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Special committee on the New Democratic Pact

Revised terms of reference¹

Title: Special committee on the New Democratic Pact (AS/Pact) - (81 seats + 5).

Duration: The special committee shall be established for a period of two years (1+1).

Role: The special committee shall be the Parliamentary Assembly's coordinating body and interface for its contribution to the preparation, implementation and promotion of the New Democratic Pact for Europe, leveraging on the dual (national and European) mandate of its members. It shall, in particular:

- act as a platform for reflection and foresight;
- provide the Parliamentary Assembly's input to the Pact;
- advance inter-parliamentary dialogue on the Pact, its tools and objectives;
- promote the Pact in national parliaments and at national level in different fora;
- as appropriate, represent the Parliamentary Assembly at high-level events connected to the Pact.

Specific tasks:

- The special committee may hold meetings in Strasbourg, Paris, and in a Council of Europe member States, at the invitation of its relevant parliaments. On these occasions, it may hold hearings with a wide range of interlocutors.
- The special committee may support events organised by its members in their national parliaments.
- The special committee shall prepare a report on the New Democratic Pact to be debated by the Assembly and leading to the adoption of a resolution and/or recommendation. This report should be finalised by the end of the first year, or the second should the mandate be renewed.

Composition:

The special committee shall be composed of representatives and alternates from each national delegation, in conformity with Rule 44.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. In conformity with Rule 44.8, candidatures for membership of the committees shall be addressed to the President of the Assembly, who shall submit to the Assembly, the Standing Committee or, failing that, the Bureau. Chairpersons of political groups will be as *ex officio members*.

Bureau:

The special committee shall elect a Bureau consisting of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons from among its members, in accordance with Rule 46 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

The Chairperson of the special committee shall be a member of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly.

¹ Approved by the Bureau at its meeting on 26 January 2026, revised by the Bureau at its meeting on 2 March 2026.

Languages:

Meetings of the special committee will be held in English and French.

Financing:

The activities of the special committee may be financed through the ordinary budget and voluntary contributions.