



SECRETARIAT

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## To the members of the Standing Committee

### Synopsis of the meeting held in The Hague, The Netherlands on 2-3 March 2023

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 2-3 March 2023 in The Hague, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard opening speeches by Mr Jan Anthonie Bruijn, President of the Senate (Eerste Kamer), and Mr Tom van der Lee, Vice-President of the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) ;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Republic of Moldova and the United Kingdom ;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the second part-session of the Assembly (24-28 April 2023);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix 1);
- held a current affairs debate on “Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the Russian Federation’s large-scale war of aggression: the role of the Council of Europe”;
- held an exchange of views on “#RoadToReykjavik: towards the Council of Europe of the future”, with the participation of Mr Martin Eyjólfsson, Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland; Mr Leendert Verbeek, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and Ms Jacobine Geel, President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights;
- unanimously adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Resolution 2487 (2023)</b>	<b>European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection</b>
<b>Recommendation 2248 (2023)</b>	<b>European solidarity in the context of asylum and international protection</b>
<b>Resolution 2488 (2023)</b>	<b>The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue</b>
<b>Recommendation 2249 (2023)</b>	<b>The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue</b>
<b>Resolution 2489 (2023)</b>	<b>Promoting online education and research across national borders</b>
<b>Recommendation 2250 (2023)</b>	<b>Promoting online education and research across national borders</b>
<b>Resolution 2490 (2023)</b>	<b>Innovative approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights</b>

- decided to hold its next meetings in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 15 May 2023, and in Riga, Latvia, on 25-26 May 2023.

Valérie Clamer, Kateryna Gayevska

- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
- Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
- Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
- Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
- Secretary General of the Congress
- 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 to committees

**1. The situation in Iran**

[Doc. 15688](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Max Lucks and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

**2. Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums**

[Doc. 15691](#)

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

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

**3. Ensuring Azerbaijan's accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law and its statutory obligations**

[Doc. 15693](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Ruben Rubinyan and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on the "Honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan"* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor"*

**4. Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement**

[Doc. 15721](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Indrek Saar and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

**5. Transfer and resettlement of asylum seekers**

[Doc. 15571](#)

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

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures"*.