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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 12 January 2017 with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), in the Chair.

2. Introduction

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights assessed the lists of the candidates to the Court in respect of the Netherlands and Hungary.[1]

3. Conclusions of the Committee on the lists of candidates submitted by the Netherlands and Hungary

The Netherlands

The Committee interviewed all the candidates on 12 January 2017.

The Committee recommends, by a large majority, **Mr Martin KUIJER**, over Ms Jolien SCHUKKING, as the most qualified candidate.

Hungary

The Committee interviewed all the candidates on 12 January 2017.

The Committee recommends, by a majority, **Mr Pál SONNEVEND**, over Mr Péter PACZOLAY, as the most qualified candidate.

1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the Governments concerned. A full list and curriculum vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents Doc. 14215 (the Netherlands) and Doc. 14222 (Hungary).

Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of the Netherlands and Hungary[2]

The Netherlands

– Mr Martin KUIJER

– Mr Rick LAWSON

– Ms Jolien SCHUKKING

Hungary

– Ms Krisztina FÜZI-ROZSNYAI

– Mr Péter PACZOLAY

– Mr Pál SONNEVEND

2. See footnote 2, above.

Appendix 2 – Members of the Committee who participated in the meeting[3]

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

– Ms Alina Ştefania GORGHIU, Romania
– Mr Volker ULLRICH, Germany

Socialist Group (SOC)

– Lord Donald ANDERSON, United Kingdom
– Ms Eka BESELIA, Georgia
– Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia, *Chairperson*
– Mr Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania
– Mr Pierre-Yves Le BORGN', France

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

– Ms Anne BRASSEUR, Luxembourg
– Ms Cristina DE PIETRO, Italy
– Mr Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

– Mr Matjaž HANŽEK, Slovenia

Ex Officio

– Ms Elena CENTEMERO, Italy, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
– Mr Alain DESTEXHE, Belgium, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

– Mr Wojciech SAWICKI, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
– Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Department

3. Not all the members of the Committee participated in all the interviews / deliberations.