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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (27 January 2023)

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly
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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 27 January 2023 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references:

1.1.1. References to committees

– Doc. 15676, Motion for a resolution, Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress: reference to Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*

– Bureau decision, Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The situation in Kosovo*[1]*"*

– Bureau decision, Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

– Bureau decision, Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

– Bureau decision, Resolution 2483 (2023) on The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022) (paragraphs 9 and 10): Reference to Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on «Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure»*

1.1.2. Modification of a reference

– Doc. 15194, Reference 4555 of 25 January 2021, Health and social protection of undocumented workers*:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*

1. All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

1.1.3. Reply after consultation

– Doc. 15628, Motion for a resolution, Preventing abuse of the right to veto in the Security Council: a perspective by the member States of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*:* reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to take into account in the preparation of the report on "The need for renewed, effective and inclusive Multilateralism"*

– Doc. 15639, Motion for a resolution, Abusive practices on depriving children from their family environment*:* transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

1.2. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights

The Bureau took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges for the post of a judge in respect of Poland, including its recommendation to reject the list (Doc. 15685 Addendum 4).

1.3. Election observation

1.3.1. Bulgaria: Early parliamentary elections (2 April 2023)

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

1.3.2. Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023, tbc)

The Bureau, subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 40 members (SOC-12; EPP/CD-12; ALDE-7; EC/DA-7; UEL-2), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission.

1.3.3. Conference "Elections in times of crisis: challenges and opportunities" (Bern, 9-10 May 2023)

The Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 30 members (SOC-10; EPP/CD-9; ALDE-5; EC/DA-5; UEL-1) to represent the Assembly at the conference.

1.4. 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

1.4.1. Monitoring Committee

The Bureau, on the basis of proposals by:

– the SOC Group, nominated, Ms Naomi CACHIA (Malta) as member,

– the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Lulzim BASHA (Albania), Ms Khatia DEKANOIDZE (Georgia) and Mr Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI (North Macedonia) as members,

– the EC/DA Group, nominated Ms Beatrice TIMGREN (Sweden) and Ms Jo GIDEON (United Kingdom) as members,

– the ALDE Group, nominated Ms Valentina GRIPPO (Italy) as member.

1.4.2. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

The Bureau, on the basis of proposals by the EC/DA Group, nominated Ms Harriett BALDWIN (United Kingdom) and Ms Hélène LAPORTE (France) as members.

1.4.3. Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The Bureau, on the basis of proposals by:

– the EPP/CD Group, nominated Ms Biljana PANTIĆ PILJA (Serbia) as member,

– the EC/DA Group, nominated Ms Sally-Ann HART (United Kingdom) and Ms Nigar ARPADARAI (Azerbaijan) as members.

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.