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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (7 April 2014)

Progress report
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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 7 April 2014 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. Election observation

1.1.1. "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": presidential election (13 and 27 April 2014) and early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014)

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

1.1.2. Early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014)

The Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee, decided to increase the number of members of the ad hoc committee to 52: in accordance with the D'Hondt system, SOC: 16, EPP/CD: 16, EDG: 8, ALDE: 7, UEL: 3 and the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as chairperson (Appendix 2).

1.2. References and transmissions to committees

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

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 2014 (7-11 April 2014)

2.1.1. Request for debate under urgent procedure

Further to its decision of 6 March 2014, the Bureau decided to propose to the Assembly to hold the debate under urgent procedure on "Recent developments in Ukraine: threats to the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine" on Wednesday 9 April 2014.

2.1.2. Motions for resolution on the "Credentials of the Russian Delegation" and on the "Suspension of the voting rights of the Russian delegation (Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)"

The Bureau took note of the motions and decided to refer them to Monitoring Committee for report and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for opinion and proposed to hold the debate on Thursday 10 April 2014.

2.1.3. Draft agenda

The Bureau updated the draft agenda.

2.2. Election observation

2.2.1. Early parliamentary elections in Serbia (16 March 2014)

The Bureau took note of the press release issued by the ad hoc committee.

2.2.2. "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": presidential election (13 and 27 April 2014) and early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014)

The Bureau took note of the press release of the pre-electoral mission which took place on 11-12 March 2014.

2.3. References and transmissions to committees

2.3.1. Extension of reference

The Bureau considered and approved the following extension of reference:

Doc. 12252, Motion for a resolution, The rule of law in Council of Europe member States: upholding the authority of the Parliamentary Assembly's recommendations (Ref. 3684 of 21 June 2010 – validity: 30 June 2014), extension until 31 December 2014.

2.3.2. Consultation

Doc. 13426, Motion for a resolution, Morocco: meeting new migration and asylum challenges, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for consultation on the follow-up to be given*

2.4. Communications

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

2.5. World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 3-5 November 2014 – appointment of a contact parliamentarian to a preparatory group

The Bureau took note of the concept paper of the 2014 Forum and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) and Ms Polonca Komar (Slovenia, ALDE) as the Assembly representatives to a preparatory group in charge of the organisation of the Forum.

2.6. Open letter from Ukrainians of Europe to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Took note of the letter and of the fact that the petition is not admissible, being in form not in accord with Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Appendix 1 – Ad hoc Committee for the observation of the presidential and early parliamentary elections in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (13 and 27 April 2014)

List of members

Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria / SOC), Head of the delegation

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Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

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Josette DURRIEU, France

Andreas GROSS, Switzerland

Deniza KARADJOVA, Bulgaria

Luc RECORDON, Switzerland

Stefan SCHENNACH **, Austria

Substitute

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Werner AMON, Austria

Tinatin BOKUCHAVA, Georgia

Şaban DİŞLİ**, Turkey

Bernd FABRITIUS, Germany

Denis JACQUAT, France

Yves POZZO di BORGO, France

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Margus HANSON**, Estonia

Chiora TAKTAKISHVILI, Georgia

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Ms Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

** *members of the pre-election delegation (11-12 March 2014)*

Appendix 2 – Ad hoc committee for the observation of the early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014)

List of members

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Bernadette BOURZAI, France

Arcadio DIAZ-TEJERA, Spain

Ute FINCKH-KRÄMER, Germany

Andreas GROSS **, Switzerland

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Daniele GASTL, Assistant, Interparliamentary cooperation and election observation Unit

Catherine LAKBAR, Assistant, Parliamentary Assembly

** *members of the pre-election delegation*

Appendix 3 – References to committees

Doc. 13419, Motion for a resolution, Investigation of the incidents in Farmakonisi and Lampedusa to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *to take it into account in the preparation of the reports on "Greece under pressure: Europe's front door for irregular migration" (Ref. 3925), "The "left-to-die boat": actions and reactions" (Ref. 3954) and "The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries" (Ref. 4010)*

Doc. 13421, Motion for a resolution, Clear definition of the criteria of political persecution, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Doc. 13422 Rev, Motion for a resolution, Implementation of resolutions on the humanitarian consequences of the war between Russian and Georgia: five years later, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

Doc. 13423, Motion for a resolution, The humanitarian emergency concerning the resettlement of refugees and the strengthening of the international assistance to the southern European countries, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for information*

Doc. 13424, Motion for a resolution, The need for a citizenship income, to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

Doc. 13425, Motion for a resolution, Non-formal education and good citizenship, transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for information*

Doc. 13427, Motion for a resolution, The situation regarding human rights activists in Estonia, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to take it 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)*

Doc. 13464, Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*