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## To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

### Synopsis

### of the meeting held in Paris on 14 September 2023

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday 14 September 2023, in Paris, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:**
  - took note of the communication by the President of the Assembly and of his intention to request the Venice Commission's Opinion on the judicial reform in Israel;
  - took note of the communication of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Fourth part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 9-13 October):**
  - drew up the draft agenda;
  - took note of the requests to hold debates under urgent procedure on:
    - *Humanitarian Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh*, tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
    - *Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups;
  - with regards to the election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights, decided that it would be conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in Rule 40.11, using ballot papers and ballot boxes, and to continue the practice of having tellers appointed by political groups;
- **Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit:** heard a presentation by the Director of Human Dignity and Sustainable Development and took note that a detailed roadmap on the follow-up to the Summit had been designed to coordinate the work of the committees, alongside with an interactive timeline to be published on the Assembly website;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Elections observation:**
  - Montenegro: early parliamentary elections (11 June 2023): approved the report by the observation mission;

- Poland: parliamentary elections (15 October 2023): approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2);
- **Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (June 2024):** confirmed 25-26 June 2024 as the date of the election and approved the Assembly's election calendar (Appendix 3);
- **Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (January 2024):** took note of the calendar for the election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and decided to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to organise the interviews of the candidates in time for the Assembly's first part-session of 2024, preferably in December 2023;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Dublin, 28-29 September 2023):** took note of the programme and of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2024:** approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 4);
- **2023 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 5 September 2023, consisting of (in alphabetical order):
  - Osman Kavala (Türkiye)
  - Justyna Wydrzynska (Poland)
  - Yevgeniy Zakharov (Ukraine);
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: authorised Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Kosovo\* in 2023 in her capacity as rapporteur on the *Statutory Opinion on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30*;
- **Conference "Money and Democracy – an Uneasy Relationship" (Cologne, 7-8 December 2023):** decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the conference;
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus:** took note of the letter from the UBP Turkish Cypriot political party informing the President of the Assembly of the name of one of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly in 2023, namely Mr Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised
  - The ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Calais (France) of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, to meet in Calais, France, on 25-26 October 2023;
  - The sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the ECHR of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, to meet in Zagreb on 13-14 November 2023;
- **Other business:** heard a statement by Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) about a motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko and other members of the Assembly on *The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy* (Doc. 15812);
- **Dates and places of next meetings:**

Monday 9 October 2023, 8 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.

Friday 13 October 2023, 8 am (part-session)  
Monday 27 November 2023, 3 pm, Vaduz

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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 1 – References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Social mobilisation, social unrest, and police reaction in Council of Europe member States: need for a new social contract?**

[Doc. 15803](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

2. **Sexual violence against men and boys**

[Doc. 15805](#)

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

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

3. **Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health**

[Doc. 15806](#)

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

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

4. **Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly's relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council**

[Doc. 15807](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr George Katrougalos and other members of the Assembly**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

5. **Free movement of representatives to the Parliamentary Assembly and their substitutes to and from the place of meeting**

[Doc. 15809](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**

*Proposal:* reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

### B. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

1. **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands (periodic review)**

**Monitoring Committee decision**

**Reference 4569 of 19 March 2021 (extended on 14 October 2022) – validity : 19 September 2023**

In a letter dated 5 September 2023, the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) asks that the validity of this reference be extended until 19 March 2024.

*Proposal:* extension until 19 March 2024.

2. **Towards a transparency register within the Parliamentary Assembly**

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and other members of the Assembly**

[Doc. 15330](#)

**Reference 4599 of 27 September 2021 – validity: 27 September 2023**

In a letter dated 8 September 2023, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights asks that the validity of this reference be extended until 30 June 2024.

*Proposal:* extension until 30 June 2024.

**Appendix 2 – List of members of the ad hoc Committee for the observation of the Parliamentary elections in Poland (15 October 2023)**

**Chairperson / Présidente: Ms/ Mme Mireille CLAPOT**

**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 Camilla FABRICIUS, Denmark / Danemark  
Mr / M. Fabian FUNKE, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie  
Ms / Mme Blerina GJYLAMETI, Albania / Albanie  
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye  
Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

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. Christian PETRY, Germany / Allemagne  
Ms / Mme Cécile HEMMEN, Luxembourg

**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 Octavia MODERT, Luxembourg  
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte  
Mr / M. Andrius VYŠNIAUSKAS, Lithuania / Lituanie  
Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie\*  
Mr / M. Christian KLINGER, France

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

**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  
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**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

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. Norbert KLEINWÄCHTER, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine  
Ms / Mme Pauline LATHAM, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Mr / M. Simone BILLI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Jose Maria SÁNCHEZ, Spain / Espagne  
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. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne\*

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

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

Mr / M. Pieter OMTZIGT, Netherlands / Pays-Bas\*\* (excused / excusé)  
Ms / Mme Azadeh ROJHAN, Sweden / Suède

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

Mr / M. Óscar SÁNCHEZ MUÑOZ, Substitute member, Spain / member suppléant, Espagne  
Mr / M. Michael JANSSEN, Administrator, Venice Commission / administrateur, Commission de Venise

\* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

\*\*awaiting non-conflict of interest declaration / en attente de la déclaration de non-conflit d'intérêt

**Appendix 3 – Calendar for the election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

14 September 2023	confirmation of the date of the election and of the Assembly's election calendar by the Bureau of the Assembly, after informal discussions between the President of the Assembly and the Chair of the Committee of Ministers
Week of 22-26 January 2024	during the first part of the 2024 Ordinary Session (22-26 January 2024), consultation through the Joint Committee on all proposed candidates
Before June 2024	examination by the Bureau of the proposals of candidates submitted by the Committee of Ministers to the Assembly; interviews by the Bureau of the Assembly of candidates included in the recommendation (and possibly by political groups)
25/26 June 2024	during the third part of the 2024 Ordinary Session (24-28 June 2024), election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**Appendix 4 – Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2024**

Monday 22 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 26 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 7 March, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 15 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 19 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 23 May, 3.00 pm, Vilnius	Bureau
Friday 24 May, 9.00 am, Vilnius	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 24 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 28 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 6 September, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 30 September, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 4 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 28 November, 3.00 pm, Luxembourg	Bureau
Friday 29 November, 9.30 am, Luxembourg	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Friday 13 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau