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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 (Chişinău, 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.**