

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 20 June 2005 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- *3rd Part of the 2005 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2005):*
 - i. updated the draft order of business;
 - ii. took note that the socialist group, which requested the current affairs debate on “the Situation in the Republics of Central Asia”, would propose a representative to open the debate;

- *Observation of elections:*
 - i. Parliamentary elections in Albania (3 July 2005):
 - . took note of the memorandum prepared by Mr Smorawinski (EPP/CD) on the pre-electoral mission to Albania from 30 May to 1 June 2005;
 - . agreed to invite Mrs Eliska Wagnerova, expert of the Venice Commission, to assist the ad hoc committee of the Assembly to observe these elections;
 - ii. Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (November 2005):
 - . set up an Ad Hoc Committee to observe these elections composed of 40 members (d'Hondt system: SOC: 14; EPP/DC: 13; LDR: 6; EDG: 5; UEL: 2);
 - . decided that a pre-electoral mission should take place one month before the election at the latest, composed of five members, one from each political group who are at the same time members of the Ad Hoc Committee;

- *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 April – 20 June 2005):* approved the Progress report;

- *References and transmissions to committees:* approved the following proposals:
 - a. references
 - 1. **Doc. 10562**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Jurgens and others
Preserving and strengthening the leading role of the Council of Europe, also in relation to the European Union, in setting basic legal standards within Europe, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*
 - 2. **Doc. 10574**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hancock and others
A tendency to infringe political and property human rights in some post-revolutionary Council of Europe member states, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for information*
 - 3. **Doc. 10536**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Torosyan and others
“Imvros and Tenedos”, was informed by Mrs Papadimitriou and Mr Mercan on their on-the-spot visit from 17-18 June 2005, and decided to come back to this issue at the next meeting of the Bureau.
 - b. modification of a reference
 - 1. **Doc. 10535**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Van den Brande and others
The Council of Europe and the European neighbourhood policy of the European Union
Ref. No 3083 of 29 April 2005, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report,* and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for opinion;*
 - c. others
 - 1. **Doc. 10573**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr McNamara and others
Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly, postponed its decision;
- *Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:* authorised the following meetings:
 - . Ad hoc Sub-Committee (of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee), Ljubljana (Slovenia), 5 – 7 July 2005;
 - . Sub-Committee on Health (of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee), Moscow (Russia), 23 September 2005;
 - . Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment (of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee), Tbilisi (Georgia), 25 – 26 October 2005;
 - . Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations (of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development), Lisbon (Portugal), 28 – 30 September 2005;
 - . Sub-Committee on Refugees (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and population), Skopje, (FYROM), 17 – 18 October 2005;

. *Composition of the Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of paragraph 5 of Resolution 1416 (2004) on the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference:* following the decision to include in the Ad Hoc Committee one representative of the main opposition party from, respectively, the delegation of Armenia and Azerbaijan to the Assembly, the Bureau decided to include Mr Kocharyan from the delegation of Armenia and Mr Mollazade from the delegation of Azerbaijan as members of the ad hoc committee;

- *Implementation of Paragraph 6 of Resolution 1376 (2004) on Cyprus:* took note of the letters from two Turkish Cypriot political parties communicating to the President of the Assembly the names of the two “elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community” i.e. Mr Nami (Republican Turkish Party) and Mr Özgürgün (National Unity Party), to be submitted to the Assembly for approval in accordance with the decision of the Bureau on 4 October 2004.

- *Fact-finding visit to the Chechen republic (Russian Federation):* took note of the letter of the Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee informing the Bureau about the discussions in this committee concerning a possible fact-finding visit to the Chechen Republic.

- *Information:* took note of the information by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- *Date and place of the next meetings:* decided to hold the following meetings:

. Strasbourg, Friday 24 June 2005 at 8.30 am

. Monaco, Thursday 1 September 2005 at 8.30 am.

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