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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (13 October 2017)

Progress report

Bureau of the Assembly

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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 13 October 2017 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

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The Bureau considered and approved the following references:

- [Doc. 14353](#), motion for a resolution, The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – how parliaments and member States of the Council of Europe can contribute: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- [Doc. 14355](#), motion for a resolution, The societal impact of the "platform economy": reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- [Doc. 14357](#), motion for a recommendation, Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;
- [Doc. 14358](#), motion for a resolution, For a disability-inclusive workforce: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- [Doc. 14362](#), motion for a resolution, Education geared towards pupils' needs: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- [Doc. 14363](#), motion for a resolution, Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children: 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. 14365](#), motion for a resolution, Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- [Doc. 14368](#), motion for a recommendation, Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14371](#), motion for a resolution, Out-of-court settlement procedures in criminal justice: advantages and risks: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14373](#), motion for a resolution, Ensuring greater follow-up of CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;



- [Doc. 14375](#), motion for a resolution, Withdrawing citizenship as a measure to combat terrorism: an human rights-compatible approach?: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14376](#), motion for a resolution, The principles and guarantees of advocates: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14377](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*;
- [Doc. 14380](#), motion for a resolution, Defining guidelines for international NGOs: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;
- [Doc. 14381](#), motion for a resolution, Ombudsman Institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14382](#), motion for a resolution, The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14389](#), request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, Draft Protocol amending the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108): reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *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”*;
- [Doc. 14301](#), motion for a resolution, Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- [Doc. 14330](#), motion for a resolution, Making sign language one of Europe’s official languages: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*.
- Bureau decision, Guidelines on the scope of the parliamentary immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly: reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;
- Bureau decision, Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;
- Bureau decision, The need for a political solution to the crisis in Catalonia: transmission to the Monitoring Committee *for information*;
- Bureau decision, Identity, role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly as a statutory organ of the Council of Europe and a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*.

1.1.2. No further action

- [Doc. 14360](#), motion for a recommendation, Grenfell fire tragedy and call to action: *no further action*.

1.2. Composition of Committees

1.2.1. Composition of Monitoring Committee

On the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, the Bureau appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland) et Ms Marietta Karamanli (France) to fill two vacant seats.

1.2.2. Composition of Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

The Bureau appointed Mr Adrien Taquet (France) for the vacant seat reserved for members not belonging to any political group.

1.2.3. Composition of Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

On the basis of a proposal by the SOC Group, the Bureau appointed Ms Marietta Karamanli (France).

On the basis of a proposal by the GUE Group, the Bureau appointed Mr Georgios Psychogios (Greece) and Mr Tiny Kox (The Netherlands).

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.