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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (29 June 2018)

Progress report

Bureau of the Assembly

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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 29 June 2018 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

1.1.1. Report of the Ad hoc Committee on The role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau decided to refer the report of the Ad hoc Committee on The role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to be taken into account when preparing their respective reports on the issues dealt with by the Ad hoc Committee, and more precisely to:

- refer to the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs Committee, *for report*:
 - proposals aimed at streamlining the Assembly work;
 - proposals aimed at maintaining, changing or supplementing the Rules governing ratification or challenging of credentials and/or representation or participation rights of national delegations, for report at the October 2018 part-session of the Assembly;
 - proposals regarding the voting rights of members or the voting procedures of the Assembly, for report at the October 2018 part-session of the Assembly;
 - other proposals aimed at modifying the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
- refer to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, *to be taken into consideration* in the context of the report on the *Role and mission of the Assembly: main challenges for the future*:
 - the issues related to the nature, identity and mission of the Assembly, as well as other proposals regarding the themes that should be dealt with by the Assembly as a matter of priority;
 - proposals aimed at enhancing follow-up to Assembly resolutions by national parliaments and, in general, interaction and impact of the Assembly work on the latter, reflecting existing best practice on the basis of contributions sent by national parliaments as well as earlier proposals for improvement (see [Resolution 1640 \(2008\)](#));
 - proposals aimed at enhancing the Assembly relations with the European Union and other international organisations or parliamentary assemblies;
- refer proposals aimed at reforming the overall monitoring system of the Assembly or the current working methods and internal procedures of the Monitoring Committee on the basis of [Resolution 1115 \(1997\)](#) *for consideration* to the Monitoring Committee and the Committee of Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs which should act in concert.



1.1.2. *Other reference*

- Bureau decision, Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

1.2. Composition of the committees

1.2.1. *Monitoring Committee*

The Bureau:

- on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE group, appointed Mr Claude Kern (France) and Mr Martin Poliačik (Slovak Republic);
- on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD group, appointed Mr Attila Korodi (Romania), Mr Filippo Lombardi (Switzerland), Mr Vetle Wang Soleim (Norway) and Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece).

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

The Bureau:

- on the basis of a proposal by the group SOC, appointed Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark);
- on the basis of a proposal by the ALDE group, appointed Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland).

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.