

FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly
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25 November 2002

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 18 November 2002 in Malta with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Meeting of the Standing Committee, St. Julian's, Malta (18 November 2002)*: took note of the draft agenda;
- *1st Part of the 2003 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2003)*: heard an oral statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly concerning the draft order of business;
- *Progress report of the Bureau and Standing Committee (27 September 2002-27 January 2003)*: designated Mr Schreiner (France, EDG) as Rapporteur;
- *Observation of elections*:
 - a. *Turkey (Parliamentary elections, 3 November 2002)*: approved the report of the ad hoc Committee and decided to submit it to the Standing Committee;
 - b. *Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*:
 - (i) *Presidential elections in Serbia (8 December 2002)*: took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee;
 - (ii) *Presidential elections in Montenegro (22 December 2002)*: decided to set up an ad hoc committee composed of one member from each political group to observe the elections;
 - c. *Palestinian Legislative Council and Palestinian Authority (Parliamentary and presidential elections, 20 January 2003)*: took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee;
 - d. *Other elections in 2003*: decided to come back to this item at a next meeting, in the light of the amendments that could be made the guidelines for the observation of elections;
- *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the EU Convention for the future of Europe*: took note of the members nominated by the Liberal Group: Ms Szent-Ivanyi, Ms Kudraide-Giedratiene, Mr Jakic and Mr Hancock;
- *Possible joint meeting in September 2003 between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament*: took note of the information given by the Secretary General of the Assembly on the possible meeting on Thursday 25 September 2003 and the repercussions on the 4th Part-Session in 2003;

- *References and transmissions to committees:* agreed on the following proposals, to be submitted to the Standing Committee:

Doc. 9620

Request for an opinion of the Committee of Ministers

Draft revised convention for the protection of animals during international transport to the Committee on the environment, agriculture and local and regional affairs;

Doc. 9622

Motion for a recommendation

Combating terrorism through culture to the Committee on culture, science and education;

Doc. 9623

Motion for a recommendation

Maintaining the cultural identity of national minorities in central and eastern Europe to the Committee on culture, science and education for information;

Doc. 9625

Request for an opinion of the Committee of Ministers

Draft additional Protocol to the European Convention on the suppression of terrorism to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;

- *Code of good practice in electoral matters* (Doc. 9624): agreed to take a decision on the reference to committee of the Communication from the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) at its next meeting;

- *future meetings:*

. Paris, Monday 9 December 2002 at 9.30

. Paris, Monday 13 January 2003 at 9.30

. Strasbourg, Monday 27 January 2003 at 8.30

. Strasbourg, Friday 31 January 2003 at 12.00 at the end of the sitting.

Agnès Nollinger/Horst Schade

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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