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Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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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 and 11 June 2024, first with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), then Mr Serhii Kalchenko (Ukraine, EC/DA), and then again with Ms Petra Bayr in the Chair.

The committee assessed the lists of the candidates to the Court in respect of Andorra, Austria, Finland and Serbia.[1]

2. Conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Andorra, Austria, Finland and Serbia

2.1. Andorra

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 10 June 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly to reject the list on substantive grounds as not all candidates fulfil the requirements of Article 21 of the European Convention on Human Rights for election as a judge at the European Court of Human Rights and to request the Government of Andorra to submit a new list of candidates.

2.2. Austria

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 10 June 2024.

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

2.3. Finland

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 11 June 2024.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, Mr Juha LAVAPURO as the most qualified candidate.

2.4. Serbia

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 11 June 2024.

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1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the Governments concerned. The full lists and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: Doc. 15989 (Andorra), Doc. 15988 (Austria), Doc. 15991 (Finland), Doc. 15985 (Serbia).

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, Mr Mateja DUROVIC as the most qualified candidate.

Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of Andorra, Austria, Finland and Serbia

Andorra

– Ms Saïda EL BOUDOUHI
– Ms Canòlic MINGORANCE
– Mr David MOYNAT

Austria

– Mr András JAKAB
– Ms Ursula KRIEBAUM
– Ms Brigitte OHMS

Finland

– Mr Pekka AALTO
– Ms Satu HEIKKILA
– Mr Juha LAVAPURO

Serbia

– Mr Mateja DUROVIC
– Mr Vladimir MARINKOV
– Ms Nataša PLAVŠIĆ

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

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

– Ms Petra BAYR, Austria – Chairperson

– Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus

– Ms Gala VELDHOEN, Netherlands

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

– Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain

– Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia

– Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine

European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance (EC/DA)

– Mr Serhii KALCHENKO, Ukraine – Second Vice-chairperson

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

– Mr Régis BERGONZI, Monaco

– Ms Stephanie KRISPER, Austria

– Ms Elena-Simona SPĂTARU, Romania

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Ex officio members

– Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

– Ms Despina CHATZIVASSILIOU-TSOVILIS, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly

– Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

– 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.