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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 on Tuesday 11 October 2022 in the morning in Strasbourg, with Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania, SOC) in the chair.

The committee discussed the list of candidates to the Court in respect of Denmark.¹

The committee held an exchange of views with the Minister of Justice of Denmark, Mr Mattias TESFAYE, in respect of the reasons why no woman was among the three shortlisted candidates.

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

The committee did not find “exceptional circumstances” justifying an exception from the rule that single-sex lists are only allowed when the candidates belong to the underrepresented sex (currently women). It therefore invited the Assembly to reject the list and to ask the Danish Government to present a new list of candidates including at least one man and one woman.

1. See Appendix 1 for the list of candidates submitted by the Government of Denmark. The full list and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly document: [Doc. 15621](#).



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

- Mr Mohammad AHSAN
- Mr Jon Esben HVAM
- Mr Ib Hounsgaard TRABJERG

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

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

- Mr Volker ULLRICH, Germany
- Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia
- Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine – First Vice-Chairperson
- Ms Kamila GASIUK-PIHOWICZ, Poland
- Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

- Ms Margreet De BOER, Netherlands
- Ms Klotilda BUSHKA, Albania
- Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia
- Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania – Chairperson
- Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus
- Ms Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland
- Ms Arta BILALLI ZENDELI, North Macedonia

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

- Ms Stephanie KRISPER, Austria – Second Vice-Chairperson
- Ms Ingvild Wettrhus THORSVIK, Norway

European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance (EC/DA)

- Mr Erkin GADIRLI, Azerbaijan
- Mr Kamal JAFAROV, Azerbaijan
- Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

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Ex officio members

- Mr Damien COTTIER, Switzerland – Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

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