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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (4 October 2024 – 26 January 2025)

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly
Rapporteur: Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain, Group of the European People's Party

1. Introduction

At its meeting on 4 October 2024, the Bureau appointed me as rapporteur for this report, which covers its activities over the period from the last Bureau meeting of the fourth part-session of 2024 (Friday 4 October) to the pre-session Bureau meeting of the first part-session of 2025 (Monday 27 January).

The present report includes the decisions taken at the Bureau meetings of 4 October in Strasbourg, 28 November in Luxembourg and 13 December in Paris. Chapter 2 presents a list of decisions that were either already ratified by the Standing Committee on 29 November, or which do not require ratification. Chapter 3 presents the activities of the Standing Committee on 29 November in Luxembourg. Chapter 4 lists the decisions taken on 13 December that require ratification at the opening of the 2025 first part-session of the Assembly.

An addendum to this report will be issued after the Bureau meeting of 27 January, which will include decisions to be ratified by the Assembly at the opening of the 2025 part-session. Another addendum will be issued after the Bureau meeting of 31 January. It will only include the decisions to be ratified by the Assembly on the same day, notably the references and transmissions to committees, which will have been approved by the Bureau.

Addendum 1 to this report presents the statistics of gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly.

The report of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights presenting the conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Andorra, Armenia and Slovenia, is published as Addendum 2 to this report.

Addendum 3 to this report presents the activities of the election observations in 2024.

The Bureau will hold its next meeting on Wednesday 19 March in Strasbourg.

2. Activities of the Bureau since the last part-session and decisions not requiring ratification by the Assembly

2.1. Fourth part-session of 2024 (Strasbourg, 30 September – 4 October)

On 4 October, the Bureau heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly and discussed the follow-up to the part-session.

2.2. Meeting of the Standing Committee (Luxembourg, 29 November)

2.2.1. Draft agenda

On 4 October, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda which was then updated on 28 November.

2.2.2. Requests for current affairs debates

On 28 November, the Bureau:

– took note of the request by the Chairperson of the delegation of Luxembourg to hold a current affairs debate on *Intensification of repressions in Azerbaijan: undermining democratic freedoms and parliamentary rights*, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate, to modify the title in *Intensification of repressions in Azerbaijan: the situation of political prisoners, threats to democratic freedoms and parliamentary rights*, and appointed Mr Gusty Graas (Luxembourg, ALDE) as the first speaker;

– took note of the request by the chairpersons of the five political groups to hold a current affairs debate on *Foreign interference: a threat to democracy*, decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this debate, and appointed Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) as the first speaker.

2.2.3. Follow-up to the Standing Committee

On 13 December, the Bureau approved the follow-up proposals presented by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to refer the follow-up to Resolution 2579 (2024) on *Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement* to the 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* (see part 4.1).

2.3. First part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January)

On 28 November, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda for the first part-session of 2025 and updated it at its meeting on 13 December.

2.4. References and transmissions to committees

On 4 October, the Bureau considered and approved the references and transmissions to committees as presented in Doc. 16045 Add.3, ratified by the Assembly the same day.

On 28 November, the Bureau considered and approved the following references and transmissions to committees, which were subsequently ratified by the Standing Committee.

2.4.1. References to committees

– *Media freedom in sport*, Doc. 16036, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;

– *Improving the selection/election procedure of CPT members*, Doc. 16038, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

– *Violations of media freedom and the right to information in Poland*, Doc. 16051, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Poland"*;

– *Situation in Venezuela and support for Venezuelans living in exile in Council of Europe member States*, Doc. 16052, motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information*;

– *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),* Doc. 16055, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;

– *Frontline States: the role of the Council of Europe in implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum*, Doc. 16056, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*.

2.4.2. Extension of references

During the reference period, the Bureau also approved the following requests for extension of references:

– *Respect for the rule of law and fight against corruption within the Council of Europe*, Doc. 15195, motion for a resolution, reference 4556 of 25 January 2021 (extended on 1 February 2021, 28 April 2023 and 22 January 2024) – validity: 31 December 2024: extension until 31 March 2025;

– *Protecting the human rights and improving the lives of sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation* (former title: The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors), Doc. 15570, motion for a resolution, reference 4674 of 10 October 2022 – validity: 10 October 2024: extension until 10 April 2025;

– *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands,* Monitoring Committee decision, Reference 4569 of 19 March 2021 (extended on 14 October 2022, 9 October 2023 and 22 January 2024) – validity: 19 March 2025: extension until 19 March 2026;

– *Olympic movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?* (former title: Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement), Doc. 15721, motion for a resolution, reference 4716 of 2 March 2023 – validity: 2 March 2025: extension until 31 March 2025;

– *Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights*, Doc. 15014, motion for a resolution, reference 4488 of 27 January 2020 (extended on 7 May 2020, 1 February 2021, 25 November 2022, 22 January 2024 and 24 May 2024) – validity: 31 December 2024: extension until 30 June 2025;

– *Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan*, Doc. 15521, motion for a resolution, reference 4659 of 24 June 2022 (extended on 24 May 2024) – validity: 31 December 2024: extension until 31 December 2025;

– *Promoting universal health coverage*, Doc. 15729, motion for a resolution, Reference 4734 of 26 May 2023 – validity: 26 May 2025: extension until 26 November 2025.

2.5. Election observation

2.5.1. Parliamentary Assembly Network of Election Observers

On 4 October, the Bureau approved the list of members of the Network and took note of the agreement of the leaders of the five political groups to designate Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as its Chairperson (Appendix 1).

2.5.2. Republic of Moldova: presidential election and constitutional referendum (20 October 2024 and 3 November 2024)

On 15 October, following a written consultation, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections and appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as its Chairperson, to replace Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) (Appendix 2).

On 28 November, the Bureau approved the election observation report, with a view to a debate at the Standing Committee on the following day.

2.5.3. Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (9 June and 27 October 2024)

On 4 October, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections.

On 16 October, following a written consultation, the Bureau approved the updated list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE) as its Chairperson, to replace Mr Oleksii Goncharenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) (Appendix 3).

On 28 November, the Bureau approved the election observation report, with a view to a debate at the Standing Committee on the following day.

2.5.4. Georgia: Parliamentary elections (26 October 2024)

On 28 November, the Bureau approved the election observation report, with a view to a debate at the 2025 January part-session.

2.5.5. Annual Implementation Meeting for endorsers of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (DoP), Gdansk, Poland, 20-22 November 2024

On 4 October, the Bureau appointed Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, EC/DA) to represent the Assembly at this event hosted by ODIHR.

2.5.6. Assembly of Kosovo[1]: elections (9 February 2025)

On 28 November, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and set up an *ad hoc* committee composed of 20 members (SOC: 6; EPP/CD: 6; EC/DA: 4; ALDE: 3; UEL: 1); and authorised a pre-electoral mission.

On 13 December, the Bureau approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to participate in these elections and appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as its Chairperson.

On 23 December, following a written consultation, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee (Appendix 4).

2.5.7. Schedule of the elections in 2025

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the calendar.

2.6. Issues raised by committees

2.6.1. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

On 4 October, the Bureau took note of the letters by the Chairperson of the Committee and authorised:

– Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), rapporteur on *Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*, to carry out a fact finding visit to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, in the framework of the preparation of her report, in 2024 or 2025 (dates to be confirmed);

– Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the *Situation in the Middle East*, to carry out a fact finding visit to Israel, the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon, in the framework of the preparation of her report (dates to be confirmed and subject to the availability of funds).

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee and decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau, composed of 8 members (AS/Pol: 3, AS/Jur: 2; AS/Soc:2 and AS/Cult:1), to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, to be held on 5-7 February 2025 in Paris.

2.6.2. Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

On 4 October, the Bureau took note of the letters by the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee and approved the revised terms of reference of the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine and of the Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment as presented in Doc. 16045 Add.3, ratified by the Assembly the same day.

2.6.3. Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee and decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the conference on the follow-up to the Resolution 2569 (2024) *Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate* to be held in Strasbourg on 23-24 April 2025.

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.

2.7. Communications

On 4 October, the Bureau took note of the communication by the President of the Assembly.

On 28 November and 13 December, 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 of the Council of Europe.

On 13 December, the Bureau observed a minute's silence in the memory of Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe from 2004 to 2009.

The Bureau also took note that the President would ask the Venice Commission for an urgent opinion on the conditions and legal standards under which a constitutional court can invalidate elections.

2.8. Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA), on the theme "Artificial Intelligence and Democracy", in Oslo, on 21 October 2024

On 4 October, the Bureau. approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau (Appendix 5).

2.9. Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference on "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport" (Athens, 4-5 November 2024)

On 4 October, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (Appendix 6).

2.10. World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November)

On 4 October, the Bureau approved the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau and appointed the President of the Assembly as its Chairperson (Appendix 7).

2.11. Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the situation of the children of Ukraine (Geneva, 13 June 2024)

On 13 December, the Bureau decided to declassify the minutes of the meeting of the *ad hoc* Committee held in Geneva on 13 June 2024.

2.12. Composition of committees

2.12.1. Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

On 4 October, on the basis of proposals by the SOC Group, the Bureau nominated as members: Mr Gerardo Giovagnoli (San Marino) and Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland); on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, nominated Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal) as a member; on the basis of a proposal by the EC/DA Group, nominated Mr Lőrinc Nacsa (Hungary) as a member.

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

On 4 October, on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Christophe Brico (Monaco) as a member.

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

On 4 October, on the basis of proposals by the EPP/CD Group, the Bureau nominated as members: Ms Regina Bastos (Portugal), Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain) and Ms Saara-Sofia Sirén (Finland).

2.13. European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

On 4 October, the Bureau considered and approved the lists of candidates in respect of Croatia, Malta, Monaco and Poland, which were subsequently transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.

2.14. Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2024

On 4 October, the Bureau appointed as a representative at the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART), Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC), instead of Mr David Morris (United Kingdom, EC/DA).

On 28 November, the Bureau appointed Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) as a representative of the Assembly to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

2.15. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 28 November, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly on the composition of the Selection Panel and of the calendar of the 2025 edition; it decided to:

– exceptionally extend the mandate of one of the members appointed by the Bureau and of one of the members appointed by the Czech partners for one year each and to subsequently extend the current mandate of Ms Anne Brasseur for one year, bringing the end of her mandate to 31 May 2026;

– invite Bureau members to propose candidatures for the vacant seat in the Selection Panel for the subsequent appointment of a member of the Panel by the Bureau. The names and CVs of candidates together with justification of fulfilment of required condition (“recognised moral standing in the field of human rights”) should be submitted to the Secretary General of the Assembly no later than 15 January 2025, in view of the Bureau taking a decision on the appointment during the 2025 January part-session.

2.16. Human Rights in Motion Prize

On 28 November, the Bureau took note of the information contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat, under the instructions of the President of the Assembly, and decided to:

– establish the Human Rights in Motion Prize, to be awarded quarterly, in cooperation with four international documentary film festivals, to the director of the best documentary film promoting the “human rights or the fight for democratic values”;

– launch a call for artists or artistic organisations to create, pro bono, a plaque to accompany the award ceremony.

It also took note that the Prize will be officially launched during the meeting of the Standing Committee on 29 November 2024.

2.17. Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

On 28 November, the Bureau took note of the letter by the chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and approved the modification of the regulations of the Prize concerning the deadline for reception of candidatures (Appendix 8); it also took note of the calendar of the 2025 edition and of the launch of the 2025 edition of the Prize on 29 November 2024.

*2.18. Request for special guest status by the Assembly of Kosovo**

On 28 November, the Bureau took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo* and, in accordance with Rule 62.3 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure, transmitted the request to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for consultation.

2.19. Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly and:

– decided that the forthcoming election should follow the pre-Covid-19 pandemic timetable, with an election during the 2025 October part-session;

– therefore decided to exceptionally shorten the mandate of the forthcoming Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly by one month, subject to agreement with the Committee of Ministers to be reached within the Joint Committee;

– approved the timetable for the election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly (Appendix 9);

– asked the President of the Parliamentary Assembly to transmit to the Committee of Ministers the timetable regarding the procedure in the Assembly and the decision of the Bureau regarding the duration of the mandate of the forthcoming Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly.

2.20. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Strasbourg, 20-21 March 2025)

On 28 November, the Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

2.21. Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris

On 4 October, the Bureau authorised the Sub-Committee on External relations (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) to meet on 11-13 November 2024 in New York, United States.

On 13 December, the Bureau authorised:

– the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 69) of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in New York, United States, in March 2025 (dates tbc);

– the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) to meet in Riga on 15-16 May 2025;

– the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to meet in Oslo or Trondheim, Norway, on 3 and 4 June 2025.

2.22. Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2025

On 28 November, the Bureau approved the revised proposals contained in the document (Appendix 10).

2.23. Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2025 financial year

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

2.24. Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2025

On 13 December, the Bureau approved the proposals contained in the document.

2.25. Parliamentary co-operation and electoral activities – work plan 2025

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the work plan for 2025.

2.26. Follow-up to a Bureau decision – summaries of the Assembly's adopted texts through the use of AI

On 13 December, the Bureau took note of the information provided.

2.27. Honorary President

On 13 December, the Bureau decided to grant the title of Honorary President to Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly from 2020 to 2022.

3. Activities of the Standing Committee (Luxembourg, 29 November)

The Standing Committee:

– heard a welcome address by Mr Claude Wiseler, President of the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies;

– held an exchange of views with Ms Yuriko Backes, Minister of Defence, for Mobility and Public Works, and for Gender Equality and Diversity, in the framework of the Luxembourg Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

– ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Finland, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania and United Kingdom;

– approved the changes in the composition of Assembly committees;

– took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (27-31 January 2025);

– ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix);

– held current affairs debates on “Intensification of repressions in Azerbaijan: the situation of political prisoners, threats to democratic freedoms and parliamentary rights” and on “Foreign interference: a threat to democracy”;

– adopted a declaration on “Georgia must remain faithful to its European values”;

– took note of the reports of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the observation of:

  - the presidential election (20 October and 3 November 2024) and constitutional referendum (20 October 2024) in the Republic of Moldova;

  - the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (9 June and 27 October 2024);

– unanimously adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2579 (2024)	Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement
Recommendation 2287 (2024)	Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement

– decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

  - Valletta, Malta, on 23 May 2025,

  - Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, on 21 November 2025.

4. Decisions of the Bureau requiring ratification by the Assembly

4.1. References and transmissions to committees

On 13 December, the Bureau considered and approved the following references and transmissions to committees:

– *Safeguarding the rule of law in Tunisia*, Doc. 16060, motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for consultation*;

– *The use of artificial intelligence in public decision-making processes and its impact on human rights*, Doc. 16061, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence”* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;

– *Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies*, Doc. 16062, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*;

– *The situation of Ukrainian soldiers who became disabled as a result of hostilities*, Doc. 16063, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*;

– *Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food,* Doc. 16064, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*;

– Bureau decision, follow-up to Resolution 2579 (2024) on *Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement*: reference to the 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*.

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

Appendix 1 – List of members of the Parliamentary Assembly Network of Election Observers

Chairperson / Président: Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA / Royaume-Uni, CE/DA)

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

– Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche
– Mr / M. Andrea CRISANTI, Italy / Italie
– Mr / M. Costis EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus / Chypre
– Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
– Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie
– Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
– Mr / M.Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
– Ms / Mme Saskia KLUIT, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
– Ms / Mme Arndís Anna KRISTÍNARDÓTTIR GUNNARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande
– Mr / M. Max LUCKS, Germany / Allemagne
– Mr / M. Jamila MADEIRA, Portugal
– Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine
– Mr / M. Didier MARIE*, France
– Ms / Mme Kate OSBORNE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
– Mr / M. Paulo PISCO, Portugal
– Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

– Mr / M. Pauli AALTO-SETÄLÄ, Finland / Finlande
– Mr / M. Christian BUCHMANN, Austria / Autriche
– Ms / Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche
– Ms / Mme Arusyak JULHAKYAN, Armenia / Arménie
– Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK, Ukraine
– Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚÂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
– Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI*, Italy / Italie
– Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte
– Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
– Ms / M. Maria SYRENGELA, Greece / Grèce
– Mr / M. Nicos TORNARITIS, Cyprus / Chypre

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

– Lord David BLENCATHRA*, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
– Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN, Armenia / Arménie
– Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
– Mr / M. Jan KANTHAK, Poland / Pologne
– Mr / M. Axel KASSEGGER, Austria / Autriche

– Mr / M. Norbert KLEINWÄCHTER, Germany / Allemagne
– Mr / M. Daniel MILEWSKI, Poland / Pologne
– Mr / M. Kacper Maciej PŁAŻYŃSKI, Poland / Pologne
– Mr / M. Marcin ROMANOWSKI, Poland / Pologne
– Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
– Mr / M. Harald WEYEL, Germany / Allemagne
– Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède
– Mr / M. Morten WOLD, Norway / Norvège

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

– Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
– Mr / M. François BONNEAU, France
– Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse
– Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
– Mr / M. Claude KERN*, France
– Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine
– Mr / M. Michael LINK, Germany / Allemagne
– Ms/ Mme Fiona O'LOUGHLIN, Ireland / Irlande
– Mr / M. Dean PREMIK, Slovenia / Slovénie
– Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France
– Mr / M. Kim VALENTIN, Denmark / Danemark
– Ms / Mme Lesia VASYLENKO, Ukraine
– Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
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– Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL, Spain / Espagne
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	Ms /M^{me} Octavie MODERT, Luxembourg
	Ms /M^{me} Blerina GJYLAMETI, Albania / Albanie

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities/ Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux

– Mr /M. Stuart DICKSON, United Kindgom / Royaume-Uni

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

– Mr /M. Srdjan DARMANOVIC, Montenegro / Monténégro

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Appendix 2 – Republic of Moldova: presidential election and constitutional referendum (20 October 2024 and 3 November 2024)

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– Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne
– Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI, Poland / Pologne
– Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte *
– ZZ
– ZZ

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Mr / M. Christian BUCHMANN, Austria / Autriche
– Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
– Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚÂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
– Ms / M^{me} Belén HOYO, Spain / Espagne

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

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– Mr / M. Harald WEYEL, Germany / Allemagne
– Mr / M. Andrew PERCY, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
– Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne

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– Ms / M^{me} Pauline LATHAM, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
– Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN, Armenia / Arménie

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

– Ms / M^me^ Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie*
– Mr / M. Petri HONKONEN, Finland / Finlande
– Ms / M^me^ Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Ms / M^me^ Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque
– Ms / M^me^ Rian VOGELS, Netherlands / Pays Bas
– Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
– Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
– Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

– Ms / M^me^ Laura CASTEL, Spain / Espagne *

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Ms / M^me^ Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

Accompanying person / Personne accompagnante

– XXX, accompanying Mr Jan Filip LIBICKI

Corapporteurs AS/Mon (ex officio) / Co-rapporteur·es AS/Mon (ex officio)

– Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse – SOC *
– Ms / M^me^ Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA, Latvia / Lettonie – EPP/CD / PPE/DC *

Secretariat of political groups / Secrétariat des groupes politiques

– Ms / M^me^ Marianna NTALLA, SOC

* pre-electoral mission / mission préélectorale

Appendix 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (9 June and 27 October 2024)

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Alfred HEER (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

– Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
– Ms / M^{me} Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
– Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine
– zz
– zz

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

– Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie
– Ms / M^{me} Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche
– Mr /M. Niklaus-Samuel GUGGER, Switzerland / Suisse
– Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte
– Ms / M^{me} Maria SYRENGELA, Greece / Grèce
– zz

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

– Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
– Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
– Ms / M^{me} Heather WHEELER, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

– Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
– Mr / M. Alfred HEER, Switzerland / Suisse
– Ms / M^{me} Lucia PLAVAKOVA, Slovak Republic / République slovaque

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Ms / M^{me} Carla MOONEN, Netherlands / Pays- Bas

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

– Ms / M^{me} Sevilay ÇELENK ÖZEN, Türkiye

Corapporteurs AS/Mon (ex officio) / Co-rapporteures AS/Mon (ex officio)

– Ms / M^{me} Deborah BERGAMINI, Italy / Italie – PPE/DC (excused / excusée)
– Ms / M^{me} Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande – SOC (excused / excusée)

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

– Mr / M. Richard BARRETT, Ireland / Irlande, Member of the Venice Commission / Membre de la Commission de Venise

– Mr / M. Domenico VALLARIO, Venice Commission Secretariat / Secrétariat de la Commission de Venise

Appendix 4 – List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the elections in the Assembly of Kosovo[2]

Chairperson / Présidente: Ms / M^me Petra BAYR (Austria / Autriche, SOC)

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

– Ms / M^me Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche **
– Mr / M. Christophe CHAILLOU, France
– Mr / M. Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania / Roumanie
– Mr / M. Yves CRUCHTEN, Luxembourg
– Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
– Ms / M^me Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège
– Ms / M^me Cat ECCLES, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
– Mr / M. Cerni ESCALE CABRE, Andorra / Andorre
– Ms / M^me Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
– Lord George FOULKES, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
– Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse
– Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
– Ms / M^me Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
– Ms / M^me Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI, Finland / Finlande
– Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France
– Ms / M^me Anna-Kristiina MIKKONEN, Finland /Finlande
– Mr / M. Paulo PISCO, Portugal
– Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche
– Ms / M^me Céline THIÉBAULT-MARTINEZ, France

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

– Mr / M. Christian BUCHMANN, Austria / Autriche
– Ms / M^me Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche **
– Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne
– Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚÂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
– Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
– Ms / M^me Jorida TABAKU, Albania / Albanie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

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2. 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. / Toute référence au Kosovo, que ce soit le territoire, les institutions ou la population, doit se comprendre en pleine conformité avec la Résolution 1244 du Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies et sans préjuger du statut du Kosovo.

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

– Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine**
– ZZ
– ZZ
– ZZ

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

– Mr / M. Nikolla CAMAJ, Montenegro / Monténégro
– Mr / M. Claude KERN, France
– Ms / M^{me} Diana STOICA, Romania / Roumanie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye **
– Ms / M^{me} Liliana TANGUY, France

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

– Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre **

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

– Ms / M^{me} Nina KASIMATI, Greece / Grèce

** Pre-electoral mission / mission prélectorale

Appendix 5 – List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the annual conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network (EPTA) "Artificial Intelligence and Democracy" – Oslo, 21 October 2024

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

– Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

– Mr / M. Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)
– Ms / M^me^ Zeynep YILDIZ (Türkiye, NR / NI)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

– Ms / M^me^ Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

– Ms / M^me^ Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Arusyak JULHAKYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD / Arménie, PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / NI)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

– Mr / M. Andi-Lucian CRISTEA (Romania, SOC / Roumanie, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Linda Hofstad HELLELAND (Norway, EPP/CD / Norvège, PPE/DC)
– Mr / M. Mathieu MICHEL (Belgium, ALDE / Belgique, ADLE)
– Ms / M^me^ Marijana PULJAK (Croatia, ALDE / Croatie, ADLE)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination

– Mr / M. Mustafa CANBEY (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Ester MIELI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)

– Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)

Appendix 6 – List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport" – Athens, 4-5 November 2024

President / Président: Mr / M. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

– Ms / M^me^ Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)
– Mr / M. Reinhold LOPATKA (Austria, EPP/CD / Autriche, PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

– Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine, SOC)
– Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE (Georgia / Géorgie, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER (Austria / Autriche, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Domenica SPINELLI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)
– Mr / M. Sergiy VLASENKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

– Mr / M. Vladimir ĐORĐEVIĆ (Serbia, NR / Serbie, NI)
– Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD / Irlande, PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Minna REIJONEN (Finland, EC/DA / Finlande, CE/AD)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

– Mr / M. Branislav BORENOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD / Bosnie-Herzégovine, PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Meryem GÖKA (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD / Roumanie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

– Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN (Türkiye, ALDE / ADLE)
– Mr / M. Simone BILLI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/DA)
– Mr / M. Nikolla CAMAJ (Montenegro, ALDE / Monténégro, ADLE)
– Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus / Chypre, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Gökçe GÖKÇEN (Türkiye, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Seda GÖREN BÖLÜK (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)
– Mr / M. Andries GRYFFROY (Belgium, NR / Belgique, NI)

– Ms / M^me^ Linda Hofstad HELLELAND (Norway, EPP/CD / Norvège, PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Belén HOYO (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)
– Mr / M. Mogens JENSEN (Denmark / Danemark, SOC)
– Mr / M. Jan LACINA (Tchéquie, PPE/DC / Czechia, EPP/CD)
– Ms / M^me^ Mia KARAMEHIĆ-ABAZOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR / Bosnie-Herzégovine, NI)
– Ms / M^me^ Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)
– Ms / M^me^ Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain / Espagne, SOC)
– Mr / M. Mathieu MICHEL (Belgium, ALDE / Belgique, ADLE)
– Ms / M^me^ Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland, ALDE / Irlande, ADLE)
– Ms / M^me^ Denisa Elena NEAGU (Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE)
– Mr / M. Fabio PIETRELLA (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)
– Ms / M^me^ Catia POLIDORI (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC)
– Mr / M. Ion PRIOTEASA (Romania / Roumanie, SOC)
– Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria / Autriche, SOC)
– Ms / M^me^ Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA / Géorgie, CE/AD)
– Mr / M. Pavlo SUSHKO (Ukraine, EC/DA / CE/AD)
– Mr / M. Kim VALENTIN (Denmark, ALDE / Danemark, ADLE)
– Ms / M^me^ Zeynep YILDIZ (Türkiye, NR / NI)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination

– Ms / M^me^ Aysu BANKOĞLU (Türkiye, SOC)
– Mr / M. Roland Rino BÜCHEL (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)
– Mr / M. Mustafa CANBEY (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^me^ Ester MIELI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD)
– Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)
– Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)

– Mr / M. Pablo HISPAN (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

Appendix 7 – List of members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy 2024 "Democracy and Diversity – Can we transcend the divides?" – Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2024

Chairperson / Président·e: Mr / M. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

– Mr / M. Piero FASSINO (Italy / Italie, SOC)
– Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC / Grèce, SOC)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

– Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)
– Mr / M. Saša MAGAZINOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine, SOC)
– Mr / M. Vladimir VARDANYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD / Arménie, PPE/DC)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé, et du développement durable

– Ms / M^{me} Larysa BILOZIR (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)
– Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia, EC/DA / Arménie, CE/AD)
– Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria / Autriche, SOC)
– Ms / M^{me} Ms Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA / Géorgie, CE/AD)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

– Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland / Suisse, SOC)
– Ms / M^{me} Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / NI)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

– Ms / M^{me} Gökçe GÖKÇEN (Türkiye, SOC)
– Ms / M^{me} Seda GÖREN BÖLÜK (Türkiye, NR / NI)
– Ms / M^{me} Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination

– Ms / M^{me} Petra BAYR (Austria / Autriche, SOC)
– Ms / M^{me} Sevilay ÇELENK ÖZEN (Türkiye, UEL / GUE)
– Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)
– Ms / M^{me} Mariia MEZENTSEVA (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)
– Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)
– Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (commission de suivi)

– Ms / M^{me} Sabina ĆUDIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE / Bosnie-Herzégovine, ADLE)

– Ms / M^{me} Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)

– Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLIEV (Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

– Mr / M. Paul GAVAN (Ireland, UEL / Irlande, GUE)

Appendix 8 – Regulations for the Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

Article 1 – The Prize

The Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment will be awarded by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe every year in order to reward outstanding initiatives promoting the empowerment of women in all their diversity, with a broad remit ranging from achievements in gender equality, in equal access to participation and decision making, to championing women's opportunities and helping them to take their place in society, as well as action to encourage inclusive policies and practice.

Article 2 – Award

The Prize will consist of a sum of 60 000 euros to finance action in the field that is conducted or supported by the Prize-winner and a diploma.

Article 3 – Eligibility

Individuals or civil society groups, including national or international non-governmental organisations, associations and private companies may be nominated for the Prize. Current members of the Parliamentary Assembly and deceased individuals will not be eligible.

Article 4 – Nominations

4.1. Nominations for the Prize must reach the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly **in March, at a date to be seteach year**. They will be signed by at least five sponsors, other than the nominee, on the special form appended to these Regulations.

4.2. Nominations will provide details of the nominee's action to promote women's empowerment and specify the reasons why the nominee's action can be considered to be outstanding. All relevant supporting documents will be provided.

4.3. Nominations may be submitted in one of the two official languages of the Council of Europe.

Article 5 – Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel, chaired by the President of the Assembly or a person designated by her or him, will be composed of six independent members with recognised standing in the field of women's empowerment.

5.2. Three members of the Selection Panel will be nominated by the Bureau of the Assembly upon the proposal of the Assembly's Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and three nominated by the Government of Iceland.

5.3. Current members of the Assembly cannot be members of the Selection Panel. They are appointed for a two-year period, renewable twice.

Article 6 – Decision on the Prize-winner

6.1. The Selection Panel will decide on any conflict of interest concerning its members.

6.2. Once eligibility of the applications has been verified, a meeting of the Selection Panel will be held in spring in Reykjavík or in Strasbourg, on a rotation basis, to examine the candidacies and decide on a shortlist of three nominees to be submitted, for information, to the Bureau of the Assembly. The names of these nominees will subsequently be made public by the President of the Assembly.

6.3. In a second sitting on the Sunday preceding the Assembly's June part-session, the Selection Panel will meet in Strasbourg to decide on the winner of the Prize. This decision will be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

Article 7 – Award ceremony

7.1. The name of the Prize-winner will be announced by the President of the Assembly during a special ceremony to be held at the opening of the Assembly's June part-session.

Appendix 9 – Timetable for the election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

2025 June part-session (23-27 June)	Consultation in the Joint Committee
5 September 2025	Examination by the Bureau of the proposals of candidates submitted by the Committee of Ministers to the Assembly with, possibly, interviews of candidates
2025 October part-session (30 September)	Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly by the Assembly

Appendix 10 – Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2025

– Monday 27 January, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session), Bureau
– Friday 31 January, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session), Bureau
– Wednesday 19 March, 2.30pm, Strasbourg, Bureau
– Monday 7 April, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session), Bureau
– Friday 11 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session), Bureau
– Thursday 22 May, 3 pm, Malta, Bureau
– Friday 23 May, 9 am, Malta, Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
– Monday 23 June, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)
– Friday 27 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session
– Friday 5 September, 9.30 am, Paris, Bureau
– Monday 29 September, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session), Bureau
– Friday 3 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session), Bureau
– Thursday 20 November, 3 pm, Chișinău, Bureau
– Friday 21 November, 9.30 am, Chișinău, Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
– Friday 12 December, 9.30 am, Paris, Bureau