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To the members of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on Wednesday 25 June 2025

The Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday 25 June 2025, with Mr Martin Graf (Austria, ECPA), third Vice-Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- **Composition of the Bureau of the committee**
 - elected, by acclamation, Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) Chairperson;
- **Increasing members' active participation in and contribution to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees** (*rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): agreed to change the title of the report to “*Increasing members' active participation in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly*” and considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Streamlining of the Rules of procedure**: took note of the presentation by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and considered a memorandum;
- **Free movement of representatives to the Parliamentary Assembly and their substitutes to and from the place of meeting** (*rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): agreed to change the title of the report to “*Ensuring PACE members can travel freely to carry out their work*” and considered a preliminary draft report;
- **General Rapporteur on ethical standards and anti-corruption**: appointed Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and heard from him a declaration of an absence of a conflict of interests;
- **Round table on Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments (31 March 2025, London)**: considered the summary of the round table on “*Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments*” and agreed to its declassification;
- **Work programme**:
 - took note of the work programme;
 - accepted the invitation to hold a meeting in Cyprus on 13-14 November 2025 and decided to submit the request to the Bureau;
 - appointed Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on *Conflict of interest – establishing clear guidance for members of the Assembly for dealing with potential, perceived or actual conflict of interest* and heard from him a declaration of an absence of a conflict of interests;
 - appointed Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA) as rapporteur on *Modification of various provisions of the Rules of Procedures* and heard from her a declaration of an absence of a conflict of interests;
 - made a call for candidates for rapporteurs on “*Development of a code of conduct for interest representatives at the assembly*” and “*Following up to the 4th round of GRECO recommendations relating to parliamentarians*”;
- **European Holocaust memorial day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2025)**: appointed Ms Petra Bar (Austria, SOC) and Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event;

- **World Forum Democracy – “Democracy at risk: How can we revive it?” (Strasbourg, 4-7 November 2025)**: appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, ECPA) and Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event;
- **Parliamentary Conference on Artificial intelligence (London, 15-16 December 2025)**: appointed Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) and Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC) to sit in the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event;
- **Other business**: took note that the call for nominations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize submission deadline has been extended to 30 June 2025;
- **Next meeting**: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris, on 5 September 2025 (in the afternoon).

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