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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 June 2026

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 22 June 2026, in Strasbourg, with first Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and then Mr Mogens Jensen, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

– **Communications:**

- took note of the communication by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- thanked the Deputy Secretary General, Mr Bjørn Berge, for his dedicated service and valuable contributions to the Organisation;

– **Follow-up to the Standing Committee meeting (Monaco, 22 May 2026):** decided to refer to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities the follow up to the Resolution 2656 (2026) on “Restructuring and streamlining the Rules of Procedure: Modalities concerning guests of the Assembly” to be taken into account in the context of the preparation of the report “Applying ethical standards to the members of all delegations participating in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly”;

– **Third part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June)**

- *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:* took note of a request to hold a debate on:
 - *Women’s access to justice* tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- *Requests for current affairs debates:* took note of the requests to hold debates on:
 - *Follow-up to the Chişinău Declaration – Council of Europe action in the field of migration*, tabled by the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation: decided to modify the title into *Migration to Europe*, recommended to the Assembly to hold this debate, and appointed Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC) as first speaker;
 - *Jimmy Lai*, tabled by Ms Kearns and 21 members of the Assembly: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - *The functioning of the judicial system and the crackdown on the opposition in Türkiye*, tabled by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, ECPA) as first speaker;
 - *Protecting the right to education in Gaza*, tabled by Ms Goka and 19 members of the Assembly: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
- *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda of the part-session and decided to limit the speaking time to two minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday;

- *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 23 June 2026)*: prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 April – 22 June 2026)** (Rapporteur: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL): approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16430](#));
- **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**:
 - *Hungary: parliamentary elections (12 April 2026)*: approved the report by the observation mission;
 - *Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (19 April 2026)*: approved the report by the observation mission;
 - *Armenia: parliamentary elections (7 June 2026)*: took note of the statement by the observation mission;
 - *Assembly of Kosovo**: *early elections (7 June 2026)*: took note of the statement by the observation mission;
 - *Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (August 2026, date tbc)*: decided to increase the size of the delegation to 20 members (SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 5; ECPA: 4; ALDE: 3; UEL:1) and approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2);
 - *Morocco: parliamentary elections (23 September 2026)*: approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3) and appointed Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA) as its Chairperson and Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL) as its Vice-Chairperson;
 - *Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (4 October 2026)*: approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections (Appendix 4) and decided to declassify the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly on “*Proposal for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting in the context of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026)*”;
- **Platform for dialogue between the Assembly and Russian democratic forces**: took note of the declaration which Platform members will be asked to sign, explicitly acknowledging their commitment to the principles and values of the Council of Europe, including respect for diversity and equality (Appendix 5);
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to re-appoint Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier as member of the Selection Panel for a third and final term, ending on 31 May 2028;
- **European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2026**: decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event;
- **Composition of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**: on the basis of a proposal by the ECPA Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Lőrinc NACSA (Hungary) as member;
- **Date and place of next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Friday 26 June 2026, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Thursday 3 September 2026, 11 am, Paris;
 - Monday 28 September, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Friday 2 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Thursday 26 November, 3 pm, Budva, Montenegro;
 - Monday 7 December, 9.30 am, Vienna.

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* 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.

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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

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. *Empowering youth in the digital age: towards creative, democratic and competence-based approaches to online participation*, [Doc. 16384](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
2. *Hate crimes against Christians in Europe*, [Doc. 16388](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*
3. *Addressing the issue of drug facilitated sexual violence and the online platforms used by perpetrators*, [Doc. 16390](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*
4. *Council of Europe action to protect the human rights of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees*, [Doc. 16387](#), motion for a resolution, and *The Parliamentary Assembly has to play an active role in the process launched by the Secretary General concerning migration, human rights and security*, [Doc. 16391](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for a single report*, and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
5. *The Venice Biennale and a framework for Russia's participation in international cultural events*, [Doc. 16392](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
6. *Brain drain and demographic challenges in the Western Balkans*, [Doc. 16393](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*
7. *Human rights challenges in the North Caucasus*, [Doc. 16395](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
8. *Reported cases of political prisoners in Europe*, [Doc. 16405](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
9. *Migration and Europe's colonial past: towards historical justice and democratic resilience*, [Doc. 16407](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report*

B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

1. *Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism*, [Doc. 16300](#), reference 4930 of 26 January 2026 – validity: 26 January 2028, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

Appendix 2 – Revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections of Kazakhstan (August 2026, date tbc)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente : Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède

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

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Ms / Mme Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
Ms / Mme Camilla FABRICIUS, Denmark / Danemark
Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
Ms / Mme Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique
Ms / Mme Iris LUARASI, Albania / Albanie
Ms / Mme Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Fabian MOLINA, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Ivan RACAN, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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

Ms / Mme Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède**

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Mr / M. Garret AHEARN, Ireland / Irlande**
Ms / Mme Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia / Serbie**
Ms / Mme Nađa LAKOVIĆ, Montenegro**
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚÂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Tekke PANMAN, Netherlands / Pays Bas**
Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce**

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary / Hongrie

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Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède

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Mr / M. Claude KERN, France

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Mr / M. Manu DIERICX, Belgium / Belgique

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. Andries GRYFFROY, Belgium / Belgique

Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie

Ms / Mme Tamila TASHEVA, Ukraine

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Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Ms / Mme Semra ÇAĞLAR GÖKALP, Türkiye

Mr / M. Arnaldo LOMUTI, Italy / Italie

Accompanying person / Personne accompagnatrice

Lady Tara BLENCATHRA, accompanying Lord David BLENCATHRA

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Appendix 3 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections of Morocco (23 September 2026)

Chairperson / Présidente : Mme / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président : Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre

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Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ-LIMONES, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Saskia KLUIT, Netherlands / Pays-Bas **
Ms / Mme Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI, Italy / Italie *
Ms / Mme Sandra ZAMPA, Italy / Italie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Mr / M. Julian JOSWIG, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Ivan RACAN, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Rovertto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

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Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

Mme / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède
Baroness Thérèse COFFEY, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni **
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine

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Appendix 4 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee for the observation of the general elections of Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026)

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente : Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine

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Appendix 5 – Declaration by Participants of the Platform for Dialogue with Russian democratic forces

As a participant of the Platform, I conduct myself in a manner consistent with [Resolution 2621 \(2025\)](#), and with the values and ethical standards of the Council of Europe.

In particular, I undertake:

- to carry out my role responsibly, with integrity and honesty, and with due respect for the principles of human dignity, equality and non-discrimination;
- to act in the public interest and refrain from using my participation in the Platform for personal gain or to secure undue advantage for any individual or organisation;
- in situations where current or previous personal, professional or organisational affiliations or commitments could raise questions as to their compatibility with the values and ethical standards of the Council of Europe, to disclose them in writing to the secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
- to respect the confidentiality of information and documents received in the framework of the Platform's work;
- to contribute to discussions in a respectful and constructive manner and not act in such a way as to bring the Assembly into disrepute or damage the reputation and integrity of the Assembly or its members.

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Date:.....

Signature:.....