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To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held in Valletta, Malta on 23 May 2025

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 23 May 2025 in Valletta, Malta, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malta;
- held an exchange of views with Hon. Ian Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Bulgaria, Iceland, Ireland and Liechtenstein;
- approved the changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the third part-session of the Assembly (23-27 June 2025);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix);
- held current affairs debates on "The need to ensure the survival of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty" and on "The role of parliamentarians in safeguarding investment in human rights and democracy amid rising military expenditure";
- unanimously adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Opinion 306 (2025)

Resolution 2604 (2025)

**Draft Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters
Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2026-2027**

- decided to hold its next meeting in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, on 21 November 2025.

Valérie Clamer, Ayşegül Elveriş

cc. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX

References to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **How to ensure that the Russian Federation implements the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, including paying the compensation awarded**

[Doc. 16149](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

2. **Follow-up to the 4th round of GRECO recommendations relating to parliamentarians**

[Doc. 16157](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Heike Engelhardt (Germany, SOC) and other members of the Assembly

Reference to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

3. **Equal share of unpaid care work between women and men: a pre-condition to achieving gender equality**

[Doc. 16158](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

4. **Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Co-Production of Audiovisual Works in the Form of Series**

[Doc. 16164](#)

Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

5. **The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power**

[Doc. 16178](#)

Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*