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PLENARY SITTING

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London – United Kingdom*

1. Opening of the Sitting

The 65th Annual Session was opened at 9:30 on Monday 14 October 2019, with Madeleine Moon (United Kingdom), President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in the chair.

The President declared the 65th Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly open, welcomed the participants and thanked **Richard Benyon** (United Kingdom) and the United Kingdom delegation for their hospitality.

2. Address by Madeleine Moon, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

The President addressed the Assembly.

3. Address by Ben Wallace, Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom

Mr Wallace addressed the Assembly and answered questions from **Mary Creagh** (United Kingdom), **Andreas Loverdos** (Greece) and **Jürgen Trittin** (Germany).

The President thanked Mr Wallace.

4. Address by Pedro Roque (Portugal), Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, President of the First Standing Committee on Political and Security-related Cooperation, and President Emeritus

Mr Roque addressed the Assembly.

The President thanked Mr Roque.

5. Election of President and five Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

There being only one nomination for the post of President of the Assembly, **Madeleine Moon** (United Kingdom) was **re-elected by acclamation**.

There being five nominations for the positions of Vice-President, **Michael R. Turner** (United States), **Osman Aşkin Bak** (Turkey), **Miguel Angel Gutiérrez** (Spain) and **Richard Benyon** (United Kingdom) were **re-elected by acclamation** and **Attila Mesterhazy** (Hungary) was **elected by acclamation**.

The President congratulated **Michael Turner** (United States), **Osman Askin Bak** (Turkey), **Miguel Angel Gutiérrez** (Spain) and **Richard Benyon** (United Kingdom) on their re-election and **Attila Mesterhazy** (Hungary) on his election.

6. Election of the Treasurer of the Assembly

There being only one nomination for the post of Treasurer of the Assembly, **Wolfgang Hellmich** (Germany) was **elected by acclamation**.

7. Tribute to outgoing members Marc Angel (Luxembourg), Vitalino Canas (Portugal), Joseph A. Day (Canada) and Julio Miranda Calha (Portugal)

The President paid tribute to **Marc Angel** (Luxembourg), **Vitalino Canas** (Portugal), **Joseph A. Day** (Canada) and **Julio Miranda Calha** (Portugal)

Marc Angel (Luxembourg) addressed the Assembly.

The President presented an award to Mr Angel marking his term as Treasurer.

8. Tributes to David Hobbs, the outgoing Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

The President paid tribute to Mr Hobbs.

Karl Lamers (Germany) commended Mr Hobbs' service to the Assembly.

9. Address by Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of NATO and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, followed by a question and answer period

Mr Stoltenberg addressed the Assembly and answered questions from **Richard Benyon** (United Kingdom), **Gerald E. Connolly** (United States), **Miguel Angel Gutiérrez** (Spain), **Christian Cambon** (France), **Sven Koopmans** (Netherlands), **Luca Frusone** (Italy), **Karl A. Lamers** (Germany), **Mariori Giannakou** (Greece), **Theo Francken** (Belgium), **Matej Tonin** (Slovenia), **Njall Trausti Fridbertsson** (Iceland), **Osman Aşkin Bak** (Turkey), **Julio Miranda Calha** (Portugal), **Ants Laaneots** (Estonia), **Ausrine Armonaitė** (Lithuania), **Sverre Myrli** (Norway), **Ojars Eriks Kalnins** (Latvia), **Kris Peeters** (European Parliament), **Afrim Gashi** (North Macedonia), **Irakli Beraia** (Georgia), **Yehor Cherniev** (Ukraine) **Dragan Sormaz** (Serbia) and **Andranik Kocharyan** (Armenia).

The President thanked Mr Stoltenberg.

10. Further tributes to David Hobbs, the outgoing Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Gerard E. Connolly (United States) praised Mr Hobbs and his work as Secretary General.

Ruxandra Popa, Deputy Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, paid tribute to Mr Hobbs.

David Hobbs, Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, addressed the Assembly.

The President presented an award to Mr Hobbs marking his term as Secretary General.

11. Presentation by Lord Campbell of Pittenweem (United Kingdom) and vote on the Draft Revised Rules of Procedure [187 GEN 19 E]

Lord Campbell of Pittenweem presented the Draft Revised Rules of Procedure [187 GEN 19 E].

The President thanked Lord Campbell of Pittenweem.

The Draft Revised Rules of Procedure [187 GEN 19 E] were adopted.

- 12. Presentation by Susan Davis, General Rapporteur of the Science and Technology Committee, on the text adopted by the Committee on *Strengthening NATO Cyber Security, Defence, and Deterrence*, followed by a debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [167 STC 19 E rev. 1]**

Susan Davis (United States) presented the draft Resolution.

The draft Resolution [167 STC 19 E rev. 1] was adopted.

- 13. Presentation by Julio Miranda Calha, General Rapporteur of the Political Committee, on the text adopted by the Committee on *NATO @ 70 : Celebrating 70 years of Peace and Security through Unity*, followed by a debate and vote on the draft Resolution [184 PC 19 E rev. 1]**

Julio Miranda Calha (Portugal) presented the draft Resolution.

Ojars Erks Kalnins (Latvia) moved Amendment N°1 as follows:

After paragraph 3, insert the following new paragraph:

Welcoming the meeting of NATO Heads of State and Governments in London in December 2019 to celebrate NATO's anniversary as an opportunity to ensure that the Alliance is prepared for future security challenges;

Gerald E. Connolly (United States) spoke.

Julio Miranda Calha (Portugal) responded.

Amendment N°1 was agreed to.

The draft Resolution [184 PC 19 E rev. 1], as amended, was adopted.

- 14. Presentation by Julio Miranda Calha, General Rapporteur of the Political Committee, on the text adopted by the Committee on *Tackling security challenges from Africa*, followed by a debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [179 PC 19 E rev. 1]**

Julio Miranda Calha (Portugal) presented the draft Resolution.

The draft Resolution [179 PC 19 E rev. 1] was adopted.

Julio Miranda Calha (Portugal) addressed the Assembly.

- 15. Presentation by Ulla Schmidt, General Rapporteur of the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, on the text adopted by the Committee on *Reaffirming commitment to NATO's founding principles and values*, followed by a debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [180 CDS 19 E rev. 1]**

Ulla Schmidt (Germany) presented the draft Resolution.

Luca Frusone (Italy) moved Amendment N°1 as follows:

In paragraph 11, delete sub-paragraph a.

Gerald E. Connolly (United States) spoke.

Ulla Schmidt (Germany) responded.

Phillippe Folliot (France) spoke.

Joëlle Garriaud-Maylam (France) spoke.

Amendment N°1 was rejected.

The draft Resolution [180 CDS 19 E rev. 1] was adopted.

- 16. Presentation by Joseph A. Day, General Rapporteur of the Defence and Security Committee, on the text adopted by the Committee on *Supporting NATO's post-INF treaty defence and deterrence posture*, followed by a debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [182 DSC 19 E rev. 1]**

Joseph A. Day (Canada) presented the draft Resolution.

The draft Resolution [182 DSC 19 E rev. 1] was adopted.

- 17. Presentation by Joseph A. Day, General Rapporteur of the Defence and Security Committee, on the text adopted by the Committee on *Recent developments in Afghanistan*, followed by a debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [183 DSC 19 E rev.1]**

Joseph A. Day (Canada) presented the draft Resolution.

The draft Resolution [183 DSC 19 E rev.1] was adopted.

Joseph A. Day (Canada) addressed the Assembly.

- 18. Statement by Basher Khalil Tofiq, Head of the Iraqi delegation**

Basher Khalil Tofiq (Iraq) addressed the Assembly.

- 19. Statement by Petro Poroshenko (Ukraine)**

Petro Poroshenko (Ukraine) addressed the Assembly.

- 20. Presentation by Marc Angel, Treasurer of the Assembly, and vote on the *Draft Budget for the Financial Year 2020* [100 FIN 19 E rev.1]**

The Treasurer presented the draft budget and addressed the Assembly.

The draft Budget of the Assembly for the Financial Year 2020 [100 FIN 19 E rev.1] was adopted.

21. Announcement by Karl A. Lamers, Head of the German Delegation, of the winners of the Karl Lamers Peace Prize

Karl Lamers (Germany) addressed the Assembly and announced the winners of the Karl Lamers Peace Prize.

22. Presentation by Osman Askin Bak, Head of the Turkish Delegation, and video of the delegates and refugee children football match during the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group Seminar in Antalya, Turkey

Osman Askin Bak (Turkey) addressed the Assembly, and the video was shown.

23. Address by Yehor Cherniev, Head of the Ukrainian Delegation, and promotional video for Spring Session 2020 in Kyiv

Yehor Cherniev (Ukraine) addressed the Assembly, and the video was shown.

24. Closure of the Plenary Session

The President thanked Richard Benyon (United Kingdom) and the United Kingdom delegation for hosting the 65th Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Richard Benyon (United Kingdom) addressed the Assembly.

The session closed at 14:18
