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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 29 January 2026

The Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2026, with Ms Birutė Vėsaitė (Lithuania, SOC), oldest member present, then with Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau:** elected by acclamation:
 - Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA) Chairperson,
 - Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - Mr George Papandreu (Greece, SOC) 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views among members;
- **Other business:** was informed of the invitation of the polish delegation to hold a meeting in Poland (on a date to be determined) and accepted it (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly);
- **Next meetings:** left it to the Chairperson to set a date for the next meeting.

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