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Restructuring and streamlining of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure

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1. Reference to committee: Bureau decision, Reference 4928 of 26 January 2026.



Draft resolution

1. The Parliamentary Assembly regularly revises its Rules of Procedure to ensure that they are up to date, consistent and effective. The last general revision took place in 1999. Since then, numerous amendments have been made to the Rules of Procedure themselves and a considerable number of complementary texts have been added. Consequently, the rulebook, containing the Rules of Procedure and some of these additional texts, has become rather lengthy and unwieldy.
2. The Assembly resolves to restructure and streamline its Rules of Procedure. The aim of this effort is not to introduce significant amendments, but to make the Rules more user-friendly. The revised structure divides the Rules of Procedure into four separate parts (A.) Basic principles of the Assembly; (B.) Rules on the functioning of the Assembly; (C.) Rules on the functioning of committees; and (D.) Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly. To ensure the overall coherence of the entire body of its procedural texts, the Assembly additionally resolves to restructure and streamline its complementary texts.
3. The Assembly adopts its restructured Rules of Procedure contained in the appendix to this resolution, which shall enter into force at the opening of the January 2027 part-session.

Appendix to the draft resolution “Restructuring and streamlining of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure”

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