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Bureau of the Assembly

Draft agenda (revised 2)

of the meeting to be held in Madrid
on Thursday, 9 March 2017, at 2.30 pm
at the Senate of Spain (Europa Room)

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Items possibly to be dealt with without debate: 15, 16, 17 and 18

1. **Communication by the President**
[AS/Bur (2017) 26]

2. **Agenda**
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Draft decision: to adopt the revised draft agenda

3. **Minutes**
[AS/Bur (2017) PV 02]

Draft decision: to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 27 January 2017

**To members of the Bureau of the Assembly
(President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and
Chairpersons of Political Groups and the Assembly's general committees)**

copy for information to secretaries of national delegations and political groups and Heads of
Secretariats of the Assembly's general committees

This document is also the convocation to the meeting

4. **Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**
[Written communication]

Draft decision: to take note of the communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

5. **Allegations of corruption in the Assembly**
[AS/Bur (2017) 27]
[Letter]

Draft decisions:

- to take note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly
- to decide whether to declassify the memorandum
- to approve the proposals contained in paragraph 34 of the memorandum, including the terms of reference of the independent external investigation body which will be submitted to the Assembly for ratification through the Progress report to be debated during the 2017 April part-session

6. **Standing Committee meeting (Madrid, 10 March 2017)**

i. Request for a current affairs debate
[Letter]

On 7 February 2017, Mr Volodymyr Ariev, Chairperson of the delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of his delegation, requested that the Standing Committee hold a current affairs debate on "The escalation of the military conflict in the Donbass area"

Draft decision: to decide whether to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold the proposed current affairs debate and, if so, to designate the first speaker

ii. Consideration of the draft agenda
[AS/Per (2017) OJ 01 rev]

Draft decision: to take note of the draft agenda

7. **Second part-session of 2017 (Strasbourg, 24-28 April)**

i. Draft agenda
[AS/Bur (2017) 28]
[Letter]

Draft decision: to draw up the draft agenda for the second part-session of 2017

ii. Request for a current affairs debate
[Letter]

On 9 February 2017, Mr Talip Küçükcan, Chairperson of the delegation of Turkey, on behalf of his delegation, requested that the Assembly hold a current affairs debate on "European values under threat: addressing rising populism, xenophobia, antisemitism and islamophobia in Europe"

Draft decision: to take note of the request

- iii. Request for a debate under urgent procedure
[Letter]

On 7 March 2017, Mr Mogens Jensen, Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, requested on behalf of the Committee that the Assembly hold a debate under urgent procedure on "Political consequences of the new Israeli Settlement Regulation Law"

Draft decision: *to take note of the request*

8. References and transmissions to committees

[AS/Bur (2017) 22]

Draft decision: *to approve the proposals contained in the document, to be ratified by the Standing Committee*

9. Election observation

- i. Meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc committees for the observation of elections (25 January 2017)
[AS/Bur (2017) 24]

Draft decision: *to take note of the report of the meeting*

- ii. Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (26 March 2017)
[List of members]

Draft decision: *to approve the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections*

- iii. Armenia: parliamentary elections (2 April 2017)
[Press release]
[Letter]
[List of members]

Draft decision: *to take note of the statement of the pre-electoral mission and possibly approve the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections*

- iv. [Possibly] Serbia: presidential election (2 April 2017, subject to receiving an invitation)
[List of members]

Draft decision: *to approve the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election*

- v. Referendum on the constitutional amendments in Turkey (16 April 2017)
[List of members]
[Letter]

Draft decision: *to approve the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this referendum and appoint a Chairperson*

- vi. Albania: parliamentary elections (18 June 2017, subject to receiving an invitation)

Draft decision: *subject to receiving an invitation, to decide whether to set up an ad hoc committee to observe these elections and, if so, decide its composition and authorise a pre-electoral mission*

- vii. Schedule of elections for 2017
[AS/Bur (2017) 25 rev]

Draft decision: *to take note of the document*

10. Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings

[Letter]

[AS/Pro (2017) 03]

At its meeting on 25 January 2017, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs considered an information memorandum on the participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in 2016 in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007). It approved proposals for the attention of the Bureau for possible follow-up.

Draft decision: *to approve the proposals contained in paragraph 51 of the information memorandum*

11. General Rapporteurs

[AS/Bur (2017) 15 rev]

[Letters]

Draft decisions:

- *to take note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approve the draft decisions included therein*
- *to approve the revised terms of reference of a General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report*
- *to approve the terms of reference of a General Rapporteur on Conditions of Reception of Refugees and Migrants, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report*
- *to take note of the decision of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to abolish the General Rapporteurship on Children*

12. Gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly

[AS/Bur (2017) 23]

Draft decision: *to take note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*

13. Issues raised by committees

i. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

[Letter]

Draft decisions:

- *to authorise Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur on “The evaluation of the Partnership for democracy status in respect of the Parliament of Jordan”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Jordan in 2017, in the framework of the preparation of her report;*
- *to authorise Mr Bogdan Klich (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco in 2017, in the framework of the preparation of his report;*
- *to authorise Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan in 2017, in the framework of the preparation of his report*

14. Other business

Items possibly to be dealt with without debate:

- 15. Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

[Lists of members]

Draft decision: to approve the lists of members

- 16. [Possibly] Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**

[AS/Bur/Inf (2017) ...]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document

- 17. Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**

[AS/Bur (2017) 29]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document

- 18. Dates and places of next meetings**

Monday, 24 April 2017, Strasbourg at 8 am;
Friday, 28 April 2017, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
Monday, 29 May 2017, Prague, afternoon;
Monday, 26 June 2017, Strasbourg at 8 am;
Friday, 30 June 2017, Strasbourg at 8.30 am;
Monday, 4 September 2017, Paris, at 9 am.