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To the Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau on the New Democratic Pact

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 4 November 2025

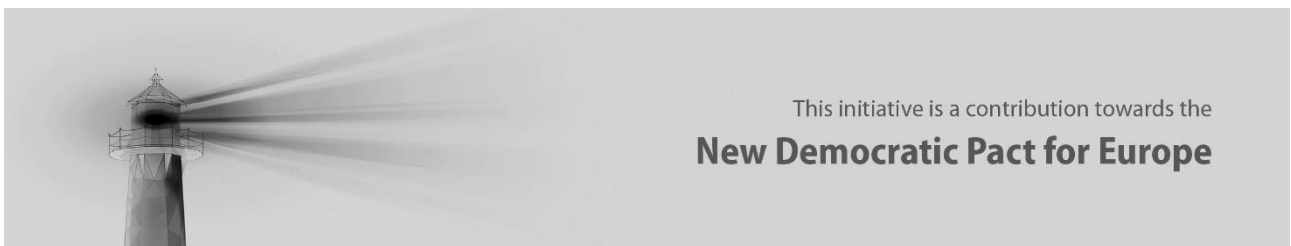
The *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau on the New Democratic Pact, meeting on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Panel I – Impact of the Court’s judgments on freedom of expression, assembly and association:** held an exchange of views with Ms Anna Austin, Jurisconsult of the European Court of Human Rights and Mr Staffan Lindberg, Director of the Varieties of Democracy Institute (V-Dem);
- **Panel II – Political Parties: can they be the first line of defense against democratic backsliding?:** held an exchange of views with Ms Claire Bazy-Malaurie, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and Ms Didi Kuo, Centre Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (online);
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Thursday 20 November 2025, 16:30, Chisinau;
 - Thursday 11 December 2025, 14:00, Paris.

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