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Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Progress report
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1. Report of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The committee held a meeting in Paris on 30 and 31 March 2015 with Mr Klaas de Vries (Netherlands, Socialist Group) in the Chair.

2. Introduction

In accordance with previous practice and as specified in Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2002 (2014),[1] the committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights assessed the qualifications of the candidates to the Court in respect of Andorra, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Liechtenstein and Monaco.[2] The committee interviewed all the candidates on 30 and 31 March 2015. A list of members of the committee who participated in the meeting can be found in Appendix 2.

3. Conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Andorra, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Liechtenstein and Monaco, Contracting States to the European Convention on Human Rights

3.1. Andorra

The committee recommends, by a large majority, the candidature of **Mr Pere PASTOR VILANOVA**, over that of the candidature of Ms Patricia QUILLACQ ALBAJES, as the most qualified candidate.

3.2. Austria

The committee considers that **Ms Gabriele KUCSKO-STADLMAYER** and **Ms Katharina PABEL** are both equally well-qualified.

3.3. Finland

The committee recommends, by an overwhelming majority, the candidature of **Ms Pauliine KOSKELO** as the most qualified candidate.

3.4. Ireland

The committee recommends, by an overwhelming majority, the candidature of **Ms Síofra O'LEARY** as the most qualified candidate.

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1. See document AS/Cdh/Inf (2015) 02 Rev for details.
2. See Appendix 1 for list of candidates submitted by the governments concerned. A full list and curriculum vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly Doc. 13721 (Andorra), Doc. 13726 (Austria), Doc. 13729 (Finland), Doc. 13725 (Ireland), Doc. 13718 (Liechtenstein) and Doc. 13727 (Monaco).

3.5. Liechtenstein

The committee recommends, by a majority, the candidature of **Mr Carlo RANZONI** as the most qualified candidate, over the two other candidates, Mr Stephan BREITENMOSER and Ms Brigitte Liselotte OHMS.

3.6. Monaco

The committee interviewed the candidates on 31 March 2015.

Subsequently, on 1 and 2 April 2015, respectively, two candidates withdrew. The Government of Monaco has therefore been asked – as stipulated in paragraph 2 in the Appendix to Resolution 1432 (2005) – to provide the Assembly with the names of two new candidates in order to complete the list.

Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of Andorra, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Liechtenstein and Monaco[3]

Andorra

– Mr Francesc BADIA
– Mr Pere PASTOR VILANOVA
– Ms Patricia QUILLACQ ALBAJES

Austria

– Ms Gabriele KUCSKO-STADLMAYER
– Mr Peter LEWISCH
– Ms Katharina PABEL

Finland

– Ms Pauliine KOSKELO
– Mr Jukka LINDSTEDT
– Ms Anne Elina NIEMI

Ireland

– Ms Siobhán MULLALLY
– Ms Síofra O'LEARY
– Mr Gerard QUINN

Liechtenstein

– Mr Stephan BREITENMOSER
– Ms Brigitte Liselotte OHMS
– Mr Carlo RANZONI

Monaco

– Ms Fabienne GUIEN
– Ms Stéphanie MOUROU-VIKSTRÖM
– Mr Philippe ORENGO

3. See footnote 2 above.

Appendix 2 – Members of the committee who participated in the meeting[4]

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD):

Titular members:

– Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova
– Ms Alina Ştefania GORGHIU, Romania
– Ms Arpine HOVHANNISYAN, Armenia
– Mr Kimmo SASI, Finland
– Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine

Alternate:

Ms Inese LĪBINA-EGNERE, Latvia

Socialist Group (SOC):

Titular members:

– Ms Eka BESELIA, Georgia
– Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia
– Mr Pierre-Yves Le BORGN, France
– Lord John TOMLINSON, United Kingdom
– Mr Klaas de VRIES, Netherlands, *Chairperson*
– Ms Nataša VUČKOVIĆ, Serbia

Alternates:

– Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain
– Mr Daniel FLOREA, Romania
– Mr Michael McNAMARA, Ireland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE):

Titular members:

– Mr Rait MARUSTE, Estonia
– Mr Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain

European Conservatives Group (EC):

Titular members:

– Mr Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom
– Mr Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland

4. Not all the members of the committee participated in all the interviews/deliberations. In certain instances, in the absence of titular members, alternate members voted (taking into account the maximum number of persons permitted to vote with respect to each Political Group).

Alternate:

– Mr Robert NEILL, United Kingdom

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL):

Alternate:

– Mr Tiny KOX, Netherlands

Ex officio:

– Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly:

– Mr Wojciech SAWICKI, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
– Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI, Head of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Department