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Progress report

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1. Introduction

At its meeting on 25 January 2013, the Bureau appointed me as rapporteur for this report. Since then, the Bureau has met on 7 March 2013 in Paris. The Standing Committee met on 8 March 2013 in Paris.

In line with my predecessors, this progress report covers the period outside of Assembly sessions, leaving aside the decisions which have already been ratified by the Assembly. Therefore, this report presents the Bureau's activities since the end of the 1st part-session of 2013 (21-25 January) until the 2nd part-session of 2013 (22-26 April).

The Bureau will hold its next meetings in Strasbourg on Monday 22 April 2013 at 8 a.m. and Friday 26 April 2013 at 8.30 a.m. (in Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session), then on 30 May 2013 in Yerevan. The next meeting of the Standing Committee will also be held in Yerevan on 31 May 2013.

2. Activities of the Bureau since the last part-session

2.1. Follow-up to the Assembly's Resolutions

2.1.1. Follow-up to the first part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the following proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:

- *Resolution 1912 (2013) on the situation in Kosovo^{*1} and the role of the Council of Europe*: the Bureau decided to invite the Secretary General of the Assembly to prepare a proposal, in consultation with the rapporteur, for the Bureau meeting of 7 March 2013, on how to intensify dialogue with representatives



of the political forces elected to the Assembly of Kosovo, in full respect of the policy of status neutrality. It also seized the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for a further report on the same topic, subject to ratification by the Assembly on the same day;

- Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of Ms Zaroulia (Greece, NR) and Mr Gaudy Nagy (Hungary, NR): the Bureau decided to invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider, in the context of Rule 7, the possibility of sanctioning the actions or words of a member where these seriously and persistently violate the principles and values defended by the Council of Europe;
- *Public registry of gifts and other benefits of a minimum value of €200*: the Bureau decided to task the secretariat to send letters to all national delegations, informing them of the new procedures.

2.2. Second part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 22-26 April)

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda and agreed that the Secretary General of the Assembly would issue it after confirmation of all guest speakers.

2.3. Election observation

2.3.1. Meeting of Chairpersons of Ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections (22 January 2013)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau took note of the conclusions of the meeting held on 22 January 2013 and agreed to return to the matter at its next meeting.

2.3.2. Parliamentary elections in Monaco (10 February 2013)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee. At its next meeting, it approved the final report of the ad hoc Committee.

2.3.3. Presidential election in Armenia (18 February 2013)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the changes to the final composition of the ad hoc committee. On 7 March 2013, it took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee.

2.3.4. Presidential election in Montenegro (7 April 2013)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Roman Jakič (Slovenia, ALDE) as Chairperson, subsequently replaced by Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG).

2.3.5. Early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (12 May 2013)

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau decided to observe these elections. It constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members (EPP/DC: 7, SOC: 6; ALDE: 3; EDG: 3; UEL: 1 and the Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee), appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as Chairperson, and authorised a pre-electoral mission a month before the elections.

2.4. Issues raised by committees

2.4.1. Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau, at the request of the Chairperson of the Committee, decided to invite Ms Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to address the Assembly in the context of the presentation of the report submitted by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on "Equal access to health care", during the June part-session.

1. *Any references to Kosovo in this text, whether to the territory, institutions or population, shall be understood in full compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

2.4.2. Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau authorised Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to attend the 57th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women, at the United Nations in New York (USA) from 4-6 March.

2.4.3. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau approved an information memorandum on the participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in 2012 in accordance with [Resolution 1583 \(2007\)](#). It invited the President of the Assembly to inform the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates and in particular to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations, preferably on an individual basis, in order to enquire about the reasons of a low participation. Furthermore, it decided to make publicly available on the Assembly's website the statistics related to the participation of national delegations.

2.5. References and transmissions to committees

2.5.1. References approved by the Bureau

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau approved the following references, which were subsequently ratified by the Standing Committee:

- [Doc. 13104](#), motion for a resolution, The implementation of [Resolution 1625 \(2008\)](#) on the Turkish islands of Gökçeada (Imbros) and Bozcaada (Tenedos), to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*;
- [Doc. 13105](#), motion for a recommendation, European Forum about the future, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;
- Bureau decision, Budgets of the Council of Europe for the financial years 2014-2015, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;
- Bureau decision, Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the financial years 2014-2015, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*.

2.5.2. Requests for modification of references

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau modified the following references, which were subsequently ratified by the Assembly:

- Reference 3915 of 5 October 2012, Corruption as a threat to the Rule of Law, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*;
- Reference 3922 of 21 January 2013, The World Beyond 2015 – Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*.

2.5.3. Requests for extension of references

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau approved the extension of the following references:

- Reference 3748 of 11 April 2011, Integration of migrants: is Europe failing? ([Doc. 12498](#)), Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons until 31 December 2013;
- Reference 3758 of 11 April 2011, Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern Border ([Doc. 12525](#)), Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons until 30 June 2013;
- Reference 3766 of 15 April 2011, The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries ([Doc. 12557](#)), Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons until 30 June 2013.

2.5.4. Consultation of committee (for information)

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau decided to transfer Document 13103, motion for a resolution on Measures to combat the rising popularity of right-wing extremism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in the Council of Europe's member States to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for consultation on the follow-up to be given*.

2.6. Communications

The Bureau took note of communications by the President of the Assembly and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

2.7. International parliamentary conference: Role of Parliamentary Organisations in building a Europe without dividing lines (St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 12 April 2013)

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau approved the programme of the conference, constituted an ad hoc Committee of the Bureau chaired by the President of the Assembly, and invited the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to nominate members to it.

2.8. Relations with Belarus

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat.

2.9. European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of Georgia, which it forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.

2.10. Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

On 25 January 2012, the Bureau nominated Ms Lolita Čigāne (Latvia, EPP/CD), Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) to the Monitoring Committee, on the basis of proposals submitted by the EPP/CD group, which were subsequently ratified by the Assembly.

On the same day, the Bureau nominated Ms Ingjerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD), Mr Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) Mr Spyridon Taliadouros (Greece, EPP/CD) and Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, on the basis of proposals submitted by the EPP/CD and ALDE Groups, which were subsequently ratified by the Assembly.

2.11. Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

During the reference period, the Bureau authorised the following meetings:

- a. Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, which was held in Warsaw on 18-19 March 2013;
- b. Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, which met in Rabat (Morocco) on 4-5 April 2013;
- c. Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), to meet in Tallinn on 23-24 May 2013;
- d. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Izmir (Turkey) on 27-28 May 2013.

2.12. Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

The following members were appointed during the reference period:

- a. Mr Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly winter meeting, in Vienna, 21-22 February 2013, at no cost to the Assembly;
- b. Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), NATO PA Joint Seminar Rose-Roth and Special Mediterranean and Middle East Group (GSM), Marrakech (Morocco), 3-5 April 2013;

- c. Mr André Schneider (France, EPP/CD), International colloquy on “Democracy: a spiritual value?”, in Paris, 20 April 2013;

2.13. Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2013

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau appointed the Assembly’s representatives to various bodies (see appendix 1).

2.14. Bureau meeting in Dubrovnik (Croatia) (2 September 2013)

On 25 January 2013, the Bureau agreed to accept the invitation from the Croatian Parliament to hold its September meeting in Dubrovnik (Croatia).

3. Activities of the Standing Committee (Paris, 8 March 2013)

The Standing Committee held exchanges of views with Mr Klaas de Vries, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, and with Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR).

Following debates, the Standing Committee adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly, which are available on the Assembly website:

- [Resolution 1923 \(2013\)](#) and [Recommendation 2012 \(2013\)](#) on Reinforcing the selection processes for experts of key Council of Europe human rights monitoring mechanisms;
- [Resolution 1924 \(2013\)](#) on Industrial Heritage in Europe

The Standing Committee ratified the references as listed in chapter 2.5 of this report.

It ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Belgium, Monaco, the Netherlands, Romania, the Russian Federation and Serbia, and approved the changes in the composition of Assembly committees.

The Standing Committee took note of the draft agenda of the Second Part-Session of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013) as well as of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on “Observation of the elections to the National Council of Monaco (10 February 2013)”.

4. Decisions of the Bureau requiring ratification by the Assembly

4.1. Implementation of paragraph 13.3 of [Resolution 1912 \(2013\)](#) on the situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe

On 7 March in Paris, the Bureau considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and, subject to ratification by the Assembly, decided:

- to grant the right to two representatives of the political forces elected to the Kosovo Assembly, one representing the majority and one the opposition (to be decided by the respective groups within the Kosovo Assembly themselves, including representatives of minorities), to participate in committee meetings (with the exception of the meetings of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs because of their specific features), regardless of the questions raised on the agenda. They would have no right to vote but could take the floor in committee meetings upon the authorisation of the Chairperson;
- to grant the right to two representatives of the political forces elected to the Kosovo Assembly, one representing the majority and one the opposition (to be decided by the respective groups within the Kosovo Assembly themselves, including representatives of minorities), to follow the plenary sessions of the Assembly with no right to speak;
- to reassess the modalities of implementation of [Resolution 1912 \(2013\)](#) one year later, at the April 2014 part-session.

4.2. Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize: how to enhance its attractiveness, prestige and media impact

On 7 March 2013, the Bureau considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and, subject to ratification by the Assembly, approved:

- the draft Regulations (see appendix 2) of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, the transitional provisions and the calendar for the 2013 Prize award;
- the draft Co-operation Agreement on the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize (see appendix 3).

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

Appendix 1

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2013

Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2013 nominations
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: Mr Çavuşoğlu, EDG appointment by the President Mr Chope – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Mahoux – SOC (AS/Jur)
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 : Ms Durrieu - SOC (AS/Pol) Mr Gross – SOC (AS/Jur) Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Mon) Substitutes : Ms Khidasheli - ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Xuclà – ALDE (AS/Mon) ... (AS/Jur)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 5.1(b) of the North-South Centre Statute (Res CM (1993) 51)	Members : Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
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 : Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin – EPP/CD (AS/Pol) Mr Cilevičs – SOC (AS/Ega) Mr Schneider – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Ms Memecan - ALDE (AS/Pol) Mr Davies - EDG (AS/Ega) Mr Jensen - SOC (AS/Cult)
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 Neill – EDG (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Jur)
CE 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: - Baroness Eccles – EDG (AS/Cult) - Ms Marjanović - SOC (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12	Member: Lord Tomlinson – SOC (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Hübner – NI (AS/Jur)
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 Nicolaidis - SOC (AS/Cult) Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage

Appendix 2

Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize: draft Regulations of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, transitional provisions and calendar for the 2013 Prize award

Regulations for the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize	Draft Regulations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize
<p>Article 1: The Prize</p> <p>The Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize shall be awarded on the occasion of the Parliamentary Assembly's biennial debate on "The State of Human Rights in Europe", in order to reward outstanding civil society action in the defence of human rights in Europe.</p>	<p>Article 1: The Prize</p> <p>The Václav Havel Human Rights Prize shall be awarded by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in partnership with the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation every year in order to reward outstanding civil society action in the defence of human rights. The Prize shall be awarded in memory of Václav Havel, playwright, fighter against totalitarianism, leader of the 1989 Velvet Revolution, Czechoslovak and Czech President, and an enduring symbol of opposition to despotism.</p>
<p>Article 2: Nature</p> <p>The Prize shall consist of a sum of ten thousand euros, which may be subject to periodic adjustment by the Bureau, a plaque and a diploma commending the Prizewinner's outstanding contribution to the cause of human rights.</p>	<p>Article 2: Nature</p> <p>The Prize shall consist of a sum of thirty thousand euros, which may be subject to periodic adjustment, a trophy and a diploma commending the Prizewinner's outstanding contribution to the cause of human rights.</p>
<p>Article 3: Eligibility</p> <p>Individual members of civil society or non-governmental organisations or institutions who are active in the defence of human rights in Europe may be eligible for consideration.</p>	<p>Article 3: Eligibility</p> <p>Individuals or non-governmental institutions who or which are active in the defence of human rights may be eligible for consideration.</p>
<p>Article 4: Nominations</p> <p>Nominations for the Prize must reach the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly by 30 September each year. They shall be signed by at least five sponsors, other than the nominee, on the special form appended to these Regulations.</p> <p>Nominations shall provide details of the nominee's action(s) in the defence of human rights and specify the reasons why the nominee's action(s) can be considered to be outstanding. All relevant supporting documents shall be provided.</p> <p>Nominations may be submitted in one of the two official languages of the Parliamentary Assembly: English or French.</p>	<p>Article 4: Nominations</p> <p>Nominations for the Prize must reach the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly before 30 June each year. They shall be signed by at least five sponsors, other than the nominee, on the special form appended to these Regulations.</p> <p>Nominations shall provide details of the nominee's action(s) in the defence of human rights and specify the reasons why the nominee's action(s) can be considered to be outstanding. All relevant supporting documents shall be provided.</p> <p>Nominations may be submitted in one of the two official languages of the Council of Europe: English or French.</p>

Regulations for the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize	Draft Regulations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize
<p>Article 5: Selection Panel</p> <p>A selection panel comprising the President of the Assembly, the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and four independent persons with recognised moral standing in the field of human rights shall examine the nominations and make a recommendation to the Bureau as to the Prizewinner for the year in question.</p> <p>The four independent experts referred to in the preceding paragraph shall not be current members of the Assembly. They shall be appointed by the Bureau for a five-year period, renewable once. In order to ensure a reasonable rotation and continuity, the term of two of the experts shall be limited to three years on the occasion of the first appointment made by the Bureau. The names of the experts concerned shall be drawn by lot by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly.</p> <p>The selection panel shall be chaired by the President of the Assembly.</p> <p>In the event that the selection panel considers that none of the nominations put forward is sufficiently outstanding, it shall inform the Bureau accordingly.</p>	<p>Article 5: Selection Panel</p> <p>A Selection Panel comprising the President of the Assembly or a person designated by him/her, and six independent persons with recognised moral standing in the field of human rights shall examine the nominations, submit a shortlist of three nominees to the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly for information and, subsequently, designate the Prizewinner for the year in question (see also Articles 6 and 7 below).</p> <p>The six independent experts referred to in the preceding paragraph shall not be current members of the Assembly. Three members shall be appointed by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly and three members by the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation. The six independent experts shall be appointed for a two-year period, renewable twice.</p> <p>The Selection Panel shall be chaired by the President of the Assembly or the person designated by him/her.</p> <p>In the event that the Selection Panel considers that none of the nominations put forward is sufficiently outstanding, it shall inform the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation accordingly.</p>
<p>Article 6: Decision on the Prizewinner</p> <p>The decision on the Prizewinner shall be taken by the Bureau by an absolute majority of the votes cast.</p> <p>The Bureau's decision on the Prizewinner shall be subject to the endorsement of the Parliamentary Assembly by means of the Bureau's progress report</p>	<p>Article 6: Decision on the Prizewinner</p> <p>The Selection Panel shall, in a first sitting, draw up a shortlist of three nominees. The names of these nominees shall subsequently be made public by the President of the Assembly.</p> <p>In a second sitting, the Panel shall designate the Prizewinner out of the shortlist. This decision shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast, the day before the opening of the Fourth part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly.</p> <p>The name of the Prizewinner shall be announced by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly in plenary, during the opening of the Fourth part-session of the Assembly.</p> <p>The calendar of events shall be as follows:</p> <p>30 June: deadline for submission of nominees for the Prize;</p> <p>August: first meeting of the Selection Panel (Prague); selection of a shortlist of three nominees;</p> <p>First week of September: transmission to the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of a shortlist of three nominees, for information;</p> <p>Sunday before the Fourth part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly: second meeting of the Selection Panel (Strasbourg), selection of the Prizewinner from the shortlist.</p>
<p>Article 7: Award Ceremony</p> <p>The Prize shall be awarded at a ceremony which shall take place in principle during the part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly following the Assembly's endorsement of the Prizewinner.</p> <p>The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly shall approve the modalities of the ceremony.</p>	<p>Article 7: Award Ceremony</p> <p>The Prize shall be awarded at a ceremony which shall take place in Strasbourg on the Monday of the Fourth part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly.</p> <p>The former Czech First Lady, Ms Dagmar Havlova, shall be invited to honour the ceremony with her presence.</p> <p>The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly shall approve the arrangements for the ceremony.</p>
	<p>Article 8: Conference in honour of Prizewinner</p> <p>The Václav Havel Library shall organise, at a later date, an international conference in Prague in honour of the Prizewinner.</p>

Appendix 3

Draft co-operation Agreement between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation on the establishment of the “Václav Havel Human Rights Prize”

Strasbourg, ... 2013

I. Preamble

1. The Parties to this Agreement share the same values relating to the respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms. They are convinced of the need to recognise and pay tribute to outstanding civil society action in the defence of human rights.
2. The aim of this Agreement is to institutionalise co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation in order to establish an annual “Václav Havel Human Rights Prize” in accordance with the *Regulations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize* set out in the appendix to this Agreement.

II. Undertakings by the Parties

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, as a statutory body of the Council of Europe which possesses moral authority in the human rights field, undertakes to provide an institutional framework for the Human Rights Prize comprising of the management and organisation of the award procedure, under the responsibility of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly.
2. The Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation, as the institutions which seek to safeguard the legacy of Václav Havel, fighter against totalitarianism, leader of the 1989 Velvet Revolution, Czechoslovak and Czech President and a symbol of the struggle for freedom and democracy, undertake to honour the Prizewinner’s outstanding human rights activities by the organisation of a prestigious event / conference.
3. The Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation, guardians of the legacy of Václav Havel, which were entrusted by Mrs Dagmar Havlová with the organisation of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, agree to provide the name of Václav Havel to the Prize.

III. Financial and related arrangements

1. The following financial and related arrangements have been agreed by the Parties:
 - The Parliamentary Assembly shall contribute, on an annual basis, 15.000 € (fifteen thousand euros) to the Prize, shall cover the costs of the Selection Panel’s meeting in Strasbourg, as well as costs related to the award ceremony.
 - The Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation shall contribute, on an annual basis, 15.000 € (fifteen thousand euros) to the Prize, shall cover the costs of the Selection Panel’s meeting in Prague, as well as costs related to the international event/conference in Prague, in honour of the Prizewinner.

IV. Final provisions

1. The Parties shall seek to settle amicably all differences and disputes arising from, or in connection with, the implementation of this Agreement. Each Party may terminate this Agreement by providing one year’s written notice, upon the completion of an award cycle, to the other Party.

Signed in Strasbourg, this ...th day of ... 2013, in three copies, in English.

For the Václav Havel Library, Director Ms Marta Smolíková

For the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, President Jean-Claude Mignon

For the Charta 77 Foundation, Chairman of the Board Mr František Janouch