



# **NATO Parliamentary Assembly**

## **SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PLENARY SITTING**

**Monday 11 October 2021**

*Hotel Epic Sana Lisboa*

*Lisbon, Portugal*

**1. Opening of the Sitting**

**The 67th Annual Session was opened at 9:00 on Monday 11 October 2021 in a hybrid – in-person and online - format, with Gerald E. Connolly (United States), President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in the chair.**

**The President** declared the 67th Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly open, welcomed the participants and thanked Adao Silva (Portugal) and the Portuguese delegation for their hospitality.

**2. Address by Gerald E. Connolly, President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly**

**The President** addressed the Assembly.

**3. Address by Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembleia da República**

**Mr Rodrigues** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Mr Rodrigues.

**4. Address by António Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal**

**Mr Costa** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Mr Costa.

**5. Women for Peace and Security Award 2021**

**The President** addressed the Assembly and announced the winner of the Women for Peace and Security Award, Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

**Ms Pelosi** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Ms Pelosi.

**6. 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 **Adao Silva** (Portugal), **Mimi Kodheli** (Albania), **Karl A. Lamers** (Germany), **Osman Bak** (Turkey), **Kerstin-Oudekki Loone** (Estonia), **Ojars Eriks Kalnins** (Latvia), **Zaida Cantera** (Spain), **Theo Francken** (Belgium), **Salima Belhaj** (Netherlands), **Alec Shelbrooke** (United Kingdom), **Linda Sanchez** (United States), **Velizar Shalamanov** (Bulgaria), **Christian Tybring-Gjedde** (Norway), **Audronius Azubalis** (Lithuania), **Zdravka Busic** (Croatia), **Philippe Michel-Kleisbauer** (France), **Athanasios Davakis** (Greece), **Paolo Formentini** (Italy), **Zsolt Németh** (Hungary), **Michał Szczerba** (Poland), **Andrea Gorgio Orsini** (Italy) and **Ana Miguel Dos Santos** (Portugal).

*[Former Vice-President Lord Campbell of Pittenweem (United Kingdom) temporarily took the Chair during the question and answer period.]*

**The President** thanked Mr Stoltenberg.

**7. Address by Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal**

**Mr Rebelo de Sousa** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Mr Rebelo de Sousa.

**8. Address by Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations, United Nations, followed by a question and answer period**

**Mr Lacroix** addressed the Assembly and answered questions from **Lord Campbell of Pittenweem** (United Kingdom), **Kerstin-Oudekki Loone** (Estonia), **Fernando Gutierrez** (Spain), **Andrea Gorgio Orsini** (Italy) and **Utku Cakirozer** (Turkey).

**The President** thanked Mr Lacroix.

**9. Tribute to Departing Members of the Assembly Karl A. Lamers (Germany), Lord Jopling (United Kingdom) and Ulla Schmidt (Germany)**

**The President** paid tribute and presented awards to Karl A. Lamers, Lord Jopling and Ulla Schmidt.

**Ulla Schmidt** addressed the Assembly.

**Lord Jopling** addressed the Assembly.

**Karl A. Lamers** addressed the Assembly.

**10. Address by Dr Karen Donfried, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, US State Department, followed by a question and answer period**

**Dr Donfried** addressed the Assembly online and responded to questions from **Attila Mesterhazy** (Hungary), **Mimi Kodheli** (Albania), **Wolfgang Hellmich** (Germany) and **Nusrat Ghani** (United Kingdom).

**The President** thanked Dr Donfried.

**11. Election of the Bureau of the Assembly**

*[Former Vice-President Karl A. Lamers (Germany) temporarily took the Chair.]*

There being only one nomination for the post of President of the Assembly, **Gerald E. Connolly** (United States) was **re-elected by acclamation**.

*[The President resumed the chair.]*

There being five nominations for the positions of Vice-President, **Mimi Kodheli** (Albania), **Joëlle Garriaud-Maylam** (France), **Marietta Giannakou** (Greece) and **Attila Mesterhazy** (Hungary) were **re-elected by acclamation**. **Julie Dzerowicz** (Canada) was **elected by acclamation**.

**The President** congratulated Mimi Kodheli, Joëlle Garriaud-Maylam, Marietta Giannakou and Attila Mesterhazy on their re-election and Julie Dzerowicz on her election.

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

**The President** congratulated Wolfgang Hellmich on his re-election.

**12. Address by Wolfgang Hellmich, Treasurer of the Assembly, and vote on the *Draft Budget for the Financial Year 2022* [053 FIN 21 E rev. 1 bis]**

**The Treasurer** presented the draft budget, addressed the Assembly and answered questions from **the President**.

**The Draft Budget for the Financial Year 2022 [053 FIN 21 E rev. 1 bis] was adopted.**

**13. Address by Nusrat Ghani, general rapporteur of the Science and Technology Committee on the draft resolution, adopted by the Committee, on *Reviving Arms Control in a Dynamic Strategic Environment*, discussion and vote on the draft resolution [129 STC 21 E rev.1]**

**Nusrat Ghani** (United Kingdom) presented the draft resolution.

**The draft resolution [129 STC 21 E rev.1] was adopted.**

**14. Address by Cédric Perrin, general rapporteur of the Defence and Security Committee, on the draft resolution, adopted by the Committee, on *Supporting NATO's Commitment to Stronger Defence and Deterrence Towards 2030*, discussion and vote on the draft resolution [125 DSC 21 E rev.1]**

**Cédric Perrin** (France) presented the draft resolution.

**The draft resolution [125 DSC 21 E rev.1] was adopted.**

**15. Address by Cédric Perrin, general rapporteur of the Defence and Security Committee, on the draft resolution, adopted by the Committee, on *Learning the Lessons of NATO's Engagement in Afghanistan*, discussion and vote on the draft resolution [139 DSC 21 E rev.1]**

**Cédric Perrin** (France) presented the draft resolution.

**Luca Frusone** (Italy) moved amendment No. 1 as follows:

In paragraph 16d, after the words “the basic human rights of all Afghans” insert:

, and guarantee women’s participation in political and civil life

**Cédric Perrin** (France) replied.

**Amendment No. 1 was adopted.**

**The draft resolution [139 DSC 21 E rev.1], as amended, was adopted.**

- 16. Address by Phillipe Folliot, general rapporteur of the Economics and Security Committee, on the draft resolution, adopted by the Committee, on *Allied Defence Spending and Capabilities Development*, discussion and vote on the draft resolution [122 ESC 21 E rev.1]**

*[Vice-President Attila Mesterhazy (Hungary) temporarily took the Chair.]*

**Phillipe Folliot** (France) presented the draft resolution.

**The draft resolution [122 ESC 21 E rev.1] was adopted.**

*[The President resumed the chair.]*

- 17. Address by Linda Sanchez, general rapporteur of the Democracy and Security Committee, on the draft resolution adopted by the Committee on *Developing a whole-of-society, integrated and coordinated approach to resilience for Allied democracies* [120 CDS 21 E rev.1]**

**Linda Sanchez** (United States) presented the draft resolution.

**The draft resolution [120 CDS 21 E rev.1] was adopted.**

- 18. Address by Brendan Boyle, general rapporteur of the Political Committee, on the draft resolution, adopted by the Committee, on *Maintaining NATO's Focus on the Russian Challenge*, discussion and vote on the draft resolution [127 PC 21 E rev.1]**

**Brendan Boyle** (United States) presented the draft resolution.

**The draft resolution [127 PC 21 E rev.1] was adopted.**

- 19. Address by Brendan Boyle, general rapporteur of the Political Committee, on the draft resolution, adopted by the Committee, on *Reaffirming Transatlantic Cohesion and Implementing 2021 NATO Brussels Summit Decisions* [141 PC 21 E rev.1]**

**Brendan Boyle** (United States) presented the draft resolution.

**The draft resolution [141 PC 21 E rev.1] was adopted.**

## **20. Closure of the Session**

**The President** thanked Adao Silva (Portugal) and the Portuguese delegation for their work in facilitating the Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

**Adao Silva** (Portugal) addressed the Assembly.

- 21. Address by Yehor Cherniev, Head of the Ukrainian delegation and promotional video for NATO Parliamentary Assembly Spring Session 2022 in Kyiv .**

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

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**The session closed at 16:08**

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