



FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

20 November 2014

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 18 November 2014 in Brussels, with Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly, and then with Mr René Rouquet, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- heard a welcome address by Ms Christine Defraigne, Speaker of the Belgian Senate, and held an exchange of views with Mr Didier Reynders, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Belgium, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Belgium, France, Romania, Sweden and the United Kingdom;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (26-30 January 2015);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau which are contained in the Appendix I hereafter;
- took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the:
 - “Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (5 October 2014)”;
 - “Observation of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (12 October 2014)”;
 - “Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Ukraine (26 October 2014)”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2022 (2014)	Measures to prevent abusive use of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 112)
Recommendation 2057 (2014)	Measures to prevent abusive use of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 112)
Resolution 2023 (2014)	Measuring and fostering the well-being of European citizens
Resolution 2024 (2014)	Social exclusion – a danger for Europe’s democracies
Recommendation 2058 (2014)	Social exclusion – a danger for Europe’s democracies
Resolution 2025 (2014)	Resettlement of refugees: promoting greater solidarity
Recommendation 2059 (2014)	Resettlement of refugees: promoting greater solidarity
Resolution 2026 (2014)	Alternatives to Europe’s substandard IDP and refugee collective centres
Resolution 2027 (2014)	Focusing on the perpetrators to prevent violence against women

- decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 6 March 2015.

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

Decisions on documents tabled for references to committees

1. **Promoting Regional or Minority Languages in Central and Eastern Europe**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Fabritius and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13613](#)

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

2. **Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Fabritius and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13614](#)

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

3. **Obesity in Europe and expressing sugar in teaspoonfuls on packaging**
Motion for a recommendation tabled by Mr G. Davies and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13616](#)

Transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*.

4. **Radicalism in Europe**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Hovhannisyan and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13617](#)

Transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*.

5. **The protection of independent experts co-operating with the Council of Europe**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Omtzigt and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13619](#)

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States" (Ref. 3885)*

6. **Effective representation and participation in the Parliamentary Assembly of opposition parliamentarians in the member States**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Kox and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13620](#)

Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*.

7. **Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Palihovici and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 13621](#)

Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*.