



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly
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27 January 2003

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 27 January 2003 in Strasbourg with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *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 Iraq and to refer this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
 - b. up-dated the draft order of business;
- *Progress Report of the Bureau (27 September 2002-27 January 2003)* (Rapporteur: Mr Schreiner, France, EDG): approved the part of the Progress Report covering the period from 13 to 27 January 2003;
- *Referendum on the Constitution of the Chechen Republic:*
 - . was informed that the President had asked the Venice Commission to provide an opinion on the draft constitution of the Chechen Republic and the draft laws on the election of the President and of the Parliament of the Chechen Republic to be submitted to the referendum planned in the Chechen Republic on 23 March 2003;
 - . held an exchange of views with Lord Judd (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee on the conflict in the Chechen Republic, on his visit to Moscow, the Chechen Republic and Ingushetia on 19-24 January 2003 together with rapporteurs of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography;
- *Gonghadze case*: heard a report by Mr Hans-Christian Krüger, former Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on his visit to Ukraine on 12-14 December 2002 in his capacity as an expert consultant to report to the Bureau on the legal and judicial aspects of the case, and authorised him to carry out another visit to Ukraine with a view of presenting a full report on this case to the Bureau;
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee*: approved the list of members as submitted by the political groups, for ratification by the Assembly, it being understood that 3 seats for the EPP Group would remain vacant if the nominations by this Group are not made before noon (on 27 January 2003);

- *Date and place of the next meetings:*

- . Strasbourg, Friday 31 January 2003 at 12 noon (at the end of the Part-Session);
- . Paris, Monday 10 March 2003 at 9.30 am.

Petr Sich/Agnès Nollinger

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Special guests and observers to the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research

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