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## To the members of the Standing Committee

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Vilnius, Lithuania on 24 May 2024

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 24 May 2024 in Vilnius, Lithuania, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly, and Ms Agnieszka Pomaska, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard an opening speech by Ms Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen, Speaker of the Seimas;
- heard a welcome address on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe by Professor Vytautas Landsbergis, First Head of State of the re-established independent Lithuania;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Gabrielius Landsbergis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of a new member of the Assembly submitted by the French delegation;
- approved the changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the third part-session of the Assembly (24-28 June 2024);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix);
- held a current affairs debate on "Recent challenges to democracy in Georgia" and heard statements by Mr Shalva Papuashvili, the Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia, and Ms Veronika Bílková, Vice-President of the Venice Commission and member in respect of Czechia;
- held a current affairs debate on "The 75th Anniversary of the Council of Europe: how to ensure the participation of all Europeans in the future of our Organisation?";
- heard a statement by Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of the Belarusian democratic forces;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Recommendation 2275 (2024)</b>	<b>Ending the detention of "socially maladjusted" persons</b>
<b>Resolution 2548 (2024)</b>	<b>Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour</b>
<b>Recommendation 2276 (2024)</b>	<b>Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour</b>
<b>Resolution 2549 (2024)</b>	<b>Cultural heritage and climate change</b>
<b>Recommendation 2277 (2024)</b>	<b>Cultural heritage and climate change</b>
<b>Resolution 2550 (2024)</b>	<b>Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation</b>
<b>Recommendation 2278 (2024)</b>	<b>Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation</b>

- decided to hold its next meeting in Luxembourg on 29 November 2024.

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- cc. Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly  
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary 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

### References to committees

**1. Preserving European rural culture and heritage**

[Doc. 15974](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR) and other members of the Assembly**

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

**2. Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media**

[Doc. 15975](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

**3. The humanitarian situation of (mainly) children and women in Gaza, the West Bank and in Israel**

[Doc. 15977](#)

**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) and other members of the Assembly**

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*