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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (22 April 2016)

Progress report

Bureau of the Assembly

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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 22 April 2016 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references and transmissions to committees:

- [Doc. 13968](#), motion for a recommendation, *Towards a fourth Council of Europe Summit*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Call for a Council of Europe Summit to defend and promote democratic security in Europe"*;
- [Doc. 13969](#), motion for a resolution, *Means of enhancing the legal effectiveness of the ILO's core conventions*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*;
- [Doc. 13970](#), motion for a resolution, *The status of journalists in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;
- [Doc. 13971](#), motion for a resolution, *Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together*: consultation of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *on possible follow-up*;
- [Doc. 13972](#), motion for a resolution, *Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- [Doc. 13973](#), motion for a resolution, *Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 13974](#), motion for a resolution, *Migration as an opportunity for European development*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 13975](#), motion for a resolution, *Refugees at risk in Greece*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 13976](#), motion for a resolution, *Funding of the Terrorist Group Daesh*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
- [Doc. 13977](#), motion for a resolution, *The plight of children who do not have any civil status*: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information*;



- [Doc. 13979](#), motion for a resolution, *Detention of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- Bureau decision, *The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;
- [Doc. 14000](#), motion for a resolution, *Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14005](#), motion for a resolution, *A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 14006](#), motion for a resolution, *Humanitarian consequences of the conflict in Ukraine*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- Bureau decision, *How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe?*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

1.2. Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece

The Bureau approved composition, terms of reference and timetable of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece (Appendix).

1.3. Composition of committees

1.3.1. Composition of the Monitoring Committee

On the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated Mr José Ramón García Hernández (Spain) to replace Mr Gabino Puche (Spain).

On the basis of a proposal by the ALDE Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Sirkka-Liisa Anttila (Finland).

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

Appendix – Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece

At its meeting on 18 April 2016, the Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece under Rule 44.4 c of the Rules of Procedure, subject to receiving an invitation to visit Greece by the Greek authorities. At its meeting on 22 April 2016, the Bureau approved composition, terms of reference and timetable of the ad hoc committee.

1. Composition

The ad hoc committee will be composed of the members of the Presidential Committee, the Chairpersons of national delegations or their representatives, and a delegation of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

2. Terms of reference

- Raising awareness of the challenges facing Greece in relation to the inflow of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers as well as the issues of transit and returns.
- Raising awareness of the living conditions of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Greece, as well as their access to international protection.
- Following the implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement of 18 March 2016.

3. Timetable

The ad hoc committee should present its report to the Bureau in the course of 2016.