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2024 January part session | Unified European Left | PACE

Opening speech January part session

- ♦ UEL supports Theodoros Rousopoulos (New Democracy, EPP/CD, Greece) as new **PACE President**
- ♦ UEL supported Manfred Nowak for the post of Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, but Michael O'Flaherty (Ireland) **won** the second round of the election and will serve a non-renewable term of six years starting on 1 April 2024

Upcoming activities

March

April

The next meetings of the UEL group will be held during the April part session from 15 to 19 April 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Watch: former PACE President Tiny Kox (UEL, Netherlands) **reviews his time as PACE President**

Progress report by former PACE President Tiny Kox (UEL, Netherlands)

News:

24 January: UEL: International organisations should call for an unconditional ceasefire and stop allowing collective punishment

24 January: UEL Co-Presidents congratulate new PACE President

22 January: The UEL elects two CO-Presidents

12 January: UEL calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza

Questions by UEL Members

Andrej Hunko (Germany) asked a question to **Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights** about what can be done to protect Julian Assange, since extradition becomes a real threat.

Answer

Paul Gavan (Ireland) asked a question to **His Excellency Mr Nikos CHRISTODOULIDES, President of the Republic of Cyprus** about Akrotiri air base used to launch spy planes to collect intelligence over Gaza and to bomb Yemen.

Answer

Marco Nicolini (San Marino) asked a question to **His Excellency Mr Jakov MILATOVIĆ, President of Montenegro** about experience with EU association agreements.

Answer

Marco Nicolini (San Marino) asked a question to **Mr Daniel RISCH, Prime Minister of Liechtenstein**, about how to safeguard historical peculiarities as a micro state while belonging to a large supranational union (EU).

Answer

Debated reports by UEL members

* Globalisation in times of crises and war: the role of the OECD since the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

Committee on political affairs and democracy

Rapporteur: George KATROUGALOS (Greece)

Wondering which reports members of the UEL group have produced until now? See [here](#).

Overview UEL membership

Sevilay Çelenk Özen (Türkiye) asked a question to **Ms Dominique HASLER, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Education, and Sport of Liechtenstein, and President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe** about initiating infringement proceedings in the Demirtaş case.

Answer

Laura Castel (Spain) asked a question to the **Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ** about use of Pegasus spyware.

Answer

Elections and Election observation missions

Sevilay Çelenk Özen (Türkiye) to represent the group in the observation mission of the **Presidential and parliamentary elections in the Republic of North Macedonia (24 April 2024)**

Motions for resolutions

Ensuring full independence and respect for the separation of powers by Constitutional courts by Laura Castel (Spain)

Written declarations by UEL members

Systemic arbitrary deprivation of liberty in Türkiye may constitute crimes against humanity by Paul Gavan (Ireland)

Statements by former PACE President Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL)

14/11/2023: PACE President: 'Though an ocean away, Mexico belongs to Europe's political neighbourhood'

15/11/2023: Joint statement by the PACE President and the Speakers of the two chambers of the Mexican Congress

17/11/2023: 'Learning from the victims and survivors of sexual abuse can help to keep other children safe'

15/12/2023: PACE hearing on the situation of the children of Ukraine

17/01/2024: PACE President Tiny Kox, in final address to ministers, calls for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine

22/01/2024: PACE reviews the work of its subsidiary bodies since the last session