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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23 June 2023

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 23 June 2023, in Strasbourg, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication:** took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;
- **Follow-up to the third part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 19-23 June):** approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly, as set out in Appendix 1;
- **Follow-up to the 4th Council of Europe Heads of State and Government Summit (Reykjavik, 16-17 May 2023):**
 - heard a presentation by the Director of Human Dignity and Sustainable Development;
 - took note of a memorandum on the Parliamentary Assembly's follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe (16-17 May 2023);
 - held an exchange of views;
 - decided to make a regular stock-taking on the progress by each committee as regards the follow-up to the Summit by putting this item as a regular item on each of its meetings;
 - took note of the President's intention to convene a meeting of the enlarged dialogue;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Elections observation**
 - Poland: parliamentary elections (October 2023): decided to enlarge the composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections to 30 members (SOC-10 ; EPP/CD-9 ; ALDE-5; EC/DA-5; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee, and designated Ms Mireille CLAPOT (France, ALDE) as its chairperson (Appendix 3);
- **Date of the Assembly April 2024 part-session:** revised the date of its Spring 2024 part-session and decided that it will be held on 15-19 April 2024;
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2026 – 2028):** approved the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report (Appendix 4);

- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: took note of the letter by the committee and decided to authorise Ms Aurora FLORIDIA (Italy, SOC), Ms Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA) and, at no cost for the Assembly, Mr Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE), to represent the Assembly at the United Nations Climate Change Conference – COP28, including the Parliamentary Meeting to be organised by the IPU on 30 November 2023 (Dubai, UAE, 30 November to 12 December 2023) – (limited to 3 days and subject to the availability of funds);
 - **Side Event “Decent work: building a sustainable future” to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New-York, 14 July 2023):** approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and designated Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC) as its chairperson (Appendix 5);
 - **Campaign on safety of journalists (Riga, 5-6 October 2023):** approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and designated Mr Mogens JENSEN (Denmark, SOC) as its chairperson (Appendix 6);
 - **2023 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November):** approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and designated the President of the Assembly as its chairperson (Appendix 7);
 - **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 June – 8 October 2023):** appointed Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/DC) as rapporteur;
 - **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**
 - Monitoring Committee: on the basis of proposals
 - by the Group ALDE, nominated Ms Tamara VONTA (Slovenia) and Mr Caspar Van den BERG (Netherlands) as members;
 - by the EPP/DC Group, nominated Ms Deborah BERGAMINI (Italy) as a member;
 - Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Ms Danuta JAZŁOWIECKA (Poland) as a member;
 - Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights: on the basis of proposals by the Group ALDE, nominated Ms Elena-Simona SPĂTARU (Romania) and Mr Régis BERGONZI (Monaco) as members;
 - **Budgetary matters - Analysis of the use made by the Assembly’s political groups of their allocations for 2022:** approved the draft communication submitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedures, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and instructed the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to put forward specific modalities, in view of applying the new arrangements for the distribution of the allocation in 2024;
 - **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - Lists of candidates in respect of Andorra, Azerbaijan, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia:** approved the lists of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;

– **Dates and places of next meetings:**

Thursday 14 September 2023, 9h30, Paris
Monday 9 October 2023, 8 am (part-session)
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
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

Appendix 1 – Follow-up to the third part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 19-24 June)

Debate on “The recent political developments in Poland”

- ❖ Follow up: decided to refer the matter to the Monitoring Committee on this issue to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on “The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland”

Debate on “Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine”

- ❖ Follow up: decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for a new report on “Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine”

para 24.1 “resolves to establish channels of dialogue and co-operation with Russian forces and civil society who aspire to a democratic change in Russia, who share Council of Europe values, and who support the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, including the Russian Action Committee”

- ❖ Follow up: decided to invite the Presidential Committee to continue dialogue, and explore possibilities for further cooperation with Russian forces and civil society who aspire to a democratic change in Russia

Debate under the urgent procedure on “War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics?”

- ❖ Follow up: decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media on this issue to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on “Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement”

Debate under the urgent procedure on “Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor”

- ❖ Follow up: decided to refer the matter to the Monitoring Committee on this issue to be taken into account in the preparation of its reports on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia” and on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan”

Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile

- ❖ Follow up: instructed the Secretary General of the Assembly to look into the possibility to put an office on the 5th floor of the Palais de l’Europe at the disposal of the delegation of representatives of Belarusian democratic forces during part-sessions

Joint debate on “Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the period 2024-2027” and “Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2024-2025”

- ❖ Follow up: decided that the President will address a letter to the heads of national delegations to ask them to bring this issue to the attention of their national parliaments.

Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- Protecting political bodies in Europe from organised crime, [Doc. 15760](#): no further action
- Establishment of an Order of the European solidarities, [Doc. 15770](#): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
- Denouncing ideology and practices of Ruscism in Europe, [Doc. 15772](#): transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*
- The detention of Julian Assange and its chilling effects on human rights, [Doc. 15777](#): transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for consultation*
- Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment with the Reykjavík process, [Doc. 15804](#): reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*
- Bureau decision, current affairs debate on The recent political developments in Poland: transmission to the Monitoring Committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of its report* on “The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland”
- Bureau decision: [resolution 2506 \(2023\)](#) on Political consequences of the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* on the same subject
- Bureau decision, [resolution 2507 \(2023\)](#) on War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics?: transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of its report* on “Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement”
- Bureau decision, [resolution 2508 \(2023\)](#) on Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor: transmission to the Monitoring committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of its reports* on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia” and on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan”

B. EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

- Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis, [Doc. 15327](#) Reference 4596 of 27 September 2021 – validity : 27 September 2023: extension until 27 March 2024.
- Right of the child to protection while using the internet, [Doc. 15383](#), Reference 4614 of 30 September 2021 – validity : 30 September 2023 : extension until 30 March 2024.
- Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life, [Doc. 15291](#), Reference 4590 of 21 June 2021 – validity : 21 juin 2023: extension until 21 June 2024.
- The situation of national minorities in Ukraine, [Doc. 15334](#), Reference 4603 of 27 September 2021 – validity : 27 September 2023: extension until 27 September 2024.
- The need for renewed, effective and inclusive multilateralism, [Doc. 15332](#), Reference 4601 of 27 September 2021 – validity : 27 September 2023: extension until 27 September 2024.

- Call for Famagusta’s return to its lawful inhabitants, [Doc. 15333](#), Reference 4602 of 27 September 2021 – validity : 27 September 2023 : extension until 27 September 2024.
- Political situation in Tunisia, [Doc. 15384](#), Reference 4615 of 30 September 2021 – validity : 30 September 2023 : extension until 30 September 2024.

Appendix 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the parliamentary elections in Poland (October 2023)

Chairperson / Présidente: Ms / Mme Mireille CLAPOT (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Jelena MILOŠEVIĆ, Serbia / Serbie
Ms / Mme Camilla FABRICIUS, Denmark / Danemark
Mr / M. Fabian FUNKE, Germany / Allemagne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie
Ms / Mme Blerina GJYLAMETI, Albania / Albanie
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Mr / M. Pedro CEGONHO, Portugal
Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
Mr / M. Tony LLOYD, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus / Chypre
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Mr / M. Reinhold LOPATKA, Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme María Valentina MARTÍNEZ FERRO, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Octavia MODERT, Luxembourg
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte
Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLEEV, Ukraine

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie

**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Ms / Mme Mireille CLAPOT, France
Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Christoph HOFFMANN, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Denisa NEAGU, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Claude KERN, France
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
Mr / M. Robert TROY, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Tamara VONTA, Slovenia / Slovénie
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC-DA) / Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE-AD)

Lord Simon RUSSELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni*
Mr / M. Thibaut FRANCOIS, France
Mr / M. Noebert KLEINWÄCHTER, Germany / Allemagne

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Ms / Mme Pauline LATHAM, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Harald WEYEL, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. John HOWELL, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. George KATROUGALOS, Greece / Grèce

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne
Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/MON (*ex officio*)

Mr / M. Pieter OMTZIGT, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Azadeh ROJHAN, Sweden / Suède

Appendix 4 – Dates of Part-sessions of the Assembly for 2026 – 2028

2026	2027	2028
26 - 30 January	25 - 29 January	24 - 28 January
20 - 24 April	26 - 30 April*	24 - 28 April
22 - 26 June	21 - 25 June	20 - 24 June
28 September - 2 October	27 September – 1st October	25 - 29 September

* Orthodox Good Friday

Appendix 5 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the Side Event “Decent work: building a sustainable future” to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New-York, 14 July 2023)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / *Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie*

Mr / M. George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)
Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLIEV (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / *Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable*

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL / Allemagne, GUE)
Ms / Mme Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC)
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)
Ms / Mme Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA / Géorgie, CE/AD)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / *Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias*

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)
Ms / Mme Ester MIELI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / *Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées*

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)

Appendix 6 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the Campaign on safety of journalists (Riga, 5-6 October 2023)

Chairperson / Président : Mr Mogens JENSEN (Denemark, SOC)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / *Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie*

Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA / Royaume-Uni, CE/AD)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / *Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)*

Ms / Mme Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / *Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias*

Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC / Chypre, SOC)
Lord George FOULKES (United Kingdom, SOC / Royaume-Uni, SOC)
Ms / Mme Mme Inka HOPUSU (Finland, SOC / Finlande, SOC)
Mr / M. Mogens JENSEN (Denmark, SOC / Danemark, SOC)
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)
Mr / M. Kim VALENTIN (Denmark, ALDE / Danemark, ADLE)
Mr / M. Andrius VYSNIAUSKAS (Lithuania, EPP/CD / Lituanie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / *Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination*

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / *Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées*

Mr / M. Branislav BORENOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD / Bosnie-Herzégovine, PPE/DC)
Mr / M. Paulo PISCO (Portugal, SOC)

Appendix 7 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the 2023 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November)

Chairperson / Président: Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Mr / M. Ziya ALTUNYALDIZ (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC / Chypre, SOC)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD / Arménie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Mr / M. Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE / Azerbaïdjan, ADLE)

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

Ms / Mme Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA / Géorgie, CE/AD)

Ms / Mme Mia KARAMEHIC-ABAZOVIC (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR / Bosnie Herzégovine, NI)

Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

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