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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (30 January 2026)

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly
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1. Decisions of the Bureau of 30 January 2026 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references:

– *Strengthening the affective and emotional dimension of comprehensive sexuality education to prevent and combat discrimination, hate crime and gender-based violence*, Doc. 16318. Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;

– *Designating Antifa as a terrorist organisation and proscribing the use of its identifying marks and symbols*, Doc. 16324. Motion for a resolution: no further action;

– *The role of the Council of Europe in the transition to democracy in Venezuela and other Latin American countries*, Doc. 16325. Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;

– *Need for enhanced international co-operation on combatting human trafficking,* Doc. 16291. Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report*;

– Bureau decision: *Safeguarding the system of international justice*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Threats to the International Criminal Court";

– Bureau decision: *Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent* (follow-up to Resolution 2637 (2026)): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report on "Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine"*.

1.2. Election observation

1.2.1. Armenia: Parliamentary elections (7 June 2026 – date TBC)

Subject to receiving an invitation, the Bureau decided to observe this election and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-7; EPP/CD-5; ECPA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission.

1.3. OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 11-13 March 2026)

On 26 January, by written consultation, the Bureau decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of 12 members to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (AS/Pol: 3, AS/Mig: 3, AS/Soc:3, AS/Jur:1, AS/Cult:1 and AS/Ega: 1).

1.4. High-level conference on the European Social Charter (Chișinău, 18-19 March 2026)

On 26 January, by written consultation, the Bureau decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee to participate in the High Level Conference to be composed of the members of the sub-committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and two members (and one alternate) designated by each thematic committee.

1.5. Black Sea Security Forum (Odesa, Ukraine, 30-31 May 2025)

The Bureau decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event, subject to security conditions.

1.6. Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

On the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Dionysios-Charalampos Kalamatianos (Greece) as member.

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.