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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 9 October 2023

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 9 October 2023, in Strasbourg, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General;
- **Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit:** took note of the information provided;
- **Fourth part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 9-13 October):**
 - Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates on:
 - *Humanitarian Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh*, requested by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;
 - *Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, 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;
 - *Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe*, tabled by the ALDE group, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter for report to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, and to hold this debate jointly with the report on *The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace*;
 - Requests for current affairs debates: took note of the requests to hold debates on:
 - *Migrants' deaths at sea*, tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - *Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC) as the first speaker;
 - *The situation in the North of Kosovo* following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Lord BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as the first speaker;

- Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda;
- Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the post of a judge in respect of Serbia, including its recommendation to reject the list, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report ([Doc. 15834 Add. 2](#));
- Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 10 October 2023): prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 June – 8 October 2023)**: approved the Progress report ([Doc. 15834](#));
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation**
 - Poland: parliamentary elections (15 October 2023): took note of the statement by the observation mission;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**: on the basis of proposals
 - by the SOC group, appointed Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye) as a member;
 - by the EC/DA group, appointed Mr David MORRIS (United Kingdom) as a member;
 - by the UEL group, appointed Mr Bedran ÖZTURK (Türkiye) and Alexis TSIPRAS (Greece) as members;
- **Date and place of next meeting**: decided to hold its meeting as follows:
 - Friday 13 October 2023, 8 am (part-session).

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

1. References to committees

- Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, Motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15810](#): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*
- The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy, Motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15812](#): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Sanctions of persons on the “Kara-Murza list”* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Addressing the social and economic effects of sanctions”*

2. Replies after consultation

- Strengthening the protection of biodiversity in Europe through sustainable and fair financing of the Bern Convention, [Doc. 15727](#), Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Liliana Tanguy and other members of the Assembly: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process”*
- The detention of Julian Assange and its chilling effects on human rights, [Doc. 15777](#), Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir and other members of the Assembly: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

3. Requests for extension of references

- Child abuse in Europe: addressing, compensation and prevention, [Doc. 15390](#): extension until 24 January 2025
- “Long Covid” and access to the right to health, [Doc. 15416](#): extension until 24 January 2025.