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## To the members of the Standing Committee

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Madrid on 10 March 2017

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 10 March 2017 in Madrid, with Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Assembly, and then Ms Marianne Mikko, Vice-President, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Pío García-Escudero, Speaker of the Senate of Spain;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Finland, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, the Slovak Republic and Spain;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the draft agenda of the second Part-Session of the Assembly (24 - 28 April 2017);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau which are contained in the Appendix I hereafter;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Christian Ahlund, Chairperson of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
- held an exchange of views with representatives of the Russian Parliament (Mr Pyotr Tolstoy, Mr Leonid Slutsky, Mr Leonid Kalashnikov, Mr Konstantin Kosachev and Mr Vladimir Lukin) on modalities of co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Russian Parliament in 2017;
- held a current affairs debate on "The escalation of the military conflict in the Donbass area";
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

**Resolution 2154 (2017)**    Securing the access of detainees to lawyers

**Resolution 2155 (2017)**    The political rights of persons with disabilities: a democratic issue

- decided to hold its next meeting in Prague on 30 May 2017.

Kateryna Gayevska

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

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. **The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Lundgren and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 13967](#)

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

2. **Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms De Sutter and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14241](#)

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

3. **Creation of the position of "Internet Ombudsman" in charge of assessing the legal or illegal nature of internet contents through screening procedures**  
**Motion for a recommendation tabled by Mr Reichardt and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14243](#)

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

4. **Recently arrived refugees and migrants at risk of radicalisation**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Gafarova and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14244](#)

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

5. **Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Johnsen and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14246](#)

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

6. **Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Gafarova and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14249](#)

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

7. **Election of the Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**  
[Doc. 14250](#)

Reference to the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights *for report*

8. **Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**  
[Doc. 14251](#)

Reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

9. **Alexander Adamescu and the abuse of the European Arrest Warrant (EAW)**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Balfe and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14253](#)

No further action

## **B. MODIFICATION OF REFERENCES**

- 1. Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice**  
**Motion for a recommendation tabled by Mr Voruz and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 13903](#)  
**Ref. 4169 of 25 January 2016**

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

- 2. Migration as an opportunity for European development**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Rigoni and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 13974](#)  
**Ref. 4196 of 22 April 2016**

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

- 3. A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons**  
[Doc. 14005](#)  
**Ref. 4203 of 22 April 2016**

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*

- 4. Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Strik and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 14168](#)  
**Ref. 4252 of 25 November 2016**

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*