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1. Introduction

At its meeting on 4 October 2013, the Bureau appointed me as rapporteur for this report. Since then, the Bureau has met twice, on 21 November 2013 in Vienna and on 16 December 2013 in Paris. The Standing Committee met on 22 November 2013 in Vienna.

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 4th part-session of 2013 (30 September – 4 October) until the 1st part-session of 2014 (27-31 January).

The Bureau will hold its next meetings in Strasbourg on Monday 27 January 2014 at 8 a.m. and Friday 31 January 2014 at 8.30 a.m. then on 6 March 2014 in Paris. The next meeting of the Standing Committee will also be held in Paris on 7 March 2014.

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 fourth part-session of 2013 (Strasbourg, 30 September - 4 October 2013)

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau approved the following proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:

Recommendation 2027 (2013) on *European Union and Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication!*:

– to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee of Political Affairs and Democracy to take this issue into account in the preparation of their respective reports on "European institutions and human rights in Europe" (Rapporteur: Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC) and on "The Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union – evaluation 5 years after" (Rapporteur: Ms Kerstin Lundgren, Sweden, ALDE);

– to ask the President of the Assembly to transmit the Recommendation to the President of the European Parliament, with a request to transmit it to all MEPs, and to the President of the European Commission;

– to ask the President of the Assembly to write to the heads of the Council of Europe parliamentary delegations of the 28 member States of the European Union with a request to transmit the Recommendation to the MEPs of their respective countries and to the chairpersons of the European Affairs Committees of their national parliaments;

– to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to raise this issue with their counterparts in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE Committee) of the European Parliament;

– to raise the issue at the next joint meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament.

Resolution 1954 (2013) on *National Security and access to information*:

– to ask the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to take this issue into account in the preparation of its report on "Massive eavesdropping in Europe" (reference of 30 September 2013, Doc. 13288).

2.2. First part-session of 2014 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2014)

2.2.1. Follow-up to the Standing Committee meeting (Vienna, 21 November 2013)

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda. At its following meeting, on 16 December 2013, it drew up the draft agenda of the part-session in question.

2.2.2. Request for debate under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debate

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on "The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine" on Thursday 30 January 2014 and to refer this item to the Monitoring Committee for report.

2.2.3. Joint Committee meeting (Strasbourg, 30 January 2014)

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda of the Joint Committee to be held on 30 January 2013 in Strasbourg.

2.3. Election observation

2.3.1. Schedule of elections 2014

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

2.3.2. Presidential election in Azerbaijan (9 October 2013)

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau approved the report issued by the ad hoc committee.

2.3.3. Presidential election in Georgia (27 October 2013)

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau approved the final report of the ad hoc committee. In the same context, it took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on "The case of Mr Vassiliy Likhachev (Russian Federation, UEL), prevented from participating in the pre-electoral mission for the observation of the presidential election in Georgia (23-26 September 2013)" and decided that the Assembly and its committees should not hold any meetings in Georgia for a period of two years, and that this measure may be lifted earlier by the Bureau if the Georgian authorities guarantee freedom of movement of Assembly members in Georgia when on Assembly business.

2.3.4. Repeat parliamentary elections in five single member constituencies in Ukraine (15 December 2013)

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau decided to observe the above-mentioned elections and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 5 members, one of each political group, and authorised the President to appoint the Chairperson of this ad hoc committee. The President appointed Mr René Rouquet (SOC, France) Chair of the ad hoc committee. With one political group having failed to appoint a member to the ad hoc Committee in due time and two appointed members having had to cancel their participation shortly before the mission, the President decided to ensure only a presence on the occasion of these elections, in keeping with the Guidelines for the observation of elections.

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the press statement issued by this mission of presence.

2.3.5. Presidential election in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (March 2014):

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau decided to observe the election (subject to the receipt of an invitation and confirmation of the date) and to constitute an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 21 members: SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 6; ALDE: 3; EDG: 3; UEL: 1, and the Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee; and authorised a pre-electoral mission.

2.4. Issues raised by committees

2.4.1. Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau authorised Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), General Rapporteur on violence against women, to take part in the 11th Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas to be held in Brasilia (Brazil) on 14 October 2013.

On 16 December 2013, The Bureau authorised Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur on the "The situation of women in emerging democracies following the Arab revolutions", to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Egypt, Libya and Tunisia in 2014, in the framework of the preparation of her report.

2.4.2. Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau authorised Mr Robert Shlegel (Russian Federation, EDG) rapporteur on "Coordinated strategies for effective Internet governance", to participate in the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2013 to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 22 to 25 October 2013.

2.4.3. Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau authorised Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities?", to carry out a fact-finding visit to China in February/ March 2014 in the framework of preparing the report.

2.4.4. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau:

– postponed the decision on the authorisation of the ad hoc Sub-Committee on the situation in Ukraine to visit the country;

– authorised Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), Rapporteur on the "Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic", to carry-out a fact-finding visit to the country between January and March 2014, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

– authorised Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the "Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of Morocco", to conduct a fact-finding visit to the country between January and March 2014, in the framework of the preparation of his report.

2.5. References and transmissions to committees

2.5.1. References approved by the Bureau

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau approved the following reference, which was ratified by the Assembly on the same day:

– Doc. 13275, Motion for a resolution, Persecution of Christians and the diminishing of Christian communities in the Muslim world, particularly in Syria, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report.*

At its meeting on 21 November 2013, the Bureau approved the following references, which were subsequently ratified by the Standing Committee:

– Doc. 13316, motion for a recommendation, Involuntary placement and treatment of people with psychosocial disability: need for a new paradigm, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report;*

– Doc. 13317, motion for a resolution, Road safety in Europe as a public health priority, reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report;*

– Doc. 13318, motion for a resolution, Access to justice through online instruments, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report;*

– Doc. 13319, motion for a resolution, Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the internet, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report;*

– Doc. 13322, motion for a resolution, Defending the *acquis* of the Council of Europe: preserving 65 years of successful intergovernmental co-operation, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report.*

The references approved by the Bureau on 16 December 2013, requiring ratification by the Assembly, are presented in Chapter 4.1.

2.5.2. Reply after consultation

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau approved the following reference, which was subsequently ratified by the Assembly:

– Doc. 13275, Motion for a resolution, Persecution of Christians and the diminishing of Christian communities in the Muslim world, particularly in Syria, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report.*

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau approved the following reference, which was subsequently ratified by the Standing Committee:

– Doc. 13269, Motion for a resolution, Combat "Down-syndromecide", *no further action.*

2.5.3. Requests for extension of references

During the reference period, the Bureau approved the extension of the following references:

– Bureau decision (Ref. 3847 of 9 March 2012 – validity: 9 March 2014), Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: extension until 31 December 2014;

– Doc. 12306 (Ref. 3700 of 4 October 2010 - validity 31 December 2013), motion for a resolution, Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: Election of judges,: extension until 31 December 2014;

– Doc. 12595 (Ref. 3776 of 20 June 2011 – validity: 31 December 2013), motion for a resolution, The protection of minors against sectarian influence: extension until 31 March 2014;

– Doc. 12844 (Ref. 3839 of 9 March 2012– validity: 9 March 2014), motion for a resolution, Abuse of pre-trial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights: extension until 30 June 2014;

– Bureau decision (Ref. 3823 of 25 November 2011 – validity: 25 November 2013), Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic: extension until 25 November 2014;

– Doc. 12498, motion for a resolution, Integration of migrants: is Europe failing? (Ref. 3748 of 11 March 2011 – validity: 31 December 2013, extended on 25 January 2013): extension until 30 June 2014.

2.6. Communications

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

2.7. Statement on the situation in the Ashraf/Liberty Camps

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau adopted the statement “Call to investigate the 1st September killings and to release 7 Iranians presumably held in custody by Iraqi authorities” (see Appendix 1).

2.8. Statement on the situation in Syria

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau adopted the statement “PACE Bureau deplores the international community’s failure to convene the international peace conference on Syria (Geneva 2)” (see Appendix 2).

2.9. World Forum for Democracy (27-29 November 2013)

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (see Appendix 3).

2.10. Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2014

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation.

2.11. Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2014 financial year

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

2.12. Parliamentary co-operation activities: draft work plan 2014

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

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

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau drew up the list of candidates for the CPT in respect of France, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia, which it forwarded to the Committee of Ministers. At its following meeting on 21 November 2013, the Bureau took note of the letter of the President of the Committee of Ministers concerning the list of candidates in respect of Denmark and decided to invite the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to ask the Danish Parliament to submit a new list of candidates.

2.14. Relations with the European Parliament

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat on relations between the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe from July to December 2013 [AS/Bur (2013) 87].

2.15. Composition of the Monitoring Committee

On 21 November 2013, the Bureau appointed Ms Unur Brá Konráðsdóttir (Iceland, EDG) and Mr Brynjar Níelsson (Iceland, EDG), on the basis of a proposal submitted by the EDG group, which were subsequently ratified by the Standing Committee.

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

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau appointed Ms Milena Damyanova (Bulgaria, EPP/CD), on the basis of a proposal submitted by the EPP/CD group, which were subsequently ratified by the Standing Committee.

2.17. Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

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

– Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to meet on 21 November 2013 in Vienna;

– Sub-committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to meet on 4 February 2014 in London;

– Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to meet on 11-12 March 2014 in Stockholm;

– Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) to meet in Valletta on 27-28 February 2014;

– Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Vienna on 4-5 March 2014;

– Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Helsinki on 26-27 May 2014.

2.18. Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

The following member was appointed during the reference period:

– Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC), to participate in the High-level Conference on “Combating racism, xenophobia and intolerance in Europe” in Yerevan on 21-22 October 2013.

2.19. Use in French of the feminine equivalent of the term “rapporteur”

On 4 October 2013, the Bureau decided to ask the Committee of Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for an opinion on this matter and to invite this Committee to seek the advice of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination in preparing its opinion.

3. Activities of the Standing Committee (Vienna, 21 November 2013)

The Standing Committee heard a welcome address from Mr Reinhard Todt, President of the Federal Council of Austria and held an exchange of views with Mr Michael Spindelegger, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria and Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It also held an exchange of views with Ms Marit Nybakk, President of the Nordic Council.

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

– Opinion 286 (2013) on Draft Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs;

– Recommendation 2028 (2013) on monitoring the return of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers by land, sea and air;

– Recommendation 2029 (2013) on the participation of non-member States in Council of Europe conventions;

– Recommendation 2030 (2013) and Resolution 1963 (2013) on violence against women in Europe;

– Resolution 1960 (2013) on drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security;

– Resolution 1961 (2013) on the participation of non-member States in Council of Europe conventions;

– Resolution 1962 (2013) on stalking;

– Resolution 1964 (2013) on good governance of large metropolises;

– Resolution 1965 (2013) on the discipline of the members of the Parliamentary Assembly.

The Standing Committee also took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the "Observation of the presidential election in Azerbaijan (9 October 2013)" as well as that of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the "Observation of the presidential election in Georgia (27 October 2013)". It also took note of the information report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on "Democracy and the limitation of mandates".

The Standing Committee referred back to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons the report on "The arrival of mixed migratory flows in Italian coastal areas" (Doc. 13348).

It took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first 2014 part-session of the Assembly (27-31January 2014).

The Standing Committee ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Finland, Norway and Turkey and approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees.

It ratified the references to committees as listed in chapter 2.5.1. of this report.

4. Decisions of the Bureau requiring ratification by the Assembly

4.1. References and transmissions to committees

On 16 December 2013, the Bureau approved the following references:

– Doc. 13330, motion for a resolution, Pressure exerted by the Russian Federation on Council of Europe member States / Eastern Partnership countries, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information;*

– Doc. 13332, motion for a resolution, The rise of neo-nazi parties in Europe: the need to develop legal principles to defend pluralist democracy and human rights, to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia" (Ref. 3816 of 3 October 2011);*

– Doc. 13333, motion for a resolution, The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities, consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on a possible follow-up to be given;*

– Doc. 13334, motion for a resolution, The XXth United Nations Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information;*

– Doc. 13340, motion for a resolution, Sport for all: a bridge to equality, integration and social inclusion, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report;*

– Doc. 13341, Motion for a recommendation, Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report;*

– Doc. 13355, Motion for a resolution, Judicial corruption: urgent need to implement the Assembly's proposals, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report;*

– Bureau decision, The nature of the mandate of members of the Parliamentary Assembly, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report.*

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

5. Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly[1]

Endorsing a proposal made by the former Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men at its meeting in Strasbourg on 15 April 2011, the Bureau decided to publish figures on the gender breakdown of Assembly positions and to produce an annual report on progress in achieving gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly. The figures are annexed in Appendix 4.

In 2013, women continued to be underrepresented in all Assembly and Committee positions, even if there has been improvement in some areas.

As regards overall Assembly membership, in 2013 women represented 34% of the total, an increase of 2% compared to the previous year. They were slightly better represented amongst Substitutes (37%) than amongst Representatives (32%).

In 2013, all national delegations with the exception of Iceland complied with the requirement set out in Rule 6.2.a of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, according to which *'(…) National delegations should include members of the under-represented sex at least in the same percentage as in their parliaments and, at a very minimum, one member of the under-represented sex appointed as representative'.* As a result, in 2013 there was a challenge of credentials concerning Iceland on this ground.

Women's underrepresentation was confirmed as regards the Assembly's main leadership positions even though a slight improvement can be seen as regards the representation of women as Vice-Presidents, which rose from 25% in 2012 to 29% in 2013. Women's representation in the Bureau also improved (from 22% to 30%) while it remained the same in the Presidential Committee (14%).

Figures on Committee Chairmanships show progress: in 2013, women represented 50% of Chairpersons, compared to 25 % in 2012 and 20% in 2011. However, there has been a decrease in the representation of women as Committee Vice-Chairs: 33% in 2013 compared to 39% in 2012.

As regards the composition of Committees, women are slightly better represented as alternates (35%) as opposed to members (33%). However, the proportion of women who were Rapporteurs for reports in Assembly debates has decreased: in 2013 they represented 32% as opposed to 34% in 2012. Women Rapporteurs for opinion however decreased from 29% in 2012 to 17% in 2013. The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination is the only Committee which had a female Rapporteur for Opinion. The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons should be mentioned as good examples, as they managed to ensure a 50% share of women and men in rapporteurs for report. It should be recalled that, when appointing Rapporteurs, Committees should take into account gender amongst other criteria, in accordance with Rule 49.

1. The figures on which this analysis is based refer to the situation as of December 2013.

Appendix 1 – Statement by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ashraf/Liberty Camps: Call to investigate the 1st September killings and to release 7 Iranians presumably held in custody by Iraqi authorities

On 1 September 2013, armed men raided the Camp Ashraf in Iraq, which has been for many years home for Iranian political dissidents exiled from their country. At least 52 residents were shot dead. There is credible evidence, including video footage and photographs, that many of the 52 had been shot in the head, some while handcuffed.

The Iraqi government denied responsibility for the attack but promised to investigate the killings. To date, no official results of such an investigation have been made public.

We are appalled that, almost 12 weeks after this deadly raid, the perpetrators of this atrocious crime have not yet been brought to justice. An independent international inquiry must be conducted as soon as possible.

During the same raid, seven Iranian dissidents, six women and one man, all belonging to the Iranian opposition group People's Mujahedeen Organisation of Iran, were abducted from Camp Ashraf.

There are indications that these seven people are being held by the Iraqi security forces at a secret detention facility in Baghdad. They are at risk of torture and other ill-treatment and could be forcibly returned to Iran.

We urge the Iraqi authorities to release these seven Iranians, unless they are duly charged with an internationally recognisable criminal offence; to make sure that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment; and not to forcibly return them to Iran where their lives would be in danger.

We call on the office of the UN High Commissioner for refugees (UNHCR) to provide protection to the residents of the Camp Liberty in accordance with its mandate.

Appendix 2 – Statement by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Syria: PACE Bureau deplores the international community's failure to convene the international peace conference on Syria (Geneva 2)

The Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), meeting today in Vienna (Austria), deplored the fact that the organisation of an international peace conference on Syria (Geneva 2), which the Assembly wholeheartedly supported when adopting its Recommendation 2026 (2013) on the situation in Syria last month, has not yet been convened and no date has been fixed. The international community has so far failed to reach agreement both on the participants and the agenda.

The Bureau of the Assembly recalls that whereas the international community's agreement on a process aimed at the elimination of Syria's chemical weapons and the Resolution 2118 adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 27 September 2013, had renewed hopes for peace, they did not stop the war, which continues nonetheless with the use of conventional weapons.

Underlying that the possibility of eliminating violence and embracing the change for which so many lives have been sacrificed can only be opened up to Syria through a political solution to the conflict, the Bureau of the Assembly reiterates the urgent need to convene the international peace conference on Syria (Geneva 2) before the end of this year and, in this respect, urges the Council of Europe member States to:

– make use of their bilateral relations with Arab States and other States in the region to secure their support for a ceasefire in preparation of this conference;

– engage in all international efforts aimed at obtaining an agreement on participants as well as on the agenda of the forthcoming peace conference, including efforts aimed at uniting these Syrian opposition groups which favour democracy and tolerance and bring them to the negotiations table;

– show solidarity and share responsibility by taking the necessary measures to cater for Syrian refugees as effectively as possible;

– ensure that the effects of the very widespread use of sexual violence against women, and the wider humanitarian consequences of the Syrian conflict, including the need for urgent international assistance, are put, as a priority, on the agenda of the forthcoming international peace conference on Syria (Geneva 2).

The Assembly will discuss how to organise the international assistance with respect to Syrian refugees at its January 2014 part-session.

Appendix 3 – Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 27-29 November 2013 in Strasbourg

List of members

Chairperson

– Mr Jean-Claude MIGNON (France, EPP/CD)

Presidential Committee

– Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, Chairperson of the EPP/CD Group)
– Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, Chairperson of the SOC Group)
– Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, Chairperson of the EDG Group)
– Ms Anne BRASSEUR (Luxembourg, Chairperson of the ALDE Group)
– Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, Chairperson of the UEL Group)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

– Mr Deniz BAYKAL (Turkey, SOC)
– Mr José Maria BENEYTO (Spain, EPP/CD)
– Mr Sandro GOZI (Italy, NR)
– Mr Mike HANCOCK (United Kingdom, ALDE)
– Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD)
– Ms Nursuna MEMECAN (Turkey, ALDE)
– Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE)
– Mr Vincenzo SANTANGELO (Italy, NR)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

– Ms Elena CENTEMARO (Italy, NR)
– Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE)
– Mr Charles KENNEDY (United Kingdom, ALDE)
– Mr Epameinondas MARIAS (Greece, EDG)
– Ms Milica MARKOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC)
– Mr Michele NICOLETTI (Italy, NR)
– Mr Konstantynos TRIANTAFYLLOS (Greece, SOC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

– Mr Fernand BODEN (Luxembourg, EPP/CD)
– Mr Igor KOLMAN (Croatia, ALDE)
– Mr Ertuğrul KÜRKÇÜ (Turkey, UEL)
– Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

– Mr Viorel Ricard BADEA (Romania, EPP/CD)

– Ms Nunzia CATALFO (Italy, NR)
– Mr David DAVIES (United Kingdom, EDG)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

– Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (Italy, NR)
– Mr Claudio FAZZONE (Italy, NR)
– Mr Cezar Florin PREDA (Romania, EPP/CD)
– Ms Milena SANTERINI (Italy, NR)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

– Ms Deborah BERGAMINI (Italy, EPP/CD)
– Mr Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC)
– Ms Alina GORGHIU (Romania, ALDE)
– Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ (Spain, SOC)
– Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA (Spain, EPP/CD)

Appendix 4 – Analysis of the gender breakdown in Assembly positions in 2013

OVERVIEW ASSEMBLY							
Position	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**		**Percentage of women**	
				2012	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
President	1	0	1	100%	100%	0%	0%
Vice-Presidents	15	6	21	75%	71%	25%	29%
Presidential Committee	6	1	7	86%	86%	14%	14%
Assembly Bureau	23	10	33	78%	70%	22%	30%

GENDER BREAKDOWN - COMMITTEES							
Committees	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**		**Percentage of women**	
Committees on Political Affairs and Democracy				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	68	25	93	78%	73%	22%	27%
Alternates	64	18	82	78%	78%	22%	22%
Chairperson	1	0	1	100%	100%	0%	0%
Committee Bureau members	1	2	3	67%	33,4%	33%	66,6%
Rapporteurs for report	7	1	8	90%	87,5%	10%	12,5%
Rapporteurs for opinion	0	0	0	100%	0%	0%	0%
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	57	27	84	72%	68%	28%	32%
Alternates	51	29	80	72%	64%	28%	36%
Committee Bureau members	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Chairperson	1	0	1	100%	0%	0%	100%
Rapporteurs for report	8	2	10	83%	80%	17%	20%
Rapporteurs for opinion	1	0	1	50%	100%	50%	0%
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	55	29	84	70%	65%	30%	35%
Alternates	55	24	79	63%	70%	37%	30%
Chairperson	0	1	1	0%	0%	100%	100%
Committee Bureau members	3	0	3	100%	100%	0%	0%
Rapporteurs for report	2	0	2	71%	100%	29%	0%
Rapporteurs for opinion	1	0	1	100%	100%	0%	0%
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	57	27	84	68%	68%	33%	32%
Alternates	46	29	75	68%	61%	32%	39%
Chairperson	0	1	1	100%	0%	0%	100%
Committee Bureau members	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Rapporteurs for report	3	3	6	40%	50%	60%	50%
Rapporteurs for opinion	2	0	2	75%	100%	25%	0%
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	59	25	84	72%	70%	28%	30%
Alternates	48	29	77	71%	62%	29%	38%
Chairperson	1	0	1	100%	100%	0%	0%
Committee Bureau members	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Rapporteurs for report	3	3	6	50%	50%	50%	50%

GENDER BREAKDOWN - COMMITTEES							
Rapporteurs for opinion	1	0	1	50%	100%	50%	0%
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	33	47	80	42%	42%	58%	58%
Alternates	38	33	71	55%	53,5%	45%	46,5%
Chairperson	0	1	1	0%	0%	100%	100%
Committee Bureau members	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Rapporteurs for report	2	3	5	0%	40%	100%	60%
Rapporteurs for opinion	0	1	1	50%	0%	50%	100%
Committee on Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee)				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	61	22	83	71%	73%	29%	27%
Chairperson	1	0	1	100%	100%	0%	0%
Committee Bureau members	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Rapporteurs for report	2	0	2	64%	100%	36%	0%
Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	25	4	29	82%	86,2%	18%	13,8%
Chairperson	0	1	1	100%	0%	0%	100%
Committee Bureau members	2	1	3	100%	66,6%	0%	33,4%
Rapporteurs for report	0	0	0	100%	0%	0%	0%

OVERVIEW COMMITTEES							
Position	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**		**Percentage of women**	
				2012	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Members	415	206	621	70%	67%	30%	33%
Alternates	302	162	464	68%	65%	32%	35%
Committees' Chairpersons	4	4	8	75%	50%	25%	50%
Committees' Vice Chairpersons	16	8	24	61%	67%	39%	33%
Rapporteurs for report	27	13	40	66%	68%	34%	32%
Rapporteurs for opinion	5	1	6	71%	83%	29%	17%

GENDER BREAKDOWN, SUB-COMMITTEES, BUREAUX							
Committees	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**		**Percentage of women**	
Committees on Political Affairs and Democracy				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committee Chairpersons	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Vice Chairpersons of Sub-Committee Bureaux	2	1	3	100%	66,6%	0%	33,4%
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committee Chairpersons	4	0	4	75%	0%	25%	100%
Vice Chairpersons of Sub-Committee Bureaux	3	0	3	67%	0%	33%	100%
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committee Chairpersons	4	0	4	67%	100%	33%	0%

GENDER BREAKDOWN, SUB-COMMITTEES, BUREAUX							
Vice Chairpersons of Sub-Committee Bureaux	2	2	4	100%	50%	0%	50%
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committee Chairpersons	2	1	3	67%	66,6%	33%	33,4%
Vice Chairpersons of Sub-Committee Bureaux	2	1	3	50%	66,6%	50%	33,4%
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committee Chairpersons	2	1	3	50%	66,6%	50%	33,4%
Vice Chairpersons of Sub-Committee Bureaux	1	0	1	0%	100%	100%	0%
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination				**2012**	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committee Chairpersons	3	0	3	0%	0%	100%	100%
Vice Chairpersons of Sub-Committee Bureaux	2	1	3	0%	66,6%	100%	33,4%

OVERVIEW - SUB-COMMITTEES							
Position	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**		**Percentage of women**	
				2012	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Sub-Committees Chairpersons	14	6	20	61%	70%	39%	30%
Sub-Committees' Vice Chairpersons	12	5	17	73%	71%	27%	29%

GENDER BREAKDOWN – NATIONAL DELEGATIONS					
National Delegations (Representatives and Substitutes)	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**	**Percentage of women**
Albania	5	3	8	63%	38%
Andorra	2	2	4	50%	50%
Armenia	4	4	8	50%	50%
Austria	6	6	12	50%	50%
Azerbaijan	9	3	12	75%	25%
Belgium	9	6	15	60%	40%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	4	10	60%	40%
Bulgaria	7	5	12	58%	42%
Croatia	7	3	10	70%	30%
Cyprus	2	2	4	50%	50%
Czech Republic	8	6	14	57%	43%
Denmark	5	5	10	50%	50%
Estonia	3	3	6	50%	50%
Finland	4	6	10	40%	60%
France	25	11	36	69%	31%
Georgia	5	5	10	50%	50%
Germany	24	12	36	67%	33%
Greece	7	7	14	50%	50%
Hungary	12	2	14	86%	14%
Iceland	3	3	6	50%	50%
Ireland	5	3	8	63%	38%
Italy	21	15	36	58%	42%

GENDER BREAKDOWN – NATIONAL DELEGATIONS					
Latvia	4	2	6	67%	33%
Liechtenstein	2	2	4	50%	50%
Lithuania	6	2	8	75%	25%
Luxembourg	3	3	6	50%	50%
Malta	5	1	6	83%	17%
Republic of Moldova	5	5	10	50%	50%
Monaco	3	1	4	75%	25%
Montenegro	4	2	6	67%	33%
Netherlands	10	4	14	71%	29%
Norway	5	5	10	50%	50%
Poland	20	4	24	83%	17%
Portugal	11	3	14	79%	21%
Romania	17	3	20	85%	15%
Russian Federation	30	6	36	83%	17%
San Marino	3	1	4	75%	25%
Serbia	6	8	14	43%	57%
Slovak Republic	6	4	10	60%	40%
Slovenia	1	5	6	17%	83%
Spain	17	6	23	74%	26%
Sweden	6	6	12	50%	50%
Switzerland	9	3	12	75%	25%
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	4	2	6	67%	33%
Turkey	19	5	24	79%	21%
Ukraine	19	5	24	79%	21%
United Kingdom	27	9	36	75%	25%
Total	**421**	**213**	**634**	**66%**	**34%**

GENDER BREAKDOWN – NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (REPRESENTATIVES ONLY)					
National Delegations (Representatives)	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**	**Percentage of women**
Albania	3	1	4	75%	25%
Andorra	1	1	2	50%	50%
Armenia	2	2	4	50%	50%
Austria	4	2	6	67%	33%
Azerbaijan	5	1	6	83%	17%
Belgium	6	1	7	86%	14%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	2	5	60%	40%
Bulgaria	3	3	6	50%	50%
Croatia	4	1	5	80%	20%
Cyprus	1	1	2	50%	50%
Czech Republic	4	3	7	57%	43%
Denmark	3	2	5	60%	40%
Estonia	2	1	3	67%	33%
Finland	2	3	5	40%	60%
France	14	4	18	78%	22%
Georgia	4	1	5	80%	20%
Germany	10	8	18	56%	44%
Greece	4	3	7	57%	43%
Hungary	6	1	7	86%	14%

GENDER BREAKDOWN – NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (REPRESENTATIVES ONLY)					
Iceland	2	1	3	67%	33%
Ireland	3	1	4	75%	25%
Italy	11	7	18	61%	39%
Latvia	1	2	3	33%	67%
Liechtenstein	1	1	2	50%	50%
Lithuania	3	1	4	75%	25%
Luxembourg	1	2	3	33%	67%
Malta	2	1	3	67%	33%
Republic of Moldova	2	3	5	40%	60%
Monaco	1	1	2	50%	50%
Montenegro	2	1	3	67%	33%
Netherlands	6	1	7	86%	14%
Norway	3	2	5	60%	40%
Poland	11	1	12	92%	8%
Portugal	6	1	7	86%	14%
Romania	9	1	10	90%	10%
Russian Federation	13	5	18	72%	28%
San Marino	1	1	2	50%	50%
Serbia	4	3	7	57%	43%
Slovak Republic	4	1	5	80%	20%
Slovenia	1	2	3	33%	67%
Spain	10	2	12	83%	17%
Sweden	2	4	6	33%	67%
Switzerland	4	2	6	67%	33%
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	2	1	3	67%	33%
Turkey	10	2	12	83%	17%
Ukraine	10	2	12	83%	17%
United Kingdom	14	4	18	78%	22%
Total	**220**	**97**	**317**	**69%**	**31%**

GENDER BREAKDOWN – NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (SUBSTITUTES ONLY)					
National Delegations (Substitutes)	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**	**Percentage of women**
Albania	2	2	4	50%	50%
Andorra	1	1	2	50%	50%
Armenia	2	2	4	50%	50%
Austria	2	4	6	33%	67%
Azerbaijan	4	2	6	67%	33%
Belgium	3	5	8	38%	63%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	2	5	60%	40%
Bulgaria	4	2	6	67%	33%
Croatia	3	2	5	60%	40%
Cyprus	1	1	2	50%	50%
Czech Republic	4	3	7	57%	43%
Denmark	2	3	5	40%	60%
Estonia	1	2	3	33%	67%
Finland	2	3	5	40%	60%
France	11	7	18	61%	39%
Georgia	1	4	5	20%	80%

GENDER BREAKDOWN – NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (SUBSTITUTES ONLY)					
Germany	14	4	18	78%	22%
Greece	3	4	7	43%	57%
Hungary	6	1	7	86%	14%
Iceland	1	2	3	33%	67%
Ireland	2	2	4	50%	50%
Italy	10	8	18	56%	44%
Latvia	3	0	3	100%	0%
Liechtenstein	1	1	2	50%	50%
Lithuania	3	1	4	75%	25%
Luxembourg	2	1	3	67%	33%
Malta	3	0	3	100%	0%
Republic of Moldova	3	2	5	60%	40%
Monaco	2	0	2	100%	0%
Montenegro	2	1	3	67%	33%
Netherlands	4	3	7	57%	43%
Norway	2	3	5	40%	60%
Poland	9	3	12	75%	25%
Portugal	5	2	7	71%	29%
Romania	8	2	10	80%	20%
Russian Federation	17	1	18	94%	6%
San Marino	2	0	2	100%	0%
Serbia	2	5	7	29%	71%
Slovak Republic	2	3	5	40%	60%
Slovenia	0	3	3	0%	100%
Spain	7	4	11	64%	36%
Sweden	4	2	6	67%	33%
Switzerland	5	1	6	83%	17%
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	2	1	3	67%	33%
Turkey	9	3	12	75%	25%
Ukraine	9	3	12	75%	25%
United Kingdom	13	5	18	72%	28%
Total	**201**	**116**	**317**	**63%**	**37%**

OVERVIEW - NATIONAL DELEGATIONS							
Delegations	**Men**	**Women**	**Total**	**Percentage of men**		**Percentage of women**	
				2012	**2013**	**2012**	**2013**
Total	421	213	634	68%	66%	32%	34%
Representatives	220	97	317	70%	69%	31%	31%
Substitutes	201	116	317	66%	62%	63%	37%