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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1305th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (31 January 2018)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 22 January 2018 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 15 March 2018 (Paris).

I. First part-session of 2018 (22 – 26 January 2018)

A. Election of the President of the Assembly

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Mr Michele NICOLETTI (Italy, SOC) as its President for the 2018 Ordinary Session.

B. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

2. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected its Vice-Presidents (Appendix 1).

C. Election of the bureaux of the Committees of the Assembly

3. The Assembly Committees elected their Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons (Appendix 2).

C. Election of the Commissioner for Human Rights

4. On 24 January 2018, the Assembly elected Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina), as Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms MIJATOVIĆ was elected for a non-renewable term of six years starting on 1 April 2018.

D. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights

5. On 23 January 2018, the Assembly elected Ms María ELÓSEGUI ICHASO, as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Spain.

E. Personalities

6. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

HRH The Crown Princess of Denmark

Mr Anders SAMUELSEN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers

Mr Serzh SARGSYAN, President of Armenia

Mr Lars Løkke RASMUSSEN, Prime Minister of Denmark

Mr Alexander Van der BELLEN, President of Austria

Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

7. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

F. Debates under urgent procedure

8. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on *Israeli-Palestinian peace process: the role of the Council of Europe*

G. Current affairs debate

9. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on *Turkish military intervention in Syria* with Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL) as the first speaker.

H. Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra

10. On 22 January 2018, at the opening of the Parliamentary Assembly session, the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra were challenged on procedural grounds, in accordance with Rule 7.1 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, on the ground that the delegation comprised no female representative in violation of Rule 6.2.a of the Rules of Procedure.

11. The Assembly noted that the composition of the Andorran delegation does not fulfill the conditions laid down in Rule 6.2.a of the Rules of Procedure and that its credentials have been legitimately challenged. It noted that the delegation has stated that it undertakes to ensure full compliance with the condition laid down by the Rules of Procedure at the earliest opportunity.

12. Accordingly, the Assembly decided to ratify the credentials of the Andorran parliamentary delegation, but to suspend the voting rights of its members in the Assembly and its bodies in accordance with Rule 10.1.c of the Rules of Procedure, with effect from the beginning of the Assembly's April 2018 part-session, if the composition of the delegation has not been brought into conformity with Rule 6.2.a of the Rules of Procedure by then – and comprises, at a very minimum, one member of the under-represented sex as a representative –and until conformity is achieved.

I. Media coverage

13. With more than 800 articles in the international and key national print and electronic media, major audio-visual reports, a large social media echo and some 80 journalists accredited, the media coverage of the first part-session of 2018 set new records.

14. In Russian Federation, Ukraine and Spain, the coverage was exceptionally strong. Largely reflecting the session's agenda, the media impact was particularly important in Armenia, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria, Denmark, Azerbaijan and Turkey. International coverage was also fairly substantial.

15. The election of Michele Nicoletti as the new PACE president received massive coverage with some 75 articles, together with the visits of the HRH Crown Princess of Denmark, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan and Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen which all attracted very wide media coverage.

16. The first meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly generated sizeable coverage in the international and regional media, as did the election of the new Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the communication from the Secretary General, the election of the Spanish judge to the ECHR and the Assembly's resolutions on FIFA and sports governance.

17. The current affairs debate on the Turkish military intervention in Syria as well as the debates on the humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine and on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina also received good regional coverage.

18. There were 152 video edits requested by and sent to news agencies, 48 TV broadcasts transmitted to various TV stations, 10 Eurovision offers and 7 live transmissions during the winter Session, all of which also set new records in terms of audio-visual coverage.

19. Finally, the Assembly's social media accounts also saw record activity, with very high impressions for tweets on the election of a new Human Rights Commissioner, and on the visit of HRH the Crown Princess of Denmark. A record 411 000 Twitter "impressions" across the week were identified with the toptweet being the new Commissioner's election, re-tweeted 412 times so far, "liked" 635 times and 191,000 impressions.

20. The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, recorded and edited some 42 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in plenary debates and side-events.

J. Adopted texts

21. Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

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| Resolution 2196 (2018) | The protection and promotion of regional or minority languages in Europe |
| Recommendation 2118 (2018) | The protection and promotion of regional or minority languages in Europe |
| Resolution 2197 (2018) | The case for a basic citizenship income |
| Resolution 2198 (2018) | Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine |
| Recommendation 2119 (2018) | Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine |
| Resolution 2199 (2018) | Working towards a framework for modern sports governance |
| Recommendation 2120 (2018) | Working towards a framework for modern sports governance |
| Resolution 2200 (2018) | Good football governance |
| Resolution 2201 (2018) | The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Recommendation 2121 (2018) | The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer |
| Resolution 2202 (2018) | The Israeli-Palestinian peace process: the role of the Council of Europe |
| Resolution 2203 (2018) | The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2017) and the periodic review of the honouring of obligations by Estonia, Greece, Hungary and Ireland |
| Resolution 2204 (2018) | Protecting children affected by armed conflicts |
| Resolution 2205 (2018) | Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra |
| Resolution 2206 (2018) | Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and rights of their staff |
| Recommendation 2122 (2018) | Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and rights of their staff |
| Recommendation 2123 (2018) | Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty |

22. All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

K. Hearings and events organised during the part-session

| Tuesday 23 January 2018 | |
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| <p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> | <p>► Hearing on How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented? (<i>Rapporteur: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC</i>) and Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States (<i>Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD</i>)</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of above reports with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe • Ms Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of the INGOs of the Council of Europe • Mr Konstantin Baranov, member of the board of the International Youth Human Rights Movement, Russia |
| <p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> | <p>► Joint hearing of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance on “Sexist hate speech and violence against women” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jurgita Pečiūrienė, Programme Coordinator, Gender-based Violence, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE); • Ms Isabel Ventura, member of the European Women’s Lobby, Portuguese Women’s Studies Association/Women without borders (APEM/MSF) |
| <p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> | <p>► Round table on the implementation of alternatives to immigration detention of children</p> <p>in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Lina Charašauskaitė, Advisor, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Interior, Lithuania • Mr Geert Verbauwhede, Advisor, Immigration Office, Belgium (via video conference) • Ms Annie Ortelli, Director of the Baregg centre for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, Bern • Mr Philippe Feliser, Advisor, Section Return Bases and Return Assistance, State Secretariat for Migration, Switzerland <p>► Exchange of views on Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises</p> <p>In the context of the report prepared by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Isabelle Chevalley, Member of the National Council, Parliament of Switzerland, Bern. |

Wednesday 24 January 2018**2.45– 3.30 pm
Room 7, Palais**Committee on Social
Affairs, Health and
Sustainable Development**► Hearing on the provision of palliative care in Europe**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Rónán Mullen (Ireland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Mr Philip Larkin, Professor of Clinical Nursing (Palliative Care), University College Dublin and Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services;
- Ms Tiina Saarto, Professor of Palliative Medicine, Chief Physician, Palliative care center, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Helsinki University Hospital, Helsinki University;
- Mr Henri de Rohan-Chabot, Executive Director, Fondation France Répit

2.00– 2.45 pm**Room 8, Palais**Committee on Migration,
Refugees and Displaced
Persons**► Joint hearing (via video conference) on The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC) and on Human rights impacts of the external dimension of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights? and of the report prepared by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of:

- Ms Carol Batchelor, Director of the Division of International Protection, UNHCR, Geneva
- Mr Leonello Gabrici, Head of Division for Migration and Human Security, European External Action Service, European Commission, Brussels
- Mr Othman Belbeisi, Head of the IOM Mission in Libya

2.00 – 3.30 pm**Room 9, Palais**Committee on Political
Affairs and Democracy**► Hearing on Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States**

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of:

- Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) and,
- Mr Alan Renwick, Deputy Director of the Constitution Unit, Department of Political Science, University College London

Thursday 25 January 2018**9.00 – 10.00 am
Room 6, Palais**Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and
Media**► Exchange of views with the Advisory Council of Youth (CCJ)**

with the participation of:

- Mr Marko Grdosic, Chairperson of the Advisor Council of Youth (CCJ) and
- Ms Anna Widegren, Secretary General of the European Youth Forum

Thursday 25 January 2018

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| <p>9.15 – 10.00 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> | <p>► Exchange of views on “Ombudsman Institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Jan Helgesen, member of the Venice Commission in respect of Norway and Chair of the Venice Commission’s Scientific Council |
| <p>2–3 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> | <p>► Exchange of views on the Creation of the position of "Internet Ombudsman" in charge of assessing the legal or illegal nature of internet contents through screening procedures</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Dan Shefet, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris |
| <p>2–3 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> | <p>► Hearing on Nuclear safety and security in Europe</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Emine Nur Günay (Turkey, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Yves Desbazeille, Director General of FORATOM;• Mr Jean Barbaud, Director of FORATOM’s ENISS (European Nuclear Installations Safety Standards Initiative) programme |

II. Observation of elections

Montenegro : presidential election (15 April 2018)

➤ On 22 January 2018, the Bureau decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 12 members (EPP/CD: 3; SOC: 3, EC: 2, ALDE: 2, UEL: 1, FDG: 1) as well as of the co-rapporteurs on post-monitoring dialogue of the Monitoring Committee. On 26 January 2018, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (subject to receiving their declarations on conflict of interest) and appointed Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as its Chairperson (Appendix 3).

III. Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly

➤ The Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau met on Tuesday 23 January with Mr Michele Nicoletti at the Chair, elected Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson. It held an exchange of views on the terms of reference and working methods of the Ad hoc Committee, took note of a list of themes to be discussed prepared by the Chairperson, and invited participants to present their comments and possible proposals in writing before 15 February 2018. The next meeting will take place on Friday 16 March in Paris.

IV. Independent investigation body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly

➤ On 26 January 2018, the Bureau decided to hold an additional meeting on Sunday 22 April 2018 to have an exchange of views with the three members of the independent investigation body on its final report.

V. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (22 January and 26 January 2018)

- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 16 March):** on 26 January, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.

- **Second part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April):** on 26 January, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 4).

- **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly:** on 22 January, the Bureau decided to appoint the President of the Assembly as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee.

- **Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo² and the role of the Council of Europe:** on 22 January, the Bureau took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo for the ordinary session of 2018, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report:

Members:

- Mr Xhavit Haliti, Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK), Chairperson of the delegation (majority)
- Ms Aida Dërguti, Movement for Self-Determination (opposition)
- Mr Slobodan Petrović, Independent Liberal Party (Serb list) (minority)

Substitutes:

- Mr Gani Dreshaj, Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), substitute for Mr Haliti (majority)
- Mr Ismet Beqiri, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK), substitute for Ms Dërguti (opposition)
- Ms Mufera Sinik, Kosovo Turkish Democratic Party (KDTP), substitute for Mr Petrović (minority)

The list was subsequently ratified by the Assembly.

- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2018 financial year:** on 26 January, the Bureau approved the proposals by the Secretary General of the Assembly (Appendix 5).

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 26 January, the Bureau approved the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Spain to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT.

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018:** on 26 January, the Bureau approved the proposals for the institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2018 as set out in Appendix 6, while waiting for the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to review the appointments to the Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission.

VI. Forthcoming activities of Committees, Networks and parliamentary project support division

➤ **8 February 2018, in Rabat (Morocco):** The Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD), in cooperation with the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies of the PACE, will organise a regional meeting on *Prevention of migrants' radicalisation through integration: the role of parliaments and diaspora associations*.

² All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- **26 February 2018, in Kyiv:** The PPSD will organise a consultative meeting on the status of administration of parliaments in cooperation with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The seminar is aimed at Ukrainian parliamentarians and will be financed in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2017 (extension).
- **2 March 2018, in Copenhagen:** The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination will organise a Conference on Private and family life for LGBTI people, in cooperation with the Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers and the Danish Parliament.

VII. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports³

- ***The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco***

Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco, from **6 to 8 February 2018**.

- ***Rethinking the role of education for “digital citizens”***

Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Helsinki, from **12 to 14 February 2018**.

- ***Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage***

Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Malta from **27 to 28 February 2018**.

- ***Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together***

Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Norway on **7-8 March 2018**.

- ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine***

Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine in **March 2018**.

VIII. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

- On 25 January 2018, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the Constitutional amendments adopted on 15 December 2017 in Georgia.

³ subject to the availability of funds

IX. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **8 February 2018, Rabat (Morocco):** *Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on the occasion of the meeting of the Network on Diaspora policies*
- . **1 and 2 March 2018, Copenhagen:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **12 March 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **13 March 2018, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **14 March 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **14-15 March 2018, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **15 March 2018, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **16 March 2018, Paris:** *Standing Committee*
- . **16 March 2018, Paris:** *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly*

Appendix 1

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Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly Vice-Présidents de l'Assemblée parlementaire

In order of precedence / par ordre de préséance

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| Mr Roger GALE | United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni |
| Mr Joe O'REILLY | Ireland / Irlande |
| Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES | Cyprus / Chypre |
| Mr Włodzimierz BERNACKI | Poland / Pologne |
| Ms Marianne MIKKO | Estonia / Estonie |
| Mr Alfred HEER | Switzerland / Suisse |
| Mme Nicole TRISSE | France |
| Mr Samad SEYIDOV | Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan |
| Mr Andreas NICK | Germany / Allemagne |
| Mr Titus CORLĂTEAN | Romania / Roumanie |
| Mr Werner AMON | Austria / Autriche |
| Mme Ana Catarina MENDES | Portugal |
| Ms Marija OBRADOVIC | Serbia / Serbie |
| Ms Rósa Björk BRYNJOLFSDDOTTIR | Iceland / Islande |
| Mr Volodymyr ARIEV | Ukraine |
| Mr Akif Çağatay KILIÇ | Turkey / Turquie |
| Mr L'uboš BLAHA | Slovak Republic / République slovaque |
| Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON | Sweden / Suède |
| Vacant seat | Italy / Italie |

Appendix 2 –Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees – *Présidences et Vice-présidences de commissions*

| Committees / <i>Commissions</i> | Chairpersons / <i>Présidents</i> | Vice-Chairpersons / <i>Vice-présidents</i> |
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| <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i> 88 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN, Netherlands, EPP/CD</p> | <p>Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania, SOC Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom, CE Alfred HEER, Switzerland, ALDE</p> |
| <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i> 87 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Frank SCHWABE, Germany, SOC</p> | <p>Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine, ALDE Samvel FARMANYAN, Armenia, EPP/CD Vusal HUSEYNOV, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD</p> |
| <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i> 81 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria, SOC</p> | <p>Luís LEITE RAMOS, Portugal, EPP/CD Carina OHLSSON, Sweden, SOC Ertuğrul KÜRÇÜ, Turkey, UEL</p> |
| <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / <i>Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées</i> 81 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Doris FIALA, Switzerland, ALDE</p> | <p>Killion MUNYAMA, Poland, EPP/CD Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland, SOC Serap YAŞAR, Turkey, EC</p> |
| <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i> 81 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>María Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain, EPP/CD</p> | <p>Gülsün BİLGEHAN, Turkey, SOC Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus, SOC Andres HERKEL, Estonia, EPP/CD</p> |
| <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i> 81 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia, EPP/CD</p> | <p>Manuel TORNARE, Switzerland, SOC EPP/CD (TO BE ELECTED) Filiz KERESTECİOĞLU DEMİR, Turkey, UEL</p> |
| <p>Monitoring Committee / <i>Commission de suivi</i> 94 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Roger GALE, United Kingdom, EC</p> | <p>Marianne MIKKO, Estonia, SOC Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania, EPP/CD Giorgi KANDELAKI, Georgia, EPP/CD</p> |
| <p>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / <i>Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles</i> 39 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Petra De SUTTER, Belgium, SOC</p> | <p>Ingjerd SCHOU, Norway, EPP/CD Mart van de VEN, Netherlands, ADLE Serhii KIRAL, Ukraine, EC</p> |
| <p>Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / <i>Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme</i> 22 seats / <i>sièges</i></p> | <p>Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD</p> | <p>Donald ANDERSON, United Kingdom, SOC Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland, EC Volker ULLRICH, Germany, EPP/CD</p> |

Appendix 3 – Ad hoc committee for the observation of presidential election in Montenegro (15 April 2018)

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN MONTENEGRO**

15 April / avril 2018

**COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DE
L'ELECTION PRESIDENTIELLE AU MONTENEGRO**

List of members / Liste des membres

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Jonas GUNNARSSON (SOC, Sweden / Suède)

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Elena CENTEMERO, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Ms / Mme Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / suppléants

Ms / Mme Boriána ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine
Ms / Mme Sylvie GOY-CHAVENT, France
Ms / Mme Martine MERGEN, Luxembourg
Mr / M. Tritan SHEHU, Albania / Albanie
Mr / M. Egidijus VAREIKIS, Lithuania / Lituanie
Mr / M. Vetle Wang SOLEIM, Norway / Norvège

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe Socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Paolo CORSINI, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Didem ENGIN, Turkey / Turquie
Mr / M. Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden / Suède

Substitutes / suppléants

Mr / M. George FOULKES, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. José CEPEDA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Jan SKOBERNE, Slovenia / Slovénie
Mr / M. Jérôme LAMBERT, France
Ms / Mme Idália SERRÃO, Portugal
Mr / M. Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne

European Conservatives Group (EC) / Groupe des conservateurs européens (CE)

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. Suat ÖNAL, Turkey / Turquie

Substitutes / suppléants

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**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Ms / Mme Emilie Enger MEHL, Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Robert TROY, Ireland / Irlande

Substitutes / suppléants

Mr / M. Aleksandar STEVANOVIĆ, Serbia / Serbie
Mr / M. Anne MULDER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Mr / M. Jokin BILDARRATZ, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Thomas MÜLLER, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Claude KERN, France
Mr / M. Jordi XUCLA, Spain / Espagne
Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Marco NICOLINI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Substitutes / suppléants

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Free Democrats Group (FDG) / Groupe des démocrates libres (GDL)

Mr / M. Fazil MUSTAFA, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan

Substitutes / suppléants

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Co-rapporteurs AS/MON (*ex officio*)

Mr / M. Andrea RIGONI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Ionut-Marian STROE, Romania / Roumanie

29 January 2018

Second part of the 2018 Ordinary Session (23-27 April 2018)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 26 January 2018.

Abbreviations

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

QdH: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EC: European Conservatives Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

FDG: Free Democrats Group

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols

- Presentation, statement
- ⌚ Deadline for tabling documents
- 🗣️ Lists (speakers, questions)
- 🗳️ Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 23 April 2018

Sitting No. 10 (11:30-13:00)

1. **Opening of the part-session**
 - 1.1. Statement by the President
 - 1.2. Examination of credentials
 - 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
 - 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
 - 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
 - 1.6. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Paris, 16 March 2018)
2. **Debate**
 - 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - Presentation by:
 - o Ms Liliiane MAURY PASQUIER (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 23 April, 10:00)
 - [possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 11 (15:00-17:00)

3. **Question time (15:00-15:30)**
 - 3.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Questions
4. **Debate**
 - 4.1. Free debate
 - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 23 April, 12:00)

Tuesday 24 April 2018

Sitting No. 12 (10:00-13:00)

5. [Possibly] Elections (10:00-13:00)

5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

6. Debate

6.1. State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr Raphaël COMTE (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 23 April, 16:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 April, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

7. Address (12:00-13:00)

7.1. Mr Nikola DIMITROV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" [tbc]

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

🗳️ Questions

Sitting No. 13 (15:30-20:00)

8. [Possibly] Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

9. Debate

9.1. Climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr John PRESCOTT (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 April, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 April, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

10. Debate

10.1. Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr Killian MUNYAMA (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

□ Statement by:

- o Ms Cecilia JIMENEZ-DAMARY, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons [tbc]

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 April, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 April, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 25 April 2018

Sitting No. 14 (10:00-13:00)

11. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (10:00-13:00)

11.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

12. Joint debate

12.1. The protection of editorial integrity

Presentation by:

- o Mr John HOWELL (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

12.2. The status of journalists in Europe

Presentation by:

- o Ms Elvira DROBINSKI-WEISS (Germany), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)
- o Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 April, 19:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 April, 10:30)

Vote on ... ()

Vote on ... ()

13. Address (12:00-13:00)

13.1. Mr Jean ASSELBORN, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg [tbc]

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

Questions

Sitting No. 15 (15:30-20:00)

14. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (continued)

14.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

15. Address (15:30-16:30)

15.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

Presentation by:

- o Mr Anders SAMUELSEN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]

Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 April, 12:00)

Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 16 April, 11:30)

16. Debate

16.1. The situation in Libya: prospects and role of the Council of Europe

Presentation by:

- o Mr Attila KORODI (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 April, 12:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

17. Debate

17.1. Funding of the terrorist group **Daesh**

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Phil WILSON (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 April, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 April, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Thursday 26 April 2018

Sitting No. 16 (10:00-13:00)

18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate²

19. Address (12:00-13:00)

19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 17 (15:30-20:00)

20. Debate

20.1. Women in the economy: promoting gender equality and women's access to STEM education and careers (science, technology, engineering and maths)

Presentation by:

o Ms Elena CENTEMERO (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 April, 12:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 25 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

21. Debate

21.1. Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets

Presentation by:

o Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 April, 12:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 25 April, 16:00)

Vote on ... ()

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Friday 27 April 2018

Sitting No. 18 (10:00-13:00)

22. Debate

22.1. Drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - Mr ~~Serhii~~ KIRAL (Ukraine, EC), Rapporteur AS/~~Soc~~ (Doc.)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 April, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 26 April, 10:30)
- 🗳 Vote on ... ()

23. Debate

23.1. Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/~~Mig~~ (Doc.)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 April, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 26 April, 10:30)
- 🗳 Vote on ... ()

24. Progress report

24.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

25. Closure of the part-session

Appendix 5 – Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2018 financial year

1. At its meeting on 15 December 2017, the Bureau discussed the expenditure of the Assembly for 2018. In that context, it took note of the decision by the Turkish Government to discontinue its status as a major contributor to the budget of the Council of Europe as from the end of 2017. The effect of the cessation of Turkey's major contributor status is a decrease in its 2018 contributions of a total of € 19.6 million across all budgets concerned. It entails a reduction of € 14.8 million in the Ordinary Budget of the Council of Europe (6.3% of the Ordinary Budget initially foreseen for 2018).

2. Furthermore, the Bureau was informed that on 22 November 2017, the Committee of Ministers had adopted the Council's General Budget for 2018-2019 with a continued policy of zero nominal growth, and not a policy of zero real growth of 0.5% as anticipated, which entailed further cuts of € 2.8 million in the Ordinary Budget. The total cuts in the Council's Ordinary Budget therefore amount to almost € 18 million.

3. The budget of the Assembly is a part of the Ordinary Budget of the Council of Europe. The expenditure of the Assembly as foreseen for 2018 amounts to € 17 498 400 – of which almost € 11.4 million is to cover the cost of staff and related contributions to the Pension budget, while € 6.1 million is to cover operational expenditure. More than half of the operational expenditure of the Assembly covers the cost of interpretation/translation in the Assembly. In view of the decision taken by the Turkish Government and of the decision of the Committee of Ministers to maintain a zero nominal growth policy, the Assembly's budget for 2018 will inevitably also have to be accordingly reduced.

4. When in 2015 Turkey decided to become a major contributor to the budget of the Council of Europe, the Assembly's budget was increased by € 900 000 to cover the cost of introducing Turkish as a working language of the Assembly (€ 700 000) and to increase operational capacities of the Assembly (€ 200 000). It would therefore be logical to expect that the budget of the Assembly should now be decreased by the corresponding amount of € 900 000. However, this amount will be more substantial due to the decision of the Committee of Ministers to maintain the zero nominal growth policy.

5. Taking account of the fact that working languages in the Assembly correspond in principle to the languages of the major contributors, the Bureau of the Assembly asked the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to prepare a report modifying the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, notably with a view to removing Turkish from the list of working languages of the Assembly. Until the Rules of Procedure are changed on this point, possibly on 16 March 2018 on the occasion of the Standing Committee, the inevitable costs for the Assembly to provide Turkish interpretation will be € 100 000. Therefore, the minimum expected cuts in the operational budget of the Assembly (in addition to the removal of Turkish from the list of working languages) should be at least at the level of € 300 000 (€ 200 000 mentioned in para. 4 plus € 100 000 mentioned just above).

6. I will in due course present to the Bureau the proposed details of the 2018 budgetary reductions for the Assembly. However, I am seeking already now the approval by the Bureau to introduce with immediate effect certain measures affecting also the organisation of work by committees. These measures are outlined below. The aim is to apply these measures consistently with respect to all nine committees.

7. The Assembly may also expect certain cuts in its staff expenditure. I will discuss this question further with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and come back to the Bureau with relevant information in due course.

8. In view of the budgetary situation of the Council of Europe, the Bureau and subsequently the Assembly may be obliged to proceed with a general review of its priorities and working methods in order to respond to the growing financial pressure.

Interpretation during committee meetings

9. Before committee meetings held elsewhere than in Strasbourg during the part-sessions weeks, members and secretaries of national delegations are invited to complete a participation form in which they are also asked to confirm the need for interpretation into the Assembly's working languages (German, Italian, Russian, and until the Rules of Procedure are changed - Turkish). Henceforth, those languages will be cancelled if no request has been received 21 calendar days before the meeting (up until now 14 calendar days). In addition, secretaries of national delegations will be asked to confirm the need for working languages only when members are sure to attend and cannot express themselves in one of the official languages. An option of passive interpretation of working languages as an alternative will also be further explored.

Interpretation into one of the working languages during committee meetings will need to be confirmed 21 calendar days before the meeting.

Expected savings: €40 000 (5% of the expenses for 2017)

Translation of committee documents

10. In order to reduce translation costs, the aim is to reduce the length of all committee documents, including expert reports, documents submitted by rapporteurs and explanatory memoranda. Written interventions by experts will be available in their original language only, either in English or French. The same applies for other information documents which are not official committee documents with a reference.

11. Minutes of committee meetings will in principle be limited to five pages. For each item on the agenda there will be a list of those who spoke, a summary of the points discussed and/or a summing-up by the Chairperson.

The length of committee documents will be limited, in particular explanatory memoranda and information documents. Minutes of committee meetings will in principle be limited to five pages.

Expected savings: €40 000

Committee meetings

12. Whenever possible, committees are invited to reduce the number of meetings held outside part-session weeks. Furthermore, no derogation will be granted to hold any additional meetings outside Strasbourg or Paris (beyond one "annual ticket" meeting) in view of their high interpretation costs. An additional measure might be worth considering – with interpretation for annual committee meetings outside Strasbourg/Paris being limited to English/French and other languages being available only if provided by the hosting Parliament. In general, rules applicable to committee meetings outside Strasbourg/Paris might require reviewing with the aim of reducing their number and frequency.

Whenever possible, committees are invited to hold fewer meetings in 2018.

Expected savings: €45 000 (3 meetings in Paris less) + €250 000 (if only English/French interpretation for meetings outside Strasbourg/Paris)

Committee files

13. For committee meetings outside Strasbourg, participants will be asked to print and bring their own files which have been sent to them electronically and which are available on the Assembly's extranet. No files will be distributed on the spot.

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Expected savings: €15 000

Fact-finding visits by committee rapporteurs

14. As from 2018, fact-finding visits by committee rapporteurs funded from the Assembly budget will in principle be limited to one for each report, two in the case of the Monitoring Committee. The duration of such visits should be limited to maximum 2-3 days. Fact-finding visits which have already taken place in the framework of reports currently under preparation will be taken into account in this context. Exceptions may be granted by the Secretary General of the Assembly, after consultation with the relevant committee Chairperson.

Fact-finding visits by rapporteurs will in principle be limited to one per report, two in the case of the Monitoring Committee.

Expected savings: €15 000

Co-operation activities of the Assembly

15. Co-operation activities of the Assembly (seminars for parliamentarians and/or parliamentary staff) will – in principle – be limited to those for which supplementary financing may be assured (via EU joint programmes, voluntary contributions, including for specific projects such as parliamentary campaigns, etc.).

Co-operation activities of the Assembly are to be reduced.

Expected savings: €145 000

Conclusion

16. The Bureau is invited to approve the above measures proposed by the Secretary General of the Assembly, with immediate effect. Thereafter, the Bureau may have to review these measures at its meeting in April or June 2018.

Appendix 6 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly

| Body | who represents the Assembly | reference | 2018 |
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| I. Council of Europe bodies | | | |
| European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission | Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission | Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3) | Members: Ms Kyriakides, EPP/CD appointment by the President Substitute: |
| Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission | Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly | Bureau decision of 10 March 2003 | Members : Lord Balfe - EC (AS/Jur) Mr Cozmanziuc – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) – AS/Mon Substitutes : Ms Beselia - SOC (AS/Jur) Mr Xuclà - ALDE (AS/Pol)- AS/Mon |
| European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre | Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly | Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6) | Members : Ms Günay - EC (AS/Soc) Mr Leite Ramos – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Gonçalves - EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Mr Schennach - SOC (AS/Soc) |
| European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI | Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult) | Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8) | Members : Mr Sorre - NR (AS/Cult) Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Thiéry – ALDE (AS/Ega) Substitutes : Mr Davies - EC (AS/Ega) – AS/Pol – AS/Ega |
| Group of States against Corruption GRECO | A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau | CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO | Member : Mr Logvynskyi- EPP/CD (AS/Jur) Substitute: Ms Sotnyk – ALDE (AS/Jur) |
| Committee for Works of Art | Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur) | CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992 | Members: Lady Eccles – EC (AS/Cult) Ms Gambaro – FDG (AS/Cult) |
| MONEYVAL | A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau | Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12 | Member: Mr Corlăţean - SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr van de Ven – ALDE (AS/Jur) |
| Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property | A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau | STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1 | Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Cult) |
| II. Other | | | |
| EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage | One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer | Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra | Mr Gryffroy – NR (AS/Cult) |