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Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Progress report
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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 in Paris on 8 and 9 January 2024, first with Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), and then Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), in the Chair.

The committee assessed the list of the candidates to the Court in respect of Serbia, Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Lithuania.[1]

2. Conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Serbia, Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Lithuania

2.1. Serbia

The committee decided to postpone until a later date its decision on the recommendation to the Assembly concerning this list.

2.2. Luxembourg

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 8 January 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a large majority, Mr Stéphane PISANI as the most qualified candidate.

2.3. Bulgaria

The committee instructed the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to revise Doc. 15867 in order to present the list of candidates following the Latin alphabetical order, to avoid any confusion during the vote.

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 9 January 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a narrow majority, Ms Galya VALKOVA as the most qualified candidate, over Ms Diana Petrova KOVATCHEVA and Mr Dragomir YORDANOV, both of whom it considers as equally qualified.

2.4. Lithuania

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 9 January 2024.

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1. See Appendix 1 for the list of candidates submitted by the government concerned. The full list and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: Doc. 15878 (Serbia), Doc. 15876 (Luxembourg), Doc. 15867rev (Bulgaria), Doc. 15877 (Lithuania).

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a majority, Mr Gediminas SAGATYS as the most qualified candidate, over Ms Lyra JAKULEVIČIENĖ.

Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of Serbia, Luxembourg, Bulgaria and Lithuania

Serbia

– Mr Vladimir MARINKOV
– Ms Silvija PANOVIĆ-DURIĆ
– Ms Nataša PLAVŠIĆ

Luxembourg

– Mr Jörg GERKRATH
– Ms Marie-Jeanne KAPPWEILER
– Mr Stéphane PISANI

Bulgaria

– Ms Diana Petrova KOVATCHEVA
– Ms Galya VALKOVA
– Mr Dragomir YORDANOV

Lithuania

– Ms Lyra JAKULEVIČIENĖ
– Mr Gediminas SAGATYS
– Ms Edita ŽIOBIENĖ

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

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

– Ms Petra BAYR, Austria
– Mr Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania – Chairperson
– Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus
– Mr Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia
– Ms Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland

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

– Mr Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
– Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain
– Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine – First Vice Chairperson

European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance (EC/DA)

– Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom
– Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

– Mr Régis BERGONZI, Monaco
– Ms Stephanie KRISPER, Austria – Second Vice Chairperson
– Ms Ingvild Wetrhus THORSVIK, Norway
– Ms Lesia VASYLENKO, Ukraine (online)

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Ex officio members

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– Ms Despina CHATZIVASSILIOU-TSOVILIS, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
– Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
– Mr Guillem CANO-PALOMARES, Deputy to the Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights