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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 in Paris on 10 June 2025, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair.

The committee assessed the list of the candidates to the Court in respect of the United Kingdom.[1]

2. Conclusions of the committee on the list of candidates submitted by the United Kingdom

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 10 June 2025.

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

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 document: Doc. 16177.

Appendix 1 – List of candidates submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom

– Mr Hugh MERCER
– Ms Deok Joo RHEE
– Mr Sam WORDSWORTH

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

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

– Ms Petra BAYR, Austria – Chairperson
– Ms Klotilda BUSHKA, Albania
– Mr Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania
– Ms Gala VELDHOEN, Netherlands

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

– Mr Volker ULLRICH, Germany
– Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia
– Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine
– Mr Benjamin DALLE, Belgium
– Ms Belén HOYO, Spain
– Mr Rónán MULLEN, Ireland
– Ms Christine PASQUIER-CIULLA, Monaco

Group of the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA)

– Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom
– Ms Sylvie JOSSERAND, France
– Ms Iwona ARENT, Poland
– Mr Serhii KALCHENKO, Ukraine – Second Vice-Chairperson

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

– Ms Stephanie KRISPER, Austria
– Ms Elena-Simona SPĂTARU, Romania

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Ex officio members

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

– Ms Sonia SIRTORI, Director of Committees – Democracy and Rule of Law
– Mr Guillem CANO PALOMARES, Deputy to the Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

2. Not all members of the committee participated in the votes.