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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 8 to 10 April 2025

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Strasbourg from 8 to 10 April 2025, with Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday 8 April 2025 at 8:30**, as regards:
 - **Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe** (*rapporteur: Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD*): took position on 15 amendments to the draft resolution, and decided to table 4 sub-amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Political parties and democracy** (*rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou, Norway, EPP/CD*): considered an outline report;
 - **Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport**: appointed Mr Chris Said (Malta, EPP/CD) to participate in the Alliance;
 - **Work programme**: requested extensions for the following references:
 - Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine (*rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*);
 - Implementation of the Good Friday agreement (*rapporteur: Ms Blerina Gjylameti, Albania, SOC*);
- **on Thursday 10 April 2025 at 8:30**, as regards:
 - **Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European political community** (*rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA*): took note that there were no amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America** (*rapporteur: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC*): took position on 6 amendments to the draft resolution and on 1 amendment to the draft recommendation, and decided to table 2 sub-amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine** (*rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy** (*rapporteur: Ms Elisabetta Gardini, Italy, ECPA*): held a hearing with the online participation of Ms Kimberly McArthur, Chief Operating Officer, Apolitical Foundation;
 - **Meeting in Chania, Greece, on 26-27 May 2025**: took note of the preliminary draft programme and the practical information;

- **Work programme:**
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed, by acclamation:
 - Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) as rapporteur on “Role of the Parliamentary Assembly and National Parliaments in implementing the outcome of the 2024 Summit for the Future”, subject to hearing from her a declaration of interest;
 - Mr Didier Marie (France, SOC) as rapporteur on “Safeguarding the rule of law in Tunisia” and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Appointment of a committee representative:** appointed Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC) to sit in the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Meeting of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), in Strasbourg, on 12 May 2025;
- **Sub-committees:** approved the changes as indicated in bold in the Appendix;
- **on Thursday 10 April 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Greenland: recent developments:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Aaja Chemnitz, Member of the Danish parliament, Chair of the Greenland Committee, and Mr Michael Aastrup Jensen, Member of the Danish Parliament, Chair of the Foreign Policy Committee, followed by an exchange of views;
 - **Meetings in 2025:** took note of the meetings in 2025 to be held as follows:
 - 26-27 May 2025, Chania, Crete, Greece
 - June part-session (23-27 June 2025), Strasbourg
 - 10 September 2025, Paris
 - October part-session (29 September-3 October 2025), Strasbourg
 - 11 December 2025, Paris

The **Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World**, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 7 April 2025 with Mr Piero Fassino, (Italy, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau:** re-elected, by acclamation, Mr Serhii Soboliev (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson;
- **The situation in the Middle East:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr David Khalfa, Co-director of the Observatory for North Africa and the Middle East at the Foundation Jean-Jaurès, and Ms Dareen Khalifa, Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group (online), followed by an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The **Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans**, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 7 April 2025 with Mr Piero Fassino, (Italy, SOC), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau:** re-elected, by acclamation, Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The **Sub-Committee on External Relations**, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 7 April 2025 with Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Catherine Hugel, Cesare Colombo, John Dorber

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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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
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APPENDIX

**Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World
of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**

**Sous-commission sur le Proche-Orient et le monde arabe
de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

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19.	Mr Serhii SOBOLIEV (EPP/CD)	Ukraine	
20.	Ms INGHAM Leigh (SOC)	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	
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