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To the Members of the Bureau of the Assembly

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 14 December 2023

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 14 December 2023, in Paris, 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 Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Follow-up to the Standing Committee (Vaduz, 27 November 2023):** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit:** took note of the information provided by the Director of Committees - Human Dignity and Sustainable Development, as regard the [website](#) dedicated to PACE follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit;
- **First part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 22-26 January):**
 - took note of the request to hold a debate under the urgent procedure on “The situation of the children of Ukraine” tabled by the leaders of political groups;
 - drew up the draft agenda;
- **Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights:** took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and decided to declassify it;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report;
- **Elections observation:** took note of the schedule of the elections in 2024 ;
- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2024 financial year:** took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2024:** approved the proposals contained in the document;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities:** took note of the work plan for 2024;

- **The situation of the children of Ukraine (Paris, 15 December 2023):** approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to take part in the event;
- **2024 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the calendar of the 2024 edition of the Prize;
- **2024 Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment:** took note of the calendar of the 2024 edition of the Prize;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised
 - the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to meet in Copenhagen, on 27-28 May 2024;
 - the ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68) of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in New-York, in March 2024;
 - the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence to meet in Tirana, in June 2024;
- **Dates and places of next meetings:** decided to hold its meetings as follows:
 - Monday 22 January 2024, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)
 - Friday 26 January 2024, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (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
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Appendix 1 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy, [Doc. 15846](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*
2. The need to investigate politically motivated persecution in Azerbaijan, [Doc. 15852](#), Motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan”* and 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”*
3. Elections in times of crisis, [Doc. 15866](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
4. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece, Terms of reference of the Committee: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*
5. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Spain, Terms of reference of the Committee: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*
6. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Sweden, Terms of reference of the Committee: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*

B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

1. Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine, [Doc. 15732](#), Motion for a resolution Reference 4735: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

C. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

1. Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, [Doc. 15014](#), Reference 4488 of 27 January 2020 – validity: 27 January 2024: extension until 30 June 2024.
2. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands, Reference 4569 of 19 March 2021 – validity: 19 March 2024: extension until 19 March 2025.
3. Respect for the rule of law and fight against corruption within the Council of Europe, [Doc. 15195](#), Reference 4556 of 25 January 2021 – validity: 31 December 2023: extension until 31 December 2024.

Appendix 2 – Ad Hoc Committee to participate in a PACE cooperation event on “The situation of the children of Ukraine” (Paris, 15 December 2023)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Olena KHOMENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA / Ukraine, CE/AD)

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