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30 September 2013

Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (30 September 2013)

Progress report

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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 30 September 2013 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. Election observations

1.1.1. Presidential election in Azerbaijan (9 October 2013)

The Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 1).

1.1.2. Presidential election in Georgia (27 October 2013)

The Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2).

1.2. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the references and transmissions to committees (Appendix 3).

1.3. Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus

The Bureau approved the replacement of one of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" to the Assembly in 2013 in accordance with [Resolution 1376 \(2004\)](#).

1.4. Composition of the Monitoring Committee

The Bureau appointed Mr Agustín Conde (Spain, EPP/CD), on the basis of a proposal submitted by the EPP/DC group, subject to ratification by the Assembly.

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

2. Other decisions of the Bureau

2.1. Fourth part-session of 2013 (30 September – 4 October)

2.1.1. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Romania

The Bureau took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of Judges following interviews with candidates for the post of judge to the Court in respect of Romania and transmitted it to all members of the Assembly ([Doc. 13307 Addendum II](#)).



2.1.2. Draft agenda

The Bureau updated the draft agenda.

2.2. Elections observation

2.2.1. Presidential election in Azerbaijan (9 October 2013)

The Bureau took note of the press release issued by the pre-electoral mission (10-13 September 2013).

2.2.2. Presidential election in Georgia (27 October 2013)

The Bureau took note of the press release issued by the pre-electoral mission (23-26 September 2013).

The Bureau also took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning the visit of the pre-electoral mission to Georgia (23-26 September 2013), in particular the participation of Mr Likhachev (Russian Federation, UEL), and decided to ask the Committee of Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for an opinion on this matter in order to take a decision at its meeting on 21 November 2013 in Vienna.

2.3. Communications

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

2.4. Issues raised by the Committees

The Bureau authorised Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur on the "Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council", to carry out a fact-finding visit to the region in autumn 2013.

2.5. Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

The Bureau appointed the following representatives:

- Ms Liliane Maury-Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), to participate in the International Conference on "Counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes: how to protect public health and combat these crimes at a global level?" on 16-17 October 2013 in Strasbourg;
- Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC), to participate in a high-level Conference on "Combating racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance in Europe" on 21-22 October 2013 in Yerevan.

2.6. Meeting of the Bureau in Vienna (21 November 2013)

The Bureau took note of practical information.

Appendix 1 – Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential election in Azerbaijan

9 October / octobre 2013

List of members / Liste des membres

Robert Walter* (EDG/GDE) United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni *, Head of the Delegation / chef de la délégation

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Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania / Roumanie

Charlo Bonnici, Malta / Malte

Lolita ČIGĀNE, Latvia / Lettonie

Agustín Conde, Spain / Espagne

Şaban Dişli, Turkey / Turquie

Axel E. Fischer, Germany / Allemagne

Alexandar Nikoloski, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" / "l'ex-République Yougoslave de Macédoine"

Joe O'Reilly, Ireland / Irlande

Marietta De Pourbaix-Lundin*, Sweden / Suède

Yves Pozzo Di Borgo, France

Socialist Group (SOC) / Groupe Socialiste (SOC)

Lennart Axelsson, Sweden / Suède

Philippe Bies, France

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Andreas Gross, Switzerland / Suisse

Jim Hood, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

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Stefan Schennach, Austria / Autriche

Jouko Skinnari, Finland / Finlande

Yanaki Stoilov, Bulgaria / Bulgarie

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Nadezda Gerasimova, Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

Olga Kazakova, Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie

Yuliya L'ovochkina, Ukraine

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Appendix 2 – Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential election in Georgia

27 October / octobre 2013

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Lesia Orobets, Ukraine

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Anne Godfrey, Assistant, Interparliamentary Co-operation and Election Observation Unit

Gaël Martin-Micallef, Administrator, Secretariat of the Venice Commission

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Appendix 3 – References to committees

Doc. 13269, motion for a resolution, Combat “Down-syndromecide”, *for consultation* of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *on the follow-up to be given*

Doc. 13270, motion for a resolution, Expected humanitarian catastrophe caused by the dangerous condition of the Sarsang water reservoir in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, *transmission* to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. 13271, motion for a recommendation, Enhanced co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the World Health Organisation, *transmission* to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. 13272, Political participation for migrant Diaspora, *reference* to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*

Doc. 13273, motion for a resolution, How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe?, *reference* to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. 13274, motion for a resolution, Use of physical force against journalists: a challenge to democracy, *reference* to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Protection of media freedom in Europe” (Ref. 3943 of 22 April 2013)*

Doc. 13275, motion for a resolution, Persecution of Christians and the diminishing of Christian communities in the Muslim world, particularly in Syria, *for consultation* of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *on the follow-up to be given*

Doc. 13276, motion for a resolution, Gender equality in science, research and technology, *transmission* to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*

Doc. 13277, motion for a recommendation, Culture preservation in crisis and post-crisis situations, *reference* to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13278, motion for a recommendation, Additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights on the protection of whistle-blowers who disclose governmental action violating international law and fundamental rights, *reference* to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. 13279, motion for a resolution, Gold mining projects – a danger to human rights, the rule of law and ecological integrity, *transmission* to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

Doc. 13280, motion for a recommendation, Coordinated strategies for effective Internet governance, *reference* to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13281, motion for a resolution, Morocco: meeting new migration and asylum challenges, *transmission* to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

Doc. 13283, motion for a resolution, Student mobility, *reference* to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

Doc. 13288, motion for a resolution, Massive eavesdropping in Europe, *reference* to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*