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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (30 June 2017)

Progress report
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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 30 June 2017 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. Election observation

1.1.1. Kyrgyzstan: presidential election (15 October 2017)

Subject to receiving an invitation, the Bureau decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members (EPP/CD: 7; SOC: 6, EC: 3, ALDE: 3, UEL: 1 – in accordance with the D'Hondt system) and the rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *Evaluation of the Partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*.

1.2. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references and transmissions:

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– Doc. 14307, motion for a resolution, Human rights impacts of the "external dimension" of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of mind?: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;

– Doc. 14308, motion for a resolution, Endocrine disrupting chemicals in water: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*;

– Doc. 14309, motion for a resolution, Ukraine is urged to fight corruption and bring criminals to justice: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine"*;

– Doc. 14310, motion for a resolution, Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion;*

– Doc. 14311, motion for a resolution, Enhancing co-operation between Council of Europe member States to meet new challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets" (Ref. 4254 of 25 November 2016)*;

– Doc. 14312, motion for a resolution, The importance of public service broadcasting in the context of fake news, agitation and propaganda: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

– Doc. 14313, motion for a resolution, Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against homosexuals in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation): reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

– Doc. 14314, motion for a resolution, The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;

– Doc. 14315, motion for a resolution, Extradition requests and the abuse of process: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

– Doc. 14316, motion for a recommendation, The Council of Europe in the European political architecture: 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" (Ref. 4178 of 25 January 2016);*

– Doc. 14317, motion for a resolution, Establishment of an European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion;*

– Doc. 14330, motion for a resolution, Making sign language one of Europe's official languages: consultation of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *on possible follow-up*;

– Doc. 14334, motion for a resolution, Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for opinion;

– Doc. 14336, motion for a resolution, Refugees and migrants as an easy target for trafficking and exploitation: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;

– Bureau decision, The activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)*:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

– Doc. 14043, motion for a resolution, Safeguarding the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace, Greece: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities";*

– Bureau decision, The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

1.2.2. Modification of references

– Bureau decision, Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan (Ref. 4182 of 29 January 2016): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report,* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion;*

– Bureau decision, The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017 (Ref. 4177 of 25 January 2016 – validity: 25 January 2018): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion;*

– Doc. 14276, motion for a resolution, The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria (Ref. 4293 of 30 May 2017): reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report;*

– Doc. 13965, motion for a resolution, Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the "Cairo Declaration"? (Ref. 4188 of 4 March 2016): reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion.*

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 Jacques LEGENDRE (France) to replace Mr Thierry MARIANI (France).

On the basis of proposals by the SOC Group, the Bureau nominated Ms Gisela WURM (Austria) to replace Ms Marit MAIJ (Netherlands) and Ms Azadeh ROJHAN GUSTAFSSON (Sweden) to replace Mr Yanaki STOILOV (Bulgaria).

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