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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 January 2024

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 22 January 2024, 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;
- **First part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 22-26 January):**
 - Request for a debate under urgent procedure: took note of the request to hold a debate on *The situation of the children of Ukraine*, tabled by the leaders of political groups, 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 and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for opinion;
 - Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda of the part-session;
 - 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 for the post of judges in respect of Serbia, Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Lithuania, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report ([Doc. 15885 Add. 3](#));
 - Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 25 January 2024): prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (13 October 2023 to 22 January 2024):** approved the Progress report ([Doc. 15885](#));
- **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:**
 - Serbia: early parliamentary elections (17 December 2023): approved the report by the observation mission ([Doc. 15895](#));
 - Azerbaijan: early presidential election (7 February 2024): regretted that the Azerbaijani authorities have failed to invite the Assembly to observe this election, despite their obligation to do so as a member State under monitoring procedure; and took note that the Assembly will therefore not

observe this election and that none of its members or bodies have been mandated to observe or comment on this electoral process on behalf of the PACE;

- North Macedonia: Presidential and parliamentary elections (24 April and 8 May 2024 - tbc): subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6 ; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- Election Observation activities of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2023: took note of the report ([Doc. 15885 Add. 4](#));
- **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2024:** took note of the list of candidates for Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (appendix 2);
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the press release of the launch of the 2024 edition of the Prize;
- **Issues raised by committees :**
 - Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: considered and approved the draft terms of reference of a “General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport” (Appendix 3);
- **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:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, nominated members of these three committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification (Commissions (2024) 01 Add.1);
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly in 2024, namely Mr Armağan Candan and Mr Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe:** took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo for the 2024 ordinary session, and approved the list of the delegation, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

Members:

- Ms Saranda Bogujevci, Self-Determination Movement, Head of Delegation
- Mr Arben Gashi, Democratic League of Kosovo
- Mr Enis Kervan, Parliamentary Group “Multiethnic”

Substitutes:

- Ms Ariana Musliu-Shoshi, Democratic Party of Kosovo
- Mr Besnik Tahiri, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
- Vacant seat

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
 - Friday 26 January 2024, 8.30 am (part-session).

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* 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.

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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 1 – References and transmissions to committees

- Saving migrants' lives at sea and protecting their human rights, [Doc. 15881](#) Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*
- The challenges and needs of public and private actors involved in migration management, [Doc. 15882](#), Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

Appendix 2 – Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly

GROUPS / GROUPE	COUNTRY / PAYS	CANDIDATURES
GROUP I / GROUPE I	France	Mr Bertrand BOUYX
	Germany / Allemagne	Mr Armin LASCHET
	Italy / Italie	Ms Elisabetta GARDINI
	Türkiye	Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ
	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr David MORRIS
GROUP II / GROUPE II	Poland / Pologne	M Agnieszka POMASKA
	Ukraine	Ms Olena KHOMENKO
GROUP III / GROUPE III	Austria / Autriche	Mr Reinhold LOPATKA
	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Mr Samad SEYIDOV
	Belgium / Belgique	Mr Rik DAEMS
	Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine	Ms Snježana NOVAKOVIĆ BURSAC
	Bulgaria / Bulgarie	Mr Georg GEORGIEV
	Slovak Republic / République slovaque	Vacant seat / siège vacant
	Sweden / Suède	Mr Markus WIECHEL
	Switzerland / Suisse	Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ
GROUP IV / GROUPE IV	Albania / Albanie	Ms Blerina GJYLAMETI
	Andorra / Andorre	Ms Bernadeta COMA
	San Marino / Saint-Marin	Mr Marco NICOLINI
	Slovenia / Slovénie	Ms Tamara VONTA

Appendix 3 – Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport

Denomination: General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport

Term of office: one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years

Subject: it is the duty of the General Rapporteur on Governance and Ethics in Sport to consider and intervene on issues relating to sport policies, sport governance and the role of sport as a vector of values and a factor in social cohesion and peace keeping.

Responsibilities:

The role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- follow activities of other Assembly committees and liaise with rapporteurs dealing with sport matters from other perspectives such as: human rights and fundamental freedoms in general, gender equality and non-discrimination, protection of vulnerable groups, fight against organised crime, migration and integration, health, social, cultural, economic, technological and environmental impact;
- ensure sound interaction of committee work in this area with the activities of other committees, seeking possible collaboration and synergies;
- follow activities and maintain working relations with the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe and advise the Committee on emerging issues and relevant work of EPAS and the intergovernmental sector of the Council of Europe;
- follow activities and maintain working relations with major sports organisations and NGOs in the field of sport;
- liaise with national parliaments as well as with relevant international, intergovernmental, inter-parliamentary or other organisations;
- follow up and promote relevant Assembly resolutions and recommendations in his/her domain of work.