

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Secretariat of the Assembly**

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**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting with the Committee Chairpersons on Thursday 6 November 2003 at 9.30 am, with Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- *Role of committees in the external relations of the Assembly:*
  - a. held an exchange of views with the Committee Chairpersons;
  - b. proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly to:
    - . ask the Secretariat to clarify which are the Assembly's partner committees in the European Parliament, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;
    - . ask the Committees to specify which international institutions they wish to develop working relations with;
    - . ask the Committees and the Assembly's political groups to specify to which countries and geographical areas priority should be given in the field of external relations;
    - . invite the Secretary General of the Assembly to present an up-dated document on this matter to the next meeting with the Committee Chairmen;
  - c. took note that the Secretary General of the Assembly would regularly inform the Bureau about the Committees' activities in this field;
- *Composition of the Bureau of the Assembly:* held an exchange of views on this issue, with the participation of Mr Cekuolis, member of the Bureau and rapporteur of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Immunities on the composition of the Bureau;
- *Date and place of the next meeting:* agreed to hold the next meeting with the Committee Chairmen during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004.

Petr Sich/Agnès Nollinger

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- 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  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe