



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 24 June 2005 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- *Follow-up to the Recommendation 1712 (2005) on the "Follow-up to the Third Summit"*:

i. Group of wise persons on the effectiveness of the European Court of Human Rights: agreed that the President:

. will present candidates for the group of wise persons on the basis of the proposals of the political groups provided that these proposals are unanimously agreed by the political group leaders and that the persons proposed give their agreement;

. will contact the member states of the candidates in order to ask them to formally propose their candidatures;

. will consult in this respect the Chairman of the Minister's deputies before the first meeting of the Minister's deputies in September;

. took note that the President asked the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to make a contribution to the work of the group of wise persons;

ii. Forum on the Future of Democracy: took note that the Political Affairs Committee created an Ad hoc Sub-Committee on this Forum with a view to participating actively in the preparation of the Forum;

iii. Global implementation of the Action Plan of the Third Summit:

. agreed to propose to the Committee of Ministers to set up a joint working group within the framework of the Joint Committee;

. invited the committees to examine the decisions taken by the Heads of State and Government in their respective field of competence, to review their work programmes in order to bring them into line with the Summit's priorities and to propose concrete ways in which the Assembly can contribute to their implementation;

. took note that the President will send a letter to the Chairpersons of the national delegations to the Assembly asking them to initiate debates on the implementation of the Summit's decisions in their parliaments;

- *Standing Committee (Monaco, 1st September 2005)*: approved the draft agenda and took note of the draft programme;

- *Dates of the April 2006 part-session*: decided that April 2006 part-session will take place from Monday 10 to Thursday 13 April;

- *References and transmissions to committees*: approved the following proposals:

a. references

1. **Doc. 10536**

Motion for a resolution presented by M. Torosyan and others

Imvros and Tenedos, resume consideration at its meeting either in October 2005 or, at the latest, in November 2005;

2. **Doc. 10595**

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Van den Brande and others

Enhancing the visibility of the Council of Europe, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report*;

3. **Doc. 10596**

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Margelov and others

Political and statutory role of the Parliamentary Assembly within the Council of Europe, postponed;

4. **Doc. 10597**

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Dupraz and others

Agriculture and illegal employment in Europe, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for opinion*;

5. **Doc. 10598**

Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Papadimitriou and others

Europe's contribution to improve water management, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report*;

6. **Doc. 10599**

Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Vésaité and others

Europe's interest to intensify economic relations with Belarus, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for information*;

7. **Doc. 10600**

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Rigoni and others

Budgetary powers of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for report*, and to the Political Affairs Committee *for opinion*;

8. **Doc. 10603**

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Bērziņš and others

Voting in the Parliamentary Assembly must be made in the spirit of openness, transparency and accountability, postponed;

9. **Doc. 10604**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Branger and others
Men's involvement in equality projects, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for information*;
 10. **Doc. 10605**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Cliveti and others
The feminisation of poverty, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*;
 11. **Doc. 10606**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Kocharyan and others
Threat to the cultural heritage: challenges for Europe, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, *for information*;
 12. **Doc. 10607**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Riester and others
Europe can and must be shaped with a view to social justice, postponed to the next meeting;
 13. **Doc. 10608**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Slutsky and others
Violation of the right of national minorities to use their native tongue in the Crimea, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), *to be taken into account* in the preparation of the report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine, and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*;
 14. **Doc. 10609**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Vadai and others
Women in the armed forces, no further action;
 15. **Doc. 10611**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hägg and others
Violence against elderly women, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for information*;
 16. **The situation in the Republics of Central Asia (follow up to the current affairs debate)**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report*;
 17. **Current situation in Kosovo (follow up to Resolution 1453 (2005))**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report*;
- b. requests to extend references
1. **Doc. 10087**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Jarab and others
Academic freedom, university autonomy and human rights in the 21st century
Ref. No 2935 of 2 March 2004 – Validity 2 March 2006, extended the validity of the reference until 2 October 2006;

2. **Doc. 9869**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Bindig and others
Video surveillance of public areas
Ref. No 2864 of 8 September 2003 – Validity 8 September 2005, extended the validity of the reference until 8 September 2006;

3. **Doc. 9715**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Monfils and others
Social and Health issues related to surrogate motherhood
Ref. No 2815 of 31 March 2003 – Validity 31 March 2005 (extended until 30 June 2005), extended the validity of the reference until 30 December 2005;

- *European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)*: drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in the following order of preference:

i. Candidates in respect of Austria:

- Mrs Renate KICKER
- Mr Johannes SCHNIZER
- Mr Helmut EPP

ii. Candidates in respect of Bulgaria:

- Mrs Anna GAVRILOVA-ANTCHEVA
- Mrs Diana Zheleva ZHELEVA
- Mrs Polia Hristova BAZLIANKOVA

iii. Candidates in respect of Lithuania:

- Mr Eugenijus GEFENAS
- Mrs Edita ŽIOBIENE
- Mr Julius DERMONAS

iv. Candidates in respect of Portugal:

- Mr Celso José DAS NEVES MANATA
- Mr José Anselmo DIAS RODRIGUES
- Mrs Maria Teresa COUCEIRO PIZARRO BELEZA

v. Candidates in respect of Slovenia:

- Mr Aleš BUTALA
- Mr Ivan ŠELIH
- Mr Drago Karl OCVIRK

vi. Candidates in respect of Greece: asked the Greek delegation to present a new list, which may well include the candidate presented first on the current list, with three qualified candidates fulfilling the selection criteria for CPT membership;

vii. Candidates in respect of Russian Federation: noted that the Russian delegation would present a new list of candidates for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (September 2005);

viii. Candidates in respect of Netherlands: postponed the consideration of the list until a future meeting;

ix. Draft report on "Improving CPT selection procedures": asked the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to accelerate the preparation of this report;

- *Venice Commission: election observation form*: recommended, on an experimental basis, the use of the election observation form prepared by the Council for Democratic Elections and adopted by the Venice Commission, during the Parliamentary Assembly upcoming election observation missions from now until the end of the year 2005 and to assess the experience at a Bureau meeting at the beginning of 2006;
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee*: approved new members as proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly i.e Mr Mimica (Croatia, SOC) and Mr Ferro Rodrigues (Portugal, SOC);
- *Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris*: authorised the following meetings:
 - . Political Affairs Committee: Ottawa (Canada), 24- 25 October 2005;
 - . Sub-Committee on Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights): Geneva (Switzerland), 13 October 2005;
 - . Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee: Istanbul (Turkey), 14 – 15 November 2005;
 - . Ad hoc Sub-Committee (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education): Belgrad (Serbia and Montenegro), 7 – 8 November 2005;
 - . Committee on Culture, Science and Education: Prague (Czech Republic), 30 March – 1 April 2006;
- *Visit of rapporteur*: authorised Mrs de Zulueta, rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee on “Parliamentary dimension of the United Nations” to visit New York on 7-8 September 2005 within the framework of the Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the UN Headquarters;
- *Communication policy of the Parliamentary Assembly*: postponed the consideration of this matter until its next meeting;
- *Visit by the Presidential Committee to Ukraine (5-8 July 2005)*: took note of the draft programme of the visit;
- *Second meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly’s women’s caucus (4 October 2005)*: agreed with the proposal of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to organise such a meeting on Tuesday 4 October 2005 at the end of the sitting;
- *Opinion of the Venice Commission on the compatibility of the laws “Gasparri” and “Frattini” of Italy with the Council of Europe standards in the field of freedom of expression and pluralism and media*: took note of this opinion;
- *International Institute for Democracy*: took note of the letter of Lord Russell-Johnston, Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Institute for Democracy, giving information about the use by the Institute of the additional 2004 grant of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Institute amounting to € 20 490;
- *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (24 June - 3 October 2005)*: appointed Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG) as rapporteur;

- *Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe*: took note that the Liberal, Democratic and Reformer's Group (LDR) had decided to change the name of the group to Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE);

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

- . Monaco, Thursday 1 September 2005 at 8.30 am;
- . Strasbourg, Monday 3 October 2005 at 8.30 am;
- . Strasbourg, Friday 7 October 2005 at 8.30 am.

Petr Sich/Alexandra Alléon

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