



Final Report

Virtual Meeting of the APA President and Vice-Presidents on APA Future Activities

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APA Vice-Presidents and ex-officio as Chairpersons of the four Standing Committees held a virtual meeting on April 6, 2021 to finalize dates of holding the APA Standing Committee Meetings as agreed in the First Bureau Session last December.

This virtual event convened at the initiative of the APA Secretariat and invitation of H.E. Ms. Erdogan, Head of the APA Group in the Parliament of Turkey in her capacity as representative of the APA President who also chaired the meeting.

Participant at the Meeting were:

- H.E. Mr. Ahmad ALSALLOM, Head of Bahrain APA Group in the Parliament of Bahrain and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development,
- H.E. Ms. Masomeh PASHAEI BAHRAM, Head of the APA Group in the Islamic Parliament of Iran and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs,
- H.E. Mr. Rami ALSUKAINI, Head of the APA Group in the Parliament of Iraq and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs,
- H.E. Mr. Alexy LYANSHCHENKO, Head of the APA Group in the Russian Federation Duma and Chairperson of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning,
- H.E. Dr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, APA Secretary General

1. Ms. Erdogan initiated her remarks expressing concern over the current complicated international situation which has inevitably forced countries and international organization to hold their meetings virtually as result of certain restrictive policies. She then, underscored the APA Secretariat proposal recommending the need to hold this coordination meeting to finalize meeting dates of the four Standing Committees. Finally, she expressed hope to end this meeting with a successfully desirable outcome in this respect. Ms. Erdogan concluded her remarks inviting H.E. APA Secretary General, Dr. Majidi to present the Secretariat report in this respect.

2. Having appreciated Ms. Erdogan for her letter of March 18, 2021, inviting to hold today's meeting, Dr. Majidi thanked the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the four Standing Committees for their initial agreement to hold the Meetings of the related Meetings as follows:
 - Standing Committee on Budget and Planning on 12 April 2021
 - Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development on 20 May 2021,
 - Standing Committee on Political Affairs on June 21, 2021,
 - Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs on the month of July of 2021.

He expressed hope to be able to finalized the above mentioned dates at this meeting.

3. H.E. Mr. Ahmad ALSALLOM APA Head of Bahrain Group and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development, thanked the Parliament of Turkey and APA Secretariat, declaring that the date of 20 May which was already concurred with the APA Secretariat shall be in full force and effect and the related meeting shall be held by the Parliament of Bahrain on the agreed date.
4. H.E. Mr. Rami ALSUKAINI, Head of the APA Group of Iraq and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs delineated the current situation combined with parliamentary elections expected to be held in the coming October. Therefore, he concluded that the Parliament of Iraq will not be able to hold the meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs on the 21 June as concurred with the APA Secretariat before. However, we have to postpone this meeting until a later date after the parliamentary election in Iraq.
5. H.E. Ms. Pashaee BAHRAM, Head of the APA Group in the Parliament of Iran and Chairperson for the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs thanked Ms. Erdogan for hosting this meeting. She then referred to the report of the APA Secretary General and stated that the Islamic Parliament of Iran was ready to host this meeting in mid July 2021.
6. H.E. Mr. Alexy LYANSHCHENKO, Head of the APA Group in the Russian Federation Duma and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning stated that the Russian Duma plans to hold this meeting in mid-Jun 2021.

In conclusion, H.E. Ms. Erdogan thanked the Vice-Presidents and Chairperson of the four Standing Committees as well as the APA Secretariat. She expressed her pleasure of the outcome of this meeting concerning the dates agreed for convening of the Standing Committee Meetings in 2021.

As regards the withdrawal of the Parliament of Kuwait to host meeting of the Working Group on APA Statutory Documents, Ms. Erdogan underlined the importance of this meeting and called on the APA Secretariat to communicate with the members of the mentioned Working Group in order to encourage them to share their parts for hosting the meeting of this Working Group.

The meeting started at 10 AM and ended its work at 11 AM (GMT).



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Time	Activity
10:00 GMT	Start of the meeting: Statement by H.E. Ms. Asuman ERDOGAN, Rep. Of APA President
	Report by H.E. Dr. Mohamad Reza MAJIDI, APA Secretary General
	Statement by H.E. Mr. Ahmed subah ALSALLOOM, MP/Chairman of St. Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development
	Statement by H.E. Mr. Rami ALSUKAINI, MP/Chairman of St. Committee on Political Affairs
	Statement by H.E. Ms. Masoumeh PASHAEI BAHRAM, MP/Chairman of St. Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs.
	Statement by H.E. Mr. Alexey LYASHCHENKO, MP/Chairman of St. Committee on Budget and Planning.
	Debates on activities and future schedules of St. Committees etc.
12:00 GMT	Concluding Remarks.