



SECRETARIAT

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20 June 2023

## To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

### Synopsis

### of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 19 June 2023

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday 19 June 2023, in Strasbourg, with Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General;
- **Follow-up to the Standing Committees (Reykjavik on 15 May 2023, and Riga on 25 May 2023):** heard a presentation by the Secretary General of the Assembly and took note that:
  - immediate follow-up had been given to the Standing Committee in Reykjavik and to the 4th Summit of Heads of States and Governments by holding both a current affairs debate and adopting a Declaration on the Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit at the Standing Committee in Riga;
  - further follow-up would be given during the current part-session, in particular by holding exchange of views on the follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit at Committee level, at the Joint Committee, as well as at a meeting of the Chairpersons of Committees convened by the President;
  - the leaders of the five political groups proposed to follow-up on the Riga Standing Committee by holding a debate under urgent procedure on *War of aggression against Ukraine – participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes*;
- **Third part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 19-23 June):**
  - Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates on
    - *Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor*, tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;
    - *Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, and *War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics?*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold these debates as a joint debate, and to refer the matter respectively for report to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media.

- Request for a current affairs debate: took note of the request to hold a debate on *Recent political developments in Poland*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and that the debate be jointly opened by the co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Pieter Omtzigt and Ms Azadeh Rojhan;
- Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda;
- Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 22 June 2023): prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Petition**: considered the information note from the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the admissibility of the petition, and decided not to give a follow-up to this petition;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation**
  - Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 and 28 May 2023): approved the report by the observation mission ([Doc. 15793](#));
  - Montenegro: parliamentary elections (11 June 2023): took note of the statement by the observation mission;
  - Poland: parliamentary elections (October 2023, tbc): 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, and to conduct a pre-electoral observation mission;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 April – 18 June 2023)**: approved the Progress report ([Doc. 15791](#));
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the Sub-committee on the Europe Prize of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to meet in Bolesławiec, Poland, on 18-19 August 2023;
- **Date and place of next meeting**: decided to hold its meeting as follows:
  - Friday 23 June 2023, 8 am (part-session).

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## Appendix – References and transmissions to committees

1. A parliamentary sponsorship programme between the Parliamentary Assembly members and human rights defenders or the politically oppressed, [Doc. 15752](#), Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for consultation*
2. Ending the abuse of politically motivated prosecutions by the State prosecution service in Poland, [Doc. 15755](#), Motion for a resolution: transmission 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 Poland”*
3. The role of youth revitalising democracy, [Doc. 15756](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*
4. Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, [Doc. 15758](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
5. Impact of artificial intelligence on the labour market, [Doc. 15759](#), Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*
6. Complicity of the Republic of Belarus in the illegal transfer of Ukrainian children from the occupied territories of Ukraine, [Doc. 15769](#), Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*
7. On private military companies, mercenaries, foreign fighters and their impact on human rights, [Doc. 15771](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*