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## To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

### Synopsis

### of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 27 January 2023

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Friday 27 January 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 first part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):** 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;
- **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights:** took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges concerning the list of candidates in respect of Poland, including its recommendation to reject the list, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the progress report (Doc. 15685 Add. 4);
- **Standing Committee in The Hague (2-3 March 2023):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Standing Committee in Reykjavik (15 May 2023):** took note of information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to hold this meeting in the two official languages of the Assembly (English and French);
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;
- **Elections observation**
  - Montenegro: Presidential election (19 March 2023): approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (appendix 3) and left it to the Presidential Committee to appoint its Chairperson;
  - Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (2 April 2023): 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;

- Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023, tbc): subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections, to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 40 members (SOC-12; EPP/CD-12; ALDE-7; EC/DA-7; UEL-2), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- Conference “Elections in times of crisis: challenges and opportunities” (Bern, 9-10 May 2023): decided to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 30 members (SOC-10; EPP/CD-9; ALDE-5 ; EC/DA-5 ; UEL-1) to represent the Assembly at the conference;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: took note of the updated terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people;
  - Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: took note of the letter by the committee informing of its decision to invite representatives of the democratic political forces for Belarus to its meetings during part-sessions and asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to look into the proposal that the same representatives could attend meetings of the other committees during the session week;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the press release of the launch of the 2023 edition of the Prize;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 January to 23 April 2023):** appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as rapporteur;
- **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**
  - Monitoring Committee: on the basis of proposals by :
    - the SOC Group, nominated, Ms Naomi CACHIA (Malta) as member,
    - the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Lulzim BASHA (Albania), Ms Khatia DEKANOIDZE (Georgia) and Mr Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI (North Macedonia) as members,
    - the EC/DA Group, nominated Ms Beatrice TIMGREN (Sweden) and Ms Jo GIDEON (United Kingdom) as members,
    - the ALDE Group, nominated Ms Valentina GRIPPO (Italy) as member;
  - Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, nominated Ms Harriett BALDWIN (United Kingdom) and Ms Hélène LAPORTE (France) as members;
  - Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights: on the basis of proposals by:
    - the EPP/CD Group, nominated Ms Biljana PANTIĆ PILJA (Serbia) as member,
    - the EC/DA Group, nominated Ms Sally-Ann HART (United Kingdom) and Ms Nigar ARPADARAI (Azerbaijan) as members;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg or Paris:** authorised
  - the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67), in New-York, United States, on 6 March 2023;
  - the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to hold a meeting in Sevilla, Spain, on 11-12 May 2023;
  - the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, to hold a meeting in London on 1-2 June 2023;

- **Date and place of next meeting:**
  - Thursday 2 March 2023, 10 am, The Hague
  - Monday 24 April 2023, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)
  - Friday 28 April 2023, 8.30 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  
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**Appendix 1 – Follow-up to the first part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January)**

**Recommendation 2245 (2023) on *The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges* (paragraphs 24 & 25)**

- ❖ Follow up: decided to ask the Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), to continue to follow the matter

**Debate on *Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade***

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to take into account in the preparation of the report on "The situation in Kosovo"*\*

**Debate on *Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor***

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

**Resolution 2482 (2023) on *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine***

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

**Resolution 2483 (2023) on *The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022)* (paragraphs 9 and 10)**

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs – in close co-ordination with the Monitoring Committee - *to take into account in the preparation of the report on « Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure »*

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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.

## Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- [Doc. 15676](#), Motion for a resolution, Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress: reference to Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*

### B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

- [Doc. 15194](#), Reference 4555 of 25 January 2021, Health and social protection of undocumented workers: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*

### C. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

- [Doc. 15628](#), Motion for a resolution, Preventing abuse of the right to veto in the Security Council: a perspective by the member States of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “The need for renewed, effective and inclusive Multilateralism”*
- [Doc. 15639](#), Motion for a resolution, Abusive practices on depriving children from their family environment: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

### D. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REFERENCES

- [Doc. 15217](#), Reference 4563 of 19 March 2021 – validity: 19 March 2023, Deliberate germline editing in human beings: extension until 19 September 2023
- [Doc. 15223](#), Reference 4565 of 19 March 2021 – validity: 19 March 2023, Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults: extension until 19 September 2023
- [Doc. 15269](#), Reference 4583 of 28 May 2021 – validity: 28 May 2023, Preventing addictive behaviours in children: extension until 28 November 2023

**Appendix 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Montenegro (19 March 2023)**

**Chairperson / Président.e**

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

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy, Italie  
Ms / Mme Lise SELNES, Norway / Norvège  
Mr / M. Adnan DIBRANI, Sweden / Suède  
Ms / Mme Margreet DE BOER, Netherlands, Pays-Bas  
Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, France  
Mr / M. Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie \*

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

Mr / M. Andi CRISTEA, Romania / Roumanie  
Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche  
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie  
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

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

Ms / Mme Zdravka BUŠIĆ, Croatia / Croatie  
Ms / Mme Maria Gabriela HORGA, Romania / Roumanie  
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande  
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie  
Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLIEV, Ukraine  
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**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie  
Ms / Mme Octavie MODERT, Luxembourg  
Mr / M. Paolo MONIZ, Portugal \*\*  
Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia / Croatie  
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte  
Ms / Mme Jorida TABAKU, Albania / Albanie

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

Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique  
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France  
Ms / Mme Tamara VONTA, Slovenia/Slovénie \*  
Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine

**Substitutes / suppléant.e.s**

Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie  
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse

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

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Simone BILLI, Italy / Italie \*

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

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

Mr / M. Antón GÓMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne \* \*\*

***Substitutes / suppléant.e.s***

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

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland, Suisse \*\*  
Mr / M. Nicos TORNARITIS, Cyprus, Chypre \*\*

\* 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