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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (22 April 2013)

Progress report

Bureau of the Assembly

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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 22 April 2013 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. Election observations

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

The Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 1).

1.1.2. Parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013)

The Bureau decided to observe these elections, constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 32 members: in accordance with the D'Hondt system, EPP/CD: 11, SOC: 10, ALDE: 4, EDG: 4, UEL: 1, and the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee.

1.2. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the references and transmissions to committees (Appendix 2).

1.3. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The Bureau approved the change in "Article 2: Nature" of the draft Regulations, reading as follows:

*"The Prize shall consist of a sum of **sixty 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."*



1.4. Composition of the Monitoring Committee

The Bureau nominated Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) and Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) on the basis of proposals submitted by the group EPP/CD.

The Assembly is invited to ratify the above proposals made by the Bureau.

2. Other decisions of the Bureau

2.1. Second part-session of 2013 (22-26 April)

2.1.1. Draft agenda

The Bureau updated the draft agenda.

2.2. Election observation

2.2.1. Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees for the observation of elections (22 January 2013)

The Bureau took note of the conclusions of the meeting.

2.2.2. Presidential election in Armenia (18 February 2013)

The Bureau approved the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee in the excused absence of the rapporteur.

2.2.3. Presidential election in Montenegro (7 April 2013)

The Bureau took note of the press release issued by the Ad Hoc committee.

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

The Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral observation mission.

2.2.5. Parliamentary elections in Albania (23 June 2013)

The Bureau authorised a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections composed of seven members: one from each political group and the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee.

2.3. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following extension of a reference:

- [Doc.12595](#), Motion for a resolution on “The protection of minors against sectarian influence”, Reference 3776 of 20.06.2011 extended until 20.12.2013.

2.4. Communications

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

2.5. Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2013

The Bureau approved the appointment of the following representatives:

- Council on Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission: Mr Michael McNamara (Ireland, SOC) (AS/Jur) as substitute;
- European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ): Mr Volodymyr Pylypenko (Ukraine, SOC) (AS/Jur) as member.

2.6. Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

The Bureau appointed the following representative:

- Mr Fernand Boden (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), to attend the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Spring Session on 17-19 May in Luxembourg (at no cost for the Assembly).

2.7. Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

The Bureau approved the following meetings:

- 21-22 May 2013 in London: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media,
- 25 October 2013 in Lisbon: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media.

2.8. Meeting of the Bureau in Dubrovnik (2 September 2013)

The Bureau took note of the practical information.

Appendix 1 – List of members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria on 12 May 2013

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Group of the European people's party (EPP/CD)

- Viorel BADEA, Romania
- Şaban DIŞLI, Turkey
- Renato FARINA, Italy
- Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
- Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN*, Sweden

Socialist Group (SOC)

- Lennart AXELSSON, Sweden
- Paolo CORSINI, Italy
- René ROUQUET, France
- Kostas TRIANTAFYLLOS, Greece
- Dana VÁHALOVÁ, Czech Republic

Substitutes

- Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
- James HOOD, United Kingdom

European Democrat Group (EDG)

- Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU*, Turkey
- Giacomo STUCCHI, Italy
- Øyvind VAKSDAL, Norway

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

- Alfred HEER, Switzerland
- Tinatin KHIDASHELI*, Georgia
- Andrea RIGONI, Italy

Substitutes

- André BUGNON, Switzerland
- Ionuţ STROE, Romania

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

- Nikolaj VILLUMSEN*, Denmark

Rapporteurs AS/MON (ex-officio)

- Luca VOLONTE*, Italy

Venice Commission

- Manuel GONZÁLEZ OROPEZA, Member of the Venice Commission

Secretariat

- Chemavon CHAHBAZIAN, Deputy-Head, interparliamentary co-operation and election observation unit
- Amaya ÚBEDA DE TORRES, Administrator, Venice Commission
- Daniele GASTL, Assistant
- Anne GODFREY, Assistant

* Pre electoral mission (4-5 April 2013)

Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

- [Doc. 13115](#), Motion for a resolution, Call for a proper and mandatory exchange of information on condemned medical professionals, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*
- [Doc. 13119](#), Motion for a resolution, Youth unemployment as a threat to democracy and human rights in Europe, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Decent work for all: combating social dumping” (Ref. 3818 of 25/11/2011)*
- [Doc. 13120](#), Motion for a resolution, Restricting the consumption and sales of energy drinks to children, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Food security” (Ref. 3738 of 24/01/2011)*
- [Doc. 13121](#), Motion for a resolution, Increasing transparency of media ownership, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
- [Doc. 13122](#), Motion for a resolution, Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
- [Doc. 13123](#), Motion for a recommendation, Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
- [Doc. 13124](#), Motion for a resolution, Protection of media freedom in Europe, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*
- [Doc. 13125](#), Motion for a resolution, The post-electoral shifting in members’ political affiliation and its repercussion on the composition of a national delegation, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*
- [Doc. 13126](#), Motion for a resolution, Delivering integrated vaccines and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes in the developing world, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*
- [Doc. 13127](#), Motion for a resolution, Involuntary tranquilliser addiction, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*
- [Doc. 13128](#), Motion for a resolution, Monitoring political prisoners in all Council of Europe member States, *no further action*
- [Doc. 13129](#), Motion for a resolution, Functioning of democratic institutions in “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the “Post-monitoring dialogue with ‘the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’”*
- [Doc. 13130](#), Motion for a resolution, Exploitation of the workforce of poor countries, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*
- [Doc. 13131](#), Motion for a recommendation, A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe, to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*