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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 on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights held a meeting by videoconference on 14 January 2022, with Mr Volker Ullrich (Germany, Group of the European People's Party) in the Chair. It assessed the list of the candidates to the Court in respect of Poland.¹

2. Conclusions of the committee on the list of candidates submitted by Poland

The committee recommends to the Assembly to reject the list as not all candidates fulfil the requirements of Article 21 of the European Convention on Human Rights for election as a judge at the European Court of Human Rights and to request the Government of Poland to submit a new list of candidates.

1. See Appendix 1 for the list of candidates submitted by the Government of Poland. The full list and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly document: [Doc. 15424](#).



Appendix 1 – List of candidates submitted by the Government of Poland

- Ms Elzbieta KARSKA
- Mr Aleksander STĘPKOWSKI
- Ms Agnieszka SZKLANNA

Appendix 2 – Members of the committee who participated in the meeting²

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

- Mr Jason AZZOPARDI, Malta
- Mr Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
- Ms Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE, Latvia
- Mr Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland
- Mr Evipidis STYLIANIDIS, Greece
- Mr Volker ULLRICH, *Chair*, Germany
- Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia
- Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine
- Ms Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

- Ms Margreet De BOER, Netherlands
- Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN, *2nd Vice-Chairperson*, Romania
- Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus
- Mr Andrej SZEJNA, Poland
- Mr Franck SCHWABE, Germany
- Mr Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

- Ms Stephanie KRISPER, Austria
- Mr Fabien GOUTTEFARDE, France

European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance (EC/DA)

- Mr Serhii KALCHENKO, Ukraine
- Mr Morten MESSERSCHMIDT, Denmark
- Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom
- Mr Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

- Mr Georgios KATROUGALOS, Greece
- Mr Tiny KOX, Netherlands

Ex Officio

- Ms Petra BAYR, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Austria
- Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Latvia

2. Not all members of the committee participated in all votes.

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

- Ms Despina CHATZIVASSILIOU-TSOVILIS, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Mark NEVILLE, Director of Committees – Democracy and Rule of law
- Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat