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To the Members of the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23 and 25 June 2026

The Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 and 25 June 2026, with Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson, then Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **On Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:

The New Democratic Pact for Europe: held an exchange of views with Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the process of the New Democratic Pact for Europe, recent developments affecting democracy across the continent and the role of parliamentarians.

- **On Thursday 25 June 2026 at 08:30**, as regards:
 - ***Proceedings, former ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the New Democratic Pact***: approved and declassified the proceedings of the meeting held in Paris on 11 December 2025;
 - ***Draft minutes and proceedings***: approved and declassified the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 April 2026 and the draft proceedings of the joint hearing with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held in Strasbourg on 23 April 2026;
 - ***Joint hearing with the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections***: held a hearing with the participation of Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Council for Democratic Elections, and Mr Rasto Kuzel, Executive Director at MEMO 98 and General Rapporteur of the joint debate *“Towards Trusted and Inclusive Electoral Process: the Role of Observers”* (Paris, 28-29 April 2026);
 - ***Appointment of Committee representatives to external events***: appointed Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA), Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) and Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) to the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the **World Forum for Democracy** (Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026).
 - ***Next meetings***: took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - Fourth part-session 2026 of the Assembly (28 September-2 October 2026)
 - Budapest, 26-27 October 2026
 - Warsaw, 24-25 November 2026



This initiative is a contribution towards the
New Democratic Pact for Europe

- Paris, December 2026 (to be confirmed)

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