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**1st part of the 2012 Ordinary Session
(23-27 January 2012)**

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Monday 23 January 2012

- 8 a.m. Bureau of the Assembly
- 9.30 a.m. Political groups
- 11.30 a.m. 1. **Opening of the first part of the 2012 Ordinary Session**
(with the longest-serving member of the Assembly in the Chair)
- a. Examination of credentials (Doc.)
 - b. Election of the President of the Assembly
 - c. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
 - d. Appointment of members of committees (Commissions (2012) ...)
 - e. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
 - f. Adoption of the agenda
 - g. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Edinburgh, 25 November 2011)
2. **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (Doc.)**
Rapporteur: Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG)
- Observation of the parliamentary elections in Morocco (25 November 2011) (Doc.)
Rapporteur of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau:
Mr Tomáš Jirsa (Czech Republic, EDG)
- Observation of the parliamentary elections in the Russian Federation (4 December 2011)
(Doc.)
Rapporteur of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau: Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL)
- Debate and [possibly] vote
- 1 p.m. **End of the sitting**
- 2 p.m. Committees
- 3 p.m. 1. **Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly, presented by the Rt Hon. David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom**
Questions (Doc.)
Deadline for tabling written questions: Monday 16 January at 11.30 a.m.
- 4 p.m. 2. **Free debate**¹
- 5 p.m. **End of the sitting**
- 5.10 p.m. Political groups

¹ See paragraph 5.3.1 of Resolution 1822 (2011).

Tuesday 24 January 2012

- 8.30 a.m. Committees
- 10 a.m. 1. **Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (Doc. 12803)**
(from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
2. **The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Doc.)**
Rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):
Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD) and Ms Karin S. Woldseth (Norway, EDG)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Monday 23 January at 4 p.m.
- Debate and vote on ...
- 12 noon 3. **Address by Ms Tarja Halonen, President of Finland [tbc]**
Questions
- 1 p.m. **End of the sitting**
- 2 p.m. Committees
- 3.30 p.m. 1. **Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (Doc. 12803)**
(continued) (from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
2. **Communication from Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**
Questions
- 4.30 p.m. 3. **The right of everyone to participate in cultural life (Doc.)**
Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:
Ms Muriel Marland-Militello (France, EPP/CD)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Monday 23 January at 4 p.m.
- Statement by Ms Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO**
- Debate and vote on a draft recommendation
4. **Guaranteeing the authority and effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights (Doc.)**
Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:
*Ms Marie-Louise Bemelmans-Videc (Netherlands, EPP/CD)*²
Deadline for tabling amendments: Monday 23 January at 4 p.m.
- Debate and vote on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation
- 8 p.m. **End of the sitting**

² As the rapporteur is no longer a member of the Assembly, the report will be presented by another member of the Committee.

Wednesday 25 January 2012

- 8.30 a.m. Political groups
- 10 a.m. 1. **[Possibly 2nd round] Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (Doc. 12803)** (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
2. **The situation in Belarus (Doc.)**
Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:
Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (for opinion) (Doc.):
Ms Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 24 January at 10.30 a.m.
- Debate and vote on ...
- 12 noon 3. **Address by Mr Grigol Vashadze, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia**
Questions
- 1 p.m. **End of the sitting**
- 2 p.m. Committees
- 3.30 p.m. 1. **Annual activity report 2011 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (CommDH(2012)...)**
Statement by Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Questions
- 4.30 p.m. 2. **The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia (Doc.)**
Co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):
Mr Davit Harutyunyan (Armenia, EDG) and Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia, SOC)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 24 January at 4 p.m.
- Debate and vote on ...
3. **Protecting human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes of patients (Doc. 12804)**
Rapporteur of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee:
Mr Jordi Xuclà i Costa (Spain, ALDE)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Tuesday 24 January at 4 p.m.
(amendments will be considered by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)
- Debate and vote on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation
- 8 p.m. **End of the sitting**

Thursday 26 January 2012

8.30 a.m. Committees

10 a.m. 1. **[Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate**³

12 noon 2. **Address by an invited personality [tbc]**
Questions

1 p.m. **End of the sitting**

2 p.m. Committees

3.30 p.m. 1.a. **Advancing women's rights worldwide (Doc.)**
Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:
Ms Lydie Err (Luxembourg, SOC)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 25 January at 4 p.m.

1.b. **Promoting the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Doc.)**

Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:
Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 25 January at 4 p.m.

Statement by Ms Michelle Bachelet, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women

Joint debate
Vote on ... (Doc.)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc.)

2. **The functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine (Doc.)**

Rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):
Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 25 January at 4 p.m.

Debate and vote on ...

7 p.m. **End of the sitting**

7 p.m. **Joint Committee**

³ If the urgent procedure/a current affairs debate is decided by the Assembly.

Friday 27 January 2012

8.30 a.m. Bureau of the Assembly

- 10 a.m.**
- 1. Population transfer as a human rights violation (Doc.)**
Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:
Mr Egidijus Vareikis, (Lithuania, EPP/CD)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons (for opinion)
(Doc.): Mr Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 26 January at 10.30 a.m.

Debate and vote on ...

 - 2. Demographic trends in Europe: turning challenges into opportunities (Doc.)**
Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:
Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey, ALDE)
Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 26 January at 10.30 a.m.

Debate and vote on ...

 - 3. Constitution of the Standing Committee**
- 1 p.m.** Closure of the first part of the 2012 Ordinary Session