies serve democracy and human rights*, [Doc. 16111](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for consultation*;
- *Migrants' and refugees' access to healthcare*, [Doc. 16112](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*;
- *The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response*, [Doc. 16115](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*;
- *Draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on human rights and biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare services*, [Doc. 16117](#), request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- *Towards a family-friendly Europe: policy recommendations for demographic renewal*, [Doc. 16121](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- *The need to modernise the International Humanitarian Law*, [Doc. 16122](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Use of artificial intelligence by parliaments: risks and opportunities*, [Doc. 16123](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Threats to the International Criminal Court*, [Doc. 16124](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Regulating social networks: a democratic imperative*, [Doc. 16127](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for consultation*;
- *Advancing a shared European vision through arts and leadership education*, [Doc. 16132](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for consultation*;
- *Draft Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters*, [Doc. 16139](#), request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2026-2027*: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;
- *Draft Protocol amending the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism*, [Doc. 16143](#), request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

### B. Extension of references

- Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities, Doc. 15750, motion for a resolution, reference 4738 of 26 May 2023 – validity: 26 May 2025: extension until 30 June 2025;
- Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion and belief in Europe (former title: Global rules to eliminate all forms of religious oppression), Doc. 15700, motion for a resolution, reference 4726 of 28 April 2023 – validity : 28 April 2025: extension until 28 April 2026.

### Appendix 3 – Revised terms of reference of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections<sup>3</sup>

The Parliamentary Assembly has been committed to election observation since 1991, providing essential recommendations that have helped shape the electoral legislation of member States and informed the endeavours of both the Monitoring and the Political Affairs Committees.

Confronting emerging challenges that threaten electoral integrity and undermine public trust in democratic processes, the Assembly has decided to take a more proactive stance in advocating for activities aimed at enhancing the legal frameworks and improved electoral practices in member States. In 2022, its Elections Division co-initiated the Council of Europe's Electoral Cycle, in 2023 it organised the Bern Conference on "Elections in times of crisis", which drew on the synergies of various stakeholders, including members of International Election Observation Missions (IEOM), electoral management bodies, civil society organisations, and academic institutions.

In response to the "Reykjavik Principles for Democracy" adopted at the Council of Europe Summit of Heads of State and Government (16-17 May 2023) and the subsequent Riga Declaration which committed the Assembly to "strengthening its initiatives to uphold the integrity of elections", the Assembly has realigned its activities, including by incorporating intergovernmental election cooperation in its structures as of January 2024 to enhance support for member States throughout the electoral process. It is now also managing the [Council of Europe Electoral Cycle](#) and focusing more on the preparation and follow-up to the Assembly's thematic reports on topics such as foreign interference, crisis situations, migrant portrayal in campaigns, reconstruction of Ukraine, etc.

In this context, the creation of a Parliamentary Network of election observers in 2024, renamed Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections in 2025, will facilitate cross-cutting dialogue on electoral issues and will formally represent the Assembly in external forums, without altering the operational mechanisms of existing election observation missions (EOMs) or new cooperation activities. The terms of reference for the Alliance are delineated below.

#### Aim of the Alliance

1. In accordance with [Resolution 2538 \(2024\)](#) "Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums", the Parliamentary Assembly decides to create the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections to enable a more effective exchange among PACE observers, reinforce electoral activities and enhance the visibility of the Assembly's electoral endeavours in light of post-Reykjavik Summit and the addition of a co-operation component.
2. In particular, as platform of exchange, the Alliance should:
  - 2.1. foster exchange of information on electoral activities and election observation missions (EOMs) between PACE observers;
  - 2.2. promote the Council of Europe reference standards in electoral matters, in particular:
    - Venice Commission's Code of good conduct in electoral matters, Revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums and its legal opinions on (draft) legislation on elections, referendums and political parties,
    - The Committee of Ministers' Recommendations in electoral matters,
    - The European Court of Human rights' case-law on the right to free and fair elections as set out in Protocol 1, Article 3,
    - PACE Resolutions related to electoral matters, as well as
    - PACE Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Declaration of principles for international election observation and the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers,
    - PACE reports on election observation.
  - 2.3. organise dedicated seminars;
  - 2.4. ensure the representation of the Assembly in external activities in the field of elections;
  - 2.5. promote visibility of the Assembly's activities in the field of elections, including its contribution to the Council of Europe Electoral Cycle.
3. The Bureau of the Assembly remains responsible for the appointment of PACE ad hoc committees to observe elections and referenda in line with the Assembly's Rules of Procedure (Appendix XIII).

<sup>3</sup> Approved by the Bureau and ratified by the Assembly on 28 June 2024 and revised by the Bureau on 7 April 2025.

## **Composition of the Alliance**

4. The Alliance shall be composed of members approved by the Bureau of the Assembly, as follows:
  - 4.1. in respect of the member States of the Council of Europe: members of the Parliamentary Assembly on the basis of candidatures presented by the political groups and taking into account active participation in PACE election observation missions, gender balance and regional balance. The Bureau of the Assembly shall approve additional members to the Alliance from among the representatives and substitutes of the Assembly who do not belong to any political group upon proposal of the Bureau of the Network;
  - 4.2. in respect of the parliaments with Observer, Partner for Democracy or Special Guest status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: one member of parliament for each unicameral parliament, and one member of each Chamber for bicameral parliaments, appointed by the parliamentary delegation;
  - 4.3. a representative appointed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
  - 4.4. a representative appointed by the Venice Commission.
5. The President of the Assembly, the Chairpersons of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, of the Monitoring Committee and of the Committee of Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the chairpersons of political groups, the General Rapporteur on Democracy, as well as the representatives of the Assembly in the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (members and substitutes), shall be ex officio members of the Alliance.

## **Working methods of the Alliance**

6. In terms of application of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Alliance shall follow the rules applicable to sub-committees of the Assembly (article 49 of the Rules), except as otherwise provided.
7. The working languages of the Alliance shall be English and French.
8. The Bureau of the Alliance shall be composed of one member designated by each political group and approved by the Bureau of the Assembly. The Chairperson of the Alliance shall be designated among the members of the Bureau of the Alliance on the basis of an agreement reached among the political groups ensuring the rotation amongst political groups. The chairperson and the vice-chairpersons of the Alliance shall remain in office until the opening of the next ordinary session of the Assembly. They may serve for one further term, consecutive or not. A chairperson or vice-chairperson of the Alliance designated in the course of a session for an incomplete term may be designated for maximum two further terms.
9. The costs of participation of members of the Alliance in its meetings and events shall be borne by the respective national parliaments.
10. The Alliance shall develop co-operation with all Council of Europe parties active in electoral matters within the framework of the Council of Europe Electoral Cycle, in particular the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDem) and the Rapporteur Group on Democracy (GR-DEM).
11. The Alliance shall actively co-operate with national parliaments and parliamentarians in and beyond Europe, as well as parliamentary networks and regional and international parliamentary assemblies, including but not limited to the Assembly's partners in the framework of the International Election Observation Missions, in particular the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE/ ODIHR), OSCE PA, EP and NATO PA.
12. The Alliance shall also co-operate with other international organisations, election management bodies, NGOs as well as representatives of the media and the academia dealing with electoral matters.
13. The Alliance shall periodically, and at least once a year, report to the Bureau of the Assembly of its activities, which shall approve its proposals.

## Appendix 4 – References to committees

### A. References to committees

- *Ensuring lawful and ethical use of artificial intelligence in warfare*, [Doc. 16125](#), 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 “The need to modernise the International Humanitarian Law”*;
- *Paving the way for a culture of consent*, [Doc. 16133](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- *Safeguarding human rights in the artificial intelligence-driven public sector*, [Doc. 16148](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- Bureau decision: *Conflicts of Interest – establishing clear guidance for members of the Assembly for dealing with potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest*: reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report* (follow-up to Resolution 2596 (2025) Respect for the Rule of Law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe);
- Bureau decision: *Modification of various provisions of the Rules of Procedure*: reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report* (follow-up to Resolution 2596 (2025) Respect for the Rule of Law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe);
- Bureau decision: *Development of a code of conduct for interest representatives at the Assembly*: reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report* (follow-up to Resolution 2596 (2025) Respect for the Rule of Law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe and to Resolution 2594 (2025) Modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure);
- Bureau decision: Resolution 2599 (2025) on *Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- Bureau decision: *Youth movements for Democracy*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

### B. Extension of references

- *Increasing members’ active participation in and contribution to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees*, [Doc. 15518](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4655 of 20 June 2022 (extended on 19 April 2024) – validity : 20 June 2025: extension until 15 October 2026;
- *Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement*, [Doc. 15758](#), motion for a resolution, reference 4747 of 19 June 2023 – validity: 19 June 2025: extension until 19 June 2026;
- *Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine*, Bureau decision, reference 4755 of 23 June 2023 – validity: 23 June 2025: extension until 23 June 2026.

**Appendix 5 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Albania (11 May 2025)**

**Chairperson / Président :** Mr / M. Simone BILLI (Italy, ECPA / Italie, CEPA)

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

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Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO, Spain / Espagne \*  
Mr / M. Axel SCHÄFER, Germany / Allemagne

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Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin  
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ LIMONES, Spain / Espagne  
Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord  
Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine  
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France  
Mr / M. Perran MOON, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Christian PETRY, Germany / Allemagne  
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**Accompanying person**

Mr Stepan DENEGA, accompanying Mr Jan Filip Libicki

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**Appendix 6 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the presidential election in Poland (18 May 2025)**

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

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\* Pre-electoral mission / mission préélectorale

## **Appendix 7 – Terms of Reference for a General Rapporteur on ethical standards and anti-corruption**

**Term of office:** two years, renewable once

### **Mandate**

The General Rapporteur on Ethical Standards and Anti-Corruption promotes good ethical standards and practices in the national parliaments of the Council of Europe's member States and other parliaments with which the Parliamentary Assembly has relations. The General Rapporteur keeps the Assembly's own ethical and integrity framework under review and can propose to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Ethics and Immunities actions to improve the framework or, in line with the code of conduct for members of the Assembly, to take steps to ensure that it is respected.

### **Responsibilities**

The role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- follow activities and maintain working relations, on the topic of anti-corruption, ethical standards, and in particular parliamentary ethical standards, with
  - Council of Europe institutions and bodies, including GRECO and the Council of Europe ethics officer;
  - ethics officers, ethics committees and other bodies and agencies of national parliaments;
  - international governmental and non-governmental organisations, including the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the European Union, and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE);
- represent the Assembly vis-à-vis any of the above-mentioned bodies or groups, when relevant and appropriate;
- keep the Assembly's ethics and integrity framework under review by:
  - following up previous resolutions and recommendations of the Assembly on issues related to ethical standards and anti-corruption;
  - studying the effective functioning of the Assembly's ethics and integrity framework and identifying areas for its improvement; and
  - promoting the development of a solid ethical culture within the Assembly;
- participate in, and develop, initiatives for promoting and strengthening ethical standards and practices in the national parliaments of the Council of Europe's member States and other parliaments with which the Assembly has relations.

The General Rapporteur can, in accordance with the code of conduct for members of the Assembly, and in particular its paragraphs 19 and 22, refer to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Ethics and Immunities concerns in relation to individual allegations of breaches of the code of conduct. It remains a matter for the Committee to consider whether or not to take any action pursuant to the code of conduct, such as by launching an investigation, in full accordance with its role under the code of conduct. The General Rapporteur's mandate does not extend to making statements on individual cases.

The General Rapporteur shall report, at least annually, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Ethics and Immunities on the functioning and effectiveness of the Assembly's ethics and integrity framework. This report shall contain any proposals for the Committee to consider for improving the functioning of the Assembly's ethics and integrity framework, and any proposals for better promoting strong ethical standards in national parliaments.

**Appendix 8 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies, Vilnius, 15-16 April 2025**

**General Rapporteur on Democracy / Rapporteur général sur la démocratie :**

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

**Rapporteur on « Elections in times of crisis » / Rapporteur sur « Elections en temps de crise » :**

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

**Members of the Council for Democratic Elections / Membres du Conseil des élections démocratiques :**

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

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

**Members of the Bureau of PACE Network of Elections Observers / Membres du Bureau du Réseau des Observateurs d'Elections :**

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Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES (Cyprus, UEL / Chypre, GUE) – *excused, represented by* / *excusé, représenté par* Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL / Allemagne, GUE)

Mr / M. Didier MARIE (France, SOC)

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

**Appendix 9 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on *Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants*, Strasbourg, 23-24 April 2025**

**Chairperson / Président :** Mr / M. Julian PAHLKE (Germany, SOC / Allemagne, SOC)

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

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

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

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

Ms / Mme Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne / PPE/DC)

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

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

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Ms / Mme Christiana EROTKRITOU (Cyprus, SOC/ Chypre, SOC)

Mr / M. Emmanuel FERNANDES (France, UEL / France, GUE)

Lord Michael GERMAN (United Kingdom, ALDE / Royaume-Uni, ADLE)

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

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA)

Lord Leslie GRIFFITHS (United Kingdom, SOC / Royaume-Uni, SOC)

Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES (Spain, SOC / Espagne / SOC)

Mr / M. Dimitrios MARKOPOULOS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Julian PAHLKE (Germany, SOC / Allemagne, SOC)

Mr / M. Paulo PISCO (Portugal, SOC)

Mr / M. Gonzalo ROBLES (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Sandra ZAMPA (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC)

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Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA (Spain, ECPA / Espagne, CEPA)

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

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

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

Ms / Mme Sandra REGOL (France, SOC)

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

**Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)**

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

**Appendix 10 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the meeting between parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Kristiansand, Norway, 4-5 May 2025**

**Chairperson / Président :** Mr / M. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS

**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. Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL / Allemagne, GUE)

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

Ms / Mme Ingjerd Schie SCHOU (Norway, EPP/CD / Norvège, PPE/DC) – member / membre

Mr / M. Stephen GETHINS (United Kingdom, NR / Royaume-Uni, NI) – substitute / suppléant

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

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

Ms / Mme Olena KHOMENKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA) – substitute / suppléante

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

Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia, ECPA / Arménie, CEPA) – member / membre

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

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

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

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Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE) – substitute / suppléante

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

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

**Appendix 11 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the meeting of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), Strasbourg, 12 May 2025**

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

Ms / Mme Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI (Finland, SOC / Finlande, SOC)

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

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

Mr / M. Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD / Lituanie, PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Belén HOYO (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

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

Ms / Mme Maria-Nefeli VASILEIOU CHATZIIOANNIDOU (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)