



FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly
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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 13 January 2003 in Paris with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Opinion by the Venice Commission on the amendments to the constitution of Liechtenstein proposed by the Princely House of Liechtenstein*: decided to make the Venice Commission opinion an official document of the Assembly, to propose to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate and to refer this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
- *1st part of the 2003 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2003)*:
 - a. decided to propose to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on “Marine pollution” and to refer this matter to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs for report;
 - b. decided to propose to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on the “Code of good practice in electoral matters submitted by the Venice Commission” and to refer this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
 - c. decided not to recommend to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on the “recent decisions taken by the Ukrainian Parliament” and considered that this matter should be dealt with by the Monitoring Committee in the framework of the monitoring procedure concerning Ukraine;
 - d. up-dated the draft order of business;
 - e. approved the distribution of the report on the “election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of Spain” to the members of the Assembly;
 - f. decided to invite, on the basis of the arrangements made for the September 2002 part-session, a delegation of the Belarus Parliament, in which should be included a representative of the “Respublika” opposition parliamentary group, and a delegation of the Belarus opposition not represented in the Parliament;
- *Progress report of the Bureau (27 September 2002-27 January 2003) (Rapporteur: M. Schreiner, France, EDG)*: approved the part of the Progress report covering the period from 18 November 2002 to 13 January 2003;
- *Prospect for a 3^d Council of Europe Summit of Heads of State and Government*: held an exchange of views with Ambassador Roland Wegener,

Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies Working Party on Institutional Reforms, and with Mr Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

- *Budgetary questions*: took note of the budget of the Assembly for 2003 and approved the apportionment of the allocation to the Assembly's political groups for 2003;

- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly*: took note of the information by the Assembly's President on the discussions in the Presidential Committee on this matter and his intention to submit a revised document to the Bureau by the end of March 2003;

- *Observation of elections*:

a. adopted the revised guidelines for the observation of elections;

b. Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: declassified the draft reports on the presidential elections in Serbia (8 December 2002) and on the presidential elections in Montenegro (22 December 2002);

c. Parliamentary elections in Monaco (9 February 2003): fixed to 5 the number of members of the Ad Hoc Committee to observe these elections;

- *European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (CPT)*: approved the list of candidates presented on behalf of Slovenia to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers;

- *References and transmissions to committees*: agreed to the following proposals to be submitted to the Assembly:

Doc. 9643

Motion for a recommendation

Building Europe without dividing lines: movement of persons between member states of the Council of Europe to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (to be merged with the report on the "Consequences of European Union enlargement for freedom of movement between Council of Europe member states" (Doc. 9258, Ref. 2675 of 8 November 2001)) and, *for opinion*, together with Doc. 9258, to the Political Affairs Committee

Doc. 9644

Motion for a resolution

The Italian law on legitimate suspicion to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Doc. 9648

Motion for a recommendation

A European migration observatory to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography

Doc. 9650

Motion for a recommendation

"Metsamor" – a source of dangers for environment and human rights, *for information*, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Doc. 9652

Motion for a recommendation

The problem of determination of universally admissible criteria for the concept of "political prisoner" *for information*, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

- *Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:* authorised the meeting of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in Budapest (European Youth Centre) on 24-25 February 2003;

- *Future meetings:*

- . Strasbourg, Monday 27 January 2003 at 8.30 am;
- . Strasbourg, Friday 31 January 2003 at 12 noon (at the end of the Part-Session);
- . Paris, Monday 10 March 2003 at 9.30 am;
- . Strasbourg, Monday 31 March 2003 at 8.30 am;
- . Strasbourg, Friday 4 April 2003 at 12 noon (at the end of the Part-Session);
- . Berlin, Monday 28 April 2003 at 3 pm;
- . Chisinau, Tuesday 27 May 2003 at 9 am.

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