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Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting

Amendment¹ No. 101

In the draft resolution, after paragraph 10, insert the following paragraph:

Therefore, in order to clarify the scope of rights whose exercise by members of national delegations may be suspended or deprived of within the framework of a challenge or reconsideration of credentials, the Assembly decides to supplement Rule 10 of its Rules of Procedure, adding after Rule 10.1.c the following clarification:

“The deprivation or suspension of certain rights of participation or representation in the activities of the Assembly does not affect the rights of Assembly members to take part in the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights, the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly.”

as well as the following footnote: “Only members of the Assembly, belonging to delegations whose credentials have been duly ratified by the Assembly, may take part in the election of the highest officials of the Council of Europe: the delegation members who were deprived of some of their rights of participation and representation as a result of a formal decision of the Assembly, including their voting rights, can participate in the election of the aforementioned figures; any parliament not having had its credentials ratified by the Assembly or, by its own choice, not represented in the Assembly by a delegation, has no claim to participation in these elections.

When the Assembly is called upon to decide on a challenge to or reconsideration of credentials, it shall refer to the 2014 opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and will not introduce any additional sanctions to those set out in that opinion.”

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