



FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 14 January 2002 in Paris with Lord Russell-Johnston in the Chair, as regards:

- *January 2002 Part-Session (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2002):*
 - . proposed to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on “combating terrorism and respect for human rights”, at the request of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
 - . proposed to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on the “opinion on draft Protocol No. 13 to the European Convention on Human Rights on the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances”,
 - . withdrew from the draft order of business the report by the Monitoring Committee on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine at the request of the Committee;
 - . updated the draft order of business;
- *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Georgia:* authorised the distribution of the report by the sub-committee on the election of judges to the Court to all members of the Assembly;
- *Progress report of the Bureau (Rapporteur: Lord Russell-Johnston):* approved the draft progress report;
- *External relations of the Assembly:* held a preliminary exchange of views on the memorandum presented by the Secretary General of the Assembly and agreed to resume consideration at its meeting on 25 January 2002;
- *Meetings of the Standing Committee in 2002:*
 - . accepted the invitation by the Government of Luxembourg to hold a meeting of the Standing Committee in Luxembourg in early September 2002;
 - . asked the President to consult the Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee on the proposal that in the future twice a year the Standing Committee hold the meeting with the member States holding the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers;

- *Budgetary questions:*
 - . took note of the information provided on the Assembly's budget for 2002;
 - . approved the provisional apportionment of the allocation to the political groups for 2002;
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee:* approved the composition following the proposals by the political groups and submitted it for ratification to the Assembly;
- *proposed the following references for ratification by the Assembly:*

Request for an opinion on European Convention on Human Rights – Draft Protocol No 13 on abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances (Doc. 9291): *for report* to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;

Motion for a recommendation on a greater transparency of the decisions of the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 9297): *for report* to the Political Affairs Committee;

Motion for a recommendation on the future of social security in Europe (Doc. 9298): *for report* to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee;

Motion for a resolution on links between Europeans living abroad and their countries of origin (Doc. 9299): *for report* to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography, and *for information* to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education;

Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers on the draft Convention on contact concerning children (Doc. 9305): *for report* to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and *for opinion* to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee;

Motion for an order on compensation for Croatian and Bosnian investors in the former Ljubljanska Bana AG, Slovenia (Doc. 8266): *for report* to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (modification of ref. No 2348 of 25.1.99);
- *proposed to extend the validity of the following references for one year:*

Ref. no 2240 of 26 January 1998 (Doc. 7997), Situation in Algeria, extended until 26 January 2003;

Ref. no 2473 of 24 January 2000 (Doc. 8430), Parliamentary control of international institutions, extended until 24 January 2003;

Ref. no 2244 of 26 January 1998 (Doc. 7936), the training of workers in the use of new technologies, extended until 26 January 2003;

Ref. no 2283 of 26 May 1998 (Doc. 8101), development of public health action with a view to reducing tobacco and alcohol consumption, extended until 26 May 2003;

Ref. no 2326 of 4 November 1998 (Doc. 8227), social measures for children of war in South-Eastern Europe, extended until 4 November 2003;

Ref. no 2277 of 24 April 1998 (Doc. 7759), situation of the Muslim minority in Thrace, extended until 24 April 2003;
- *approved meetings outside Strasbourg or Paris:*
 - . sub-committee on youth and sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education) in Budapest on 8 February 2002;
 - . Presidential Committee in Venice from 8-10 March 2002;
 - . Monitoring Committee in Budapest on 11 March 2002;
 - . Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee in Bucharest from 23-25 May 2002;

- *Appointments:*
 - . invited the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Monitoring Committee to appoint one member each to the meeting of the working party (of the Venice Commission) on a code of good conduct in electoral matters on 9 March 2002 in Venice;
- *International Institute for Democracy:* took note that the President of the Assembly is resuming his duties as *ex officio* representative of the Parliamentary Assembly in the general meeting of the Institute;
- *Future meetings:*
 - . Strasbourg, Monday 21 January 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 25 January 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . St Petersburg, Monday 25 March 2002 at 3 pm
 - . Strasbourg, Monday 22 April 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 26 April 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Lucerne, Tuesday 28 May 2002 at 3.00 p.m.

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