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Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly

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 11 January 2019 with Lord Donald Anderson (United Kingdom, SOC), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, 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 Sweden and Italy.¹

3. Conclusions of the Committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Sweden and Italy

Sweden

The Committee interviewed all the candidates on 11 January 2019.

The Committee recommends to the Assembly, with an overwhelming majority, Mr Erik Wennerström as the most qualified candidate.

Italy

The Committee interviewed all the candidates on 11 January 2019.

The Committee recommends to the Assembly, by a majority, Mr Raffaele Sabato as the most qualified candidate.

1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the Governments concerned. The full lists and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: [Doc. 14663](#) (Sweden), [Doc. 14776](#) (Italy).



Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of Sweden and Italy

Sweden

- Mr Thomas BULL
- Ms Katarina PÅHLSSON
- Mr Erik WENNERSTRÖM

Italy

- Mr Antonio BALSAMO
- Ms Ida CARACCIOLO
- Mr Raffaele SABATO

Appendix 2 – Members of the Committee who participated in the meeting

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

- Mr Vladyslav GOLUB, Ukraine
- Ms Biljana PANTIĆ PILJA, Serbia
- Mr Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia
- Mr Vetle Wang SOLEIM, Norway
- Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

- Lord Donald ANDERSON, United Kingdom, *2nd Vice-Chairperson*
- Ms Eka BESELIA, Georgia
- Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia
- Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

- Mr Olivier BECHT, France
- Ms Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine

European Conservatives Group (EC)

- Ms Serap YAŞAR, Turkey

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

- Mr Wojciech SAWICKI, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat