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Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

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Report by the Sub-Committee on Human Rights

1. The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights met in Paris on 12 December 2017 at 2 pm in order to hold a hearing of the candidates to the post of Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.

2. The list of candidates was transmitted to the Assembly by the Committee of Ministers on 23 November 2017[1]. It contained the following names in alphabetical order:

– Mr Goran KLEMENČIČ (Slovenia)

– Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGN' (France)

– Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

3. The Sub-Committee interviewed the three candidates, in the above order. It granted each of the candidates a thirty-minute interview. The Sub-Committee then discussed its impressions of the candidates in the light of their applications, the presentations they made of their candidatures and the answers they gave to members' questions.

4. On this basis, the Sub-Committee, whilst considering that all three candidates were fully qualified to fulfill the requirements of the office of Commissioner for Human Rights, established the following order of preference amongst the candidates, with a large majority in favour of the first candidate:

1. Mr Pierre-Yves LE BORGN'
2. Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ
3. Mr Goran KLEMENČIČ

1. See Doc. 14444.