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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (12 April 2019)

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly
Rapporteur: Ms Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden, Group of the European People's Party

1. Decisions of the Bureau of 12 April 2019 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references and transmissions:

– Doc. 14808, Motion for a resolution, *Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* – for a joint debate in 2020[1];

– Doc. 14814, Motion for a resolution, *The human being-machine connection: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms?*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

– Doc. 14815, Motion for a resolution, *For a European policy on diasporas*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*;

– Doc. 14816, Motion for a resolution, *To put an end to enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

– Doc. 14818, Motion for a resolution, *Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;

– Doc. 14821, Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening the fight against so-called "honour" crimes*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

– Doc. 14822, Motion for a resolution, *The continuing violence against Christians in the Middle East*: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;

– Doc. 14823, Motion for a resolution, *Countering ill democracies in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;

– Doc. 14839, Motion for a resolution, *Legal aspects of "autonomous" vehicles*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

– Doc. 14841, Motion for a resolution, *How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

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– Doc. 14866, Motion for a resolution, *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, while taking into account § 24 of Resolution 2273 (2019) on *Establishment of a European Union mechanisms on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights* and § 16 of Resolution 2277 (2019) on *Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future*;

– Doc. 14868, Motion for a resolution, *Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* – for a joint debate in 2020[2];

– Terms of reference of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France:* no further action;

– Terms of reference of the Committee, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;

– Terms of reference of the Committee, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Malta*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report*;

– Terms of reference of the Committee, *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for report;*

– Bureau decision, *Revision of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly* in accordance with §13.2 of Resolution 2274 (2019) on *Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment*: reference to the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*.

1.2. Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

1.2.1. Monitoring Committee

The Bureau, on the basis of a proposal by the FDG Group, appointed Mr Mustafa Yeneroğlu (Turkey).

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

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