



## FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

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**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on 26 April 2002 in Strasbourg with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Follow-up to the April 2002 Part-Session (Strasbourg, 22-26 April 2002):*
  - . Urgent debate on the conflict in the Middle East (Resolution 1281): set-up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau for a fact-finding mission to the region from 7-12 June 2002;
  - . Functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova (Resolution 1280): proposed that the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee return to the country as soon as possible and report back to the Assembly or the Standing Committee;
  - . Current affairs debate on the future of European institutions and their interrelationship: proposed that the Political Affairs Committee finalise the report on the future of co-operation between European institutions (Rapporteur: Mr van der Linden, Netherlands, EPP/CD) at its next meeting on 6 May 2002 in Luxembourg for debate during the June Part-Session (24-28 June 2002);
- *Follow-up to the Interparliamentary Conference on combating terrorism (St. Petersburg, 26-28 March 2002):* heard a report by the Secretary General of the Assembly on his meeting with the Secretary General of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), and gave a mandate to him to finalise arrangements for the joint Bureau meeting with the IPA CIS in St. Petersburg in May 2003;
- *Situation in Belarus:* set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to visit Minsk from 10-12 June 2002 to discuss political developments in the country;
- *Standing Committee in Lucerne, 29 May 2002:* took note of the draft agenda;
- *Observation of elections:*
  - . decided in principle to observe the elections in (a) "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (autumn 2002), including a pre-electoral mission, (b) the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (autumn 2002) and (c) Bosnia and Herzegovina (October 2002);
  - . invited the Monitoring Committee to follow closely the presidential elections in Albania (Summer 2002);
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee:* approved the change to the list of members proposed by the Socialist group, for ratification by the Assembly;
- *Political groups of the Assembly:* approved the analysis of the use made by the groups of their allocation for 2001;

- *Budget for 2003*: took note of the document on the budgetary implications of the priorities for 2003 prepared by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and that it will be transmitted to the Assembly also for future years;
- *European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (CPT)*: drew up the list of candidates in respect of Ukraine and forwarded it to the Committee of Ministers;
- *References to committee*: approved the following proposals for an extension of the deadline for references, to be submitted to the Assembly:
  - . Reference No. 2504 on the status of assisting spouses in family business (Doc. 8717), extended for one year;
  - . Reference No. 2500 (Doc. 8712), title changed by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to the rights and fundamental freedoms of Greek Cypriots and Maronites living in the northern part of Cyprus, extended for one year;
  - . Resolution 1268 (2002) on the implementation of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights: agreed to extend the deadline for the preparation of the report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (paragraph 7) to September 2002;
- *Meetings authorised elsewhere than in Strasbourg or Paris*:
  - . ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 3-4 June 2002, for the International Conference on the Council of Europe's contribution to the European Union *acquis*;
  - . ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture (composed of the Chairman and two members) in Johannesburg, 26 August to 4 September 2002, for the World Earth Summit;
- *Official mission authorised*:
  - . MM. Svec (Slovakia, LDR) and Manzella (Italy, SOC), rapporteurs of the Political Affairs Committee and of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for the accession of Monaco to the Council of Europe, to carry out a mission to the Principality from 10-11 June 2002;
- *Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities*:
  - . agreed on the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau for the Parliamentary Conference on security in South-East Europe organised by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Bucharest (Romania), 6-7 June 2002;
  - . Mr Gurkan for the 19<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly in Tbilisi (Georgia), 12-13 June 2002;
  - . MM. Gross and Behrendt for the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of parliamentarians of the Arctic Region in Tromsø (Norway), 11-13 August 2002, with their costs being covered by their respective national parliament;
- *Future meetings*:
  - . Lucerne, Tuesday 28 May 2002 at 3.p.m.
  - . Strasbourg, Monday 24 June 2002 at 8.30 am
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 28 June 2002 at 8.30 am
  - . Luxembourg, Tuesday 3 September 2002 at 9.30 am
  - . Strasbourg, Monday 23 September 2002 at 8.30 am
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 27 September 2002 at 8.30 am
  - . Strasbourg, Wednesday 6 November 2002 at 3 pm (to be confirmed)
  - . Paris, Monday 9 December 2002 at 9.30 am.

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