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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (26 January 2015)

Progress report

Bureau of the Assembly

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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 26 January 2015 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in 2015

The Bureau took note of the list of candidates for Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (Appendix 1).

1.2. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references:

- [Doc. 13646](#), motion for a recommendation, Closing the protection gap of unaccompanied children in Europe, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 13675](#), motion for a recommendation, The allocation of seats in the Parliamentary Assembly with respect to Turkey, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;
- [Doc. 13676](#), motion for a resolution, Call on the Russian authorities for the immediate release of Nadia Savchenko and other illegally detained prisoners of war, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons" (Ref. 4055)*;
- [Doc. 13466](#), motion for a resolution, Creation of a European Institute to counter prejudices about Roma, Sinti and Kales by promoting research about their culture and history, and [Doc. 13576](#), motion for a resolution, Promoting Roma inclusion at the local level, reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for one report entitled "Promoting Roma inclusion"*.

1.3. Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

On the basis of proposals from the political groups, the Bureau nominated members of these committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification (Commissions (2015) 01 Addendum 1).

1.4. [Resolution 1376 \(2004\)](#) relating to Cyprus

The Bureau took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly, namely Mr Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu (National Unity Party) and Mr Mehmet Çaglar (Republican Turkish Party).



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

2. Other decisions of the Bureau

2.1. First part-session of 2015 (26 to 30 January)

2.1.1. Draft agenda

The Bureau updated the draft agenda.

2.1.2. Request for debate under urgent procedure

The Bureau decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response” on Wednesday 28 January 2015 and to refer this matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*.

The Bureau decided to propose to the Assembly not to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “Renewed hostilities in eastern Ukraine: end of the ceasefire”.

2.1.3. Request for a current affairs debate

The Bureau decided to propose to the Assembly not to hold a current affairs debate on the “Implications of the opinion of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the proposed accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights”.

2.1.4. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Bulgaria and Serbia

The Bureau took note of the report drawn up by the Sub-Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of Bulgaria and Serbia. This report had been already declassified by the sub-committee and submitted to the attention of all members of the Assembly (Doc. 13668 [Addendum II](#)).

2.2. Election observation

2.2.1. Tunisia: presidential election (23 November and 21 December 2014)

The Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee.

2.2.2. Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (30 November 2014)

The Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee.

2.2.3. Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees for the observation of elections (27 January 2015)

The Bureau took note of the agenda of the meeting.

2.3. References and transmissions to committees

2.3.1. Extension of references

- [Doc. 12844](#), motion for a resolution, Abuse of pre-trial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights (Ref. 3839 of 3 March 2012 – validity: 31 March 2015 – extended on 23 June 2014): extension until 30 September 2015;
- Bureau decision, Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Ref. 3847 of 9 March 2012 – validity: 31 May 2015 – extended on 29 September 2014): extension until 30 June 2015;

- Bureau decision, Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States, follow-up to [Resolution 1891 \(2012\)](#) (Ref. 3885 of 29 June 2012 – validity: 31 March 2015 – extended on 22 May 2014): extension until 31 December 2015;
- Bureau decision, European institutions and human rights in Europe, follow-up to current affairs debate (Ref. 3886 of 29 June 2012 – validity: 31 January 2015 – extended on 22 May 2014), extension until 30 June 2015;
- [Doc. 12998](#), motion for a resolution, Administrative detention (Ref. 3900 of 1 October 2012 – validity: 31 March 2015 – extended on 23 June 2014): extension until 31 October 2015.

2.3.2. Reply after consultation

- [Doc. 13498](#), motion for a resolution, Gay to straight conversion therapy and regulation of psychotherapists, *no further action*.

2.3.3. References for consultation

- [Doc. 13400](#), motion for a resolution, The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe, *consultation of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on a possible follow-up*.

2.4. Request for an opinion

The Bureau decided to ask the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *on the status of Ms Savchenko with regard to Council of Europe immunity*.

2.5. Communications

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

Appendix – Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in 2015

Candidatures

GROUPS / GROUPES	COUNTRY / PAYS	CANDIDATES / CANDIDATS
GROUP I / GROUPE I	France	Mr René ROUQUET
	Germany / Allemagne	Mr Axel E. FISCHER
	Italy / Italie	Mr Michele NICOLETTI
	Russian Federation / Fédération de Russie	Mr Alexey PUSHKOV
	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr Robert WALTER
GROUP II / GROUPE II	Poland / Pologne	Mr Piotr WACH
	Turkey / Turquie	Mr Reha DENEMEÇ
	Ukraine	Mr Volodymyr ARIEV
GROUP III / GROUPE III	Bosnia and Herzegovina/Bosnie-Herzégovine	
	Bulgaria / Bulgarie	Ms Dzhema GROZDANOVA
	Croatia / Croatie	Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO
	Czech Republic / République tchèque	Ms Dana VÁHALOVÁ
	Denmark / Danemark	Mr Jacob LUND
	Finland / Finlande	Ms Maria GUZENINA
	Georgia / Géorgie	Mr Tedo JAPARIDZE
	Greece / Grèce	Ms Dora BAKOYANNIS
GROUP IV / GROUPE IV	San Marino / Saint-Marin	Mr Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI
	Slovenia / Slovénie	Ms Ksenija KORENJAK KRAMAR
	«The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia» / «L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine»	Mr Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI
	Albania / Albanie	Ms Valentina LESKAJ