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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (20 June 2022)

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly
Rapporteur: Mr Aleksander POCIEJ, Poland, Group of the European People's Party

1. Decisions of the Bureau of 20 June 2022 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references:

– Doc. 15513, Motion for a resolution, *Safeguarding future rights for future generations:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

– Doc. 15514, Motion for a resolution, *Arbitrary arrest of Russian human rights defender and freedom fighter Vladimir Kara-Murza:* reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *pour rapport*;

– Doc. 15515, Motion for a resolution, *Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

– Doc. 15517, Motion for a resolution, *Strengthening palliative care for children:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

– Doc. 15518, Motion for a resolution, *Increasing members' active participation in and contribution to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees:* reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*;

– Doc. 15519, Motion for a resolution, *Humanitarian catastrophe created during the Russian army invasion of Ukraine:* reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account* in the framework of the report on "Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine";

– Doc. 15523, Motion for a resolution, *The right to freedom of information: ensuring access to historical documents:* reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

– Doc. 15531, Motion for a resolution, *Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report.*

1.2. Election observation

1.2.1. Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (2 October 2022)

Subject to receiving an invitation, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; EC/DA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission.

1.3. Composition of the committees

1.3.1. Monitoring Committee

The Bureau, on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, appointed Lord Wharton (United Kingdom) as a member.

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

2. Other decisions by the Bureau

2.1. Follow-up to the Standing Committee (Dublin, 31 May 2022)

The Bureau took note of the follow-up given to the Standing Committee.

2.2. Third part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2022)

2.2.1. Requests for a current affairs debate

The Bureau took note of the request tabled by the EC/DA group to hold a current affairs debate on *"Consequences of the blockade of the Black Sea"* and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate.

The Bureau took note of the request tabled by the SOC group to hold a current affairs debate on *"United Kingdom agreement on asylum seekers and the critical government reaction regarding the European Court of Human Rights decision"*, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to appoint Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) as first speaker in the debate.

The Bureau took note of the request tabled by the EPP/CD group to hold a current affairs debate on *"Türkiye's aggressive behaviour and the threat of revisionism for European Stability"*, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to appoint Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos (Greece, EPP/CD) as first speaker in the debate.

2.2.2. Draft agenda

The Bureau updated the draft agenda.

2.2.3. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Iceland

The Bureau took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights following interviews with candidates for the post of a judge in respect of Iceland. It also took note of the interruption of this procedure following the withdrawal of two of the candidates from the list. The Government of Iceland was invited to complete this list by submitting two new candidatures.

2.3. Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 April-20 June 2022) (Rapporteur: Mr Aleksander Pociej (Poland, EPP/DC))

The Bureau approved the Progress report (Doc.15550).

2.4. Communications

The Bureau took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General.