

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday 1 September 2005 in Monaco with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- *4th Part of the 2005 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2005):*
 - i. adopted the draft agenda;
 - ii. drew up the draft order of business;
 - iii. took note of the President 's intention to invite a representative of the Presidency of the European Union to take part in the debate of the "*Council of Europe and the European Neighbourhood Policy of the European Union*";
 - iv. proposed the following subjects for the Joint Committee to take place on Thursday 6 October at 6.30 pm:
 - . Follow-up to the 3rd Council of Europe Summit:
 - a. in general
 - b. Forum on the future of democracy
 - c. Group of Wise Persons (on the long term effectiveness of the ECHR)
 - . Written questions by members of the Assembly to the Committee of Ministers;
 - . Other business;
 - v. took note that the Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of the Committees of the European Parliament, Mr Joseph Daul, would meet the President of the Assembly and the Chairpersons of the Assembly's general committees preferably on Monday 3 October 2005 at 5.30 pm;
- *Standing Committee (Monaco, 1st September 2005 at 11 am):*
 - i. took note of the updated draft agenda;
 - ii. request for a current affairs debate on "violence and all forms of exploitation and abuse with respect to children":
 - . recommended to the Standing Committee to hold this current affairs debate;

- . chose Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD) to open the debate;
- . took note that Her Royal Highness Princess Caroline of Hanover, President of the World Association of Friends of Children, and Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, would participate in this debate;
- *Follow-up to the Recommendation 1712 (2005) on the "Follow-up to the Third Summit"*:
 - . took note that the President sent a letter to the Chairpersons of the national delegations to the Assembly encouraging them to invite their Ministers of Foreign Affairs to their national parliaments to present the decisions of the Summit, as well as inform their parliaments on the follow-up they intend to give to the Summit;
 - . took note of the letter from the Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies inviting the Assembly to send a representative to the next meeting of the CM-SUIVI3 which will be held on Thursday 8 September 2005 and appointed Mr Schreiner (France, EPP/CD) to take part at this meeting;
- *References and transmissions to committees*: approved the following proposals:
 - a. references

Doc. 10607**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Riester and others**

Europe can and must be shaped with a view to social justice, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for report on "the social dimension of Europe: full implementation of the revised European Social Charter and evaluation of new labour standards and minimum wages"*

Doc. 10616**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others**

The position and social problems of Azerbaijanis compactly living in Georgia, 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 Georgia

Doc. 10617**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Paoletti Tangheroni and others**

International adoption, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *to be taken into account* in the preparation of the report on the "establishment of a European adoption agency/monitoring centre"

Doc. 10618**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Reimann and others**

The potential risks to world financial stability by the rise of hedge funds and certain other new financial instruments, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for information*

Doc. 10619**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others**

Abuse of the criminal justice system in Belarus, to the Political Affairs Committee *for information*

Doc. 10620**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Grebennikov and others****Need to fight terrorism as a threat to fundamental human rights**, to the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for information***Doc. 10621****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Korobeynikov and others****Arrest of Valery Pasat, a former Defence Minister of Moldova**, 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 Moldova**Doc. 10623****Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hurskainen and others****Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion**, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, *for report at the Standing Committee***Doc. 10624****Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hurskainen and others****The incorporation of equality principles in the internal work and decision-making mechanisms of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, *for report at the Standing Committee*, and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for opinion***Doc. 10625****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Flynn and others****For a European drug convention on promoting public health policy in drug control**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for report***Doc. 10626****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Margelov and others****Compliance by Observer Countries with the values of the Council of Europe**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report*, and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for opinion***Doc. 10627****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Margelov and others****Towards Europe without walls and barbed wire**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for information***Doc. 10628****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hancock and others****Promoting the social, psychological and emotional benefits of animals for handicapped and ageing people**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for information***Doc. 10629****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr van Winsen and others****Health and welfare situation of children living in conflict or post-conflict zones in Europe**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for report at the Standing Committee*

Doc. 10630**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Lordache and others****The role of ethical and solidarity-based financing and responsible consumption in social cohesion**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for report***Doc. 10632****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others****Use of the experiences of "the truth commissions"**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report***Doc. 10633****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Schreiner and others****Activities and orientations of the Council of Europe Development Bank**, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for report on the activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank*, and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for opinion***Doc. 10636****Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Čekuolis and others****Possibilities of co-operation between the Council of Europe and Lebanon**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for information***Doc. 10639****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Bruce and others****Legal instrument for the recognition, protection and promotion of sign languages and the rights of their users**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report***Doc. 10640****Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Jurgens and others****Legal recognition of same-sex partnerships in Europe**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report***Doc. 10646****Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers****Draft protocol on the avoidance of statelessness in relation to state succession**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*

b. modification of references

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. 3102 of 20 June 2005 (modifying Ref. 3083 of 29 April 2005)**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for report*, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development and to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), *for opinion*;

c. others:

* the Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Margelov and others on the UK postal system (Doc. 10622), to take no further action;

* the Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Hajiyeva and others on missing persons in Azerbaijan (Doc. 10631), to consult the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population on the possible follow-up;

* the Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marty and others on improving the participation of parliamentarians in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. 10634), to postpone its decision, awaiting the discussion in the Bureau on the “organisation of the work of the Assembly and its committees”;

* the Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Walter and others on access to satellite broadcasting platforms (Doc. 10635), to consult the Committee on Culture, Science and Education on the possible follow-up;

* the Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Wohlwend and others on the protection of human rights in emergency situations (Doc. 10641), pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Co-operation Agreement of 4 October 2004, to ask the Venice Commission to give an opinion on the legal aspects of the issue raised by the Motion before deciding on the reference to a committee;

* the Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger and others on Investigation of crimes allegedly committed by high officials during the Kuchma rule in Ukraine (Doc. 10653 rev.), to consult the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the possible follow-up;

- *Observation of elections:*

i. Parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (25 June 2005): approved and declassified the report of the Ad Hoc Committee which observed these elections;

ii. Parliamentary elections in Albania (3 July 2005): approved and declassified the report of the Ad Hoc Committee which observed these elections;

iii. Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (6 November 2005): appointed Mr Platvoet (Netherlands, UEL) as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee to observe these elections;

iv. Partial and repeated parliamentary elections in Georgia (1 October 2005): set up an Ad Hoc Committee to observe these elections composed of 5 members (one from each political group);

- *Organisation of the work of the Assembly and its committees:* asked the political groups to discuss first this matter and decided to come back to it during the January 2006 part-session;

- *Communication policy of the Parliamentary Assembly:* took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to come back to it at a next meeting;

- *Written questions to the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the letters from the Chairman of the Ministers’ Deputies on this issue and decided that this item would be discussed at the meeting of the Joint Committee on Thursday 6 October 2005;

- *Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2006:* agreed on the following dates:

Monday 9 January, 9.30 a.m, Paris	Bureau
Monday 23 January, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 January, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 17 March, 8.30 a.m, Paris	Bureau
Friday 17 March, 11.00 a.m, Paris	Standing Committee
Monday 10 April, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 13 April, 3.30 p.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 25 May, 8.30 a.m, Moscow*	Bureau
Thursday 25 May, 11.00 a.m, Moscow	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 26 June, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 30 June, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 8 September, 8.30 a.m, Paris	Bureau
Monday 2 October, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 6 October, 8.30 a.m, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 17 November, 8.30 a.m, San Marino*	Bureau
Friday 17 November, 11.00 a.m, San Marino	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Friday 15 December, 9.30 a.m, Paris	Bureau

- *Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:* authorised the following meeting:

. Sub-Committee on Migration (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population): Athens (Greece), 20 – 21 October 2005;

- *Assembly representatives for official activities:* took the following decisions on the Assembly representatives at different events:

. 113th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (Geneva, 17-19 October 2005): Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC);

. 57th Plenary Session of the Nordic Council (Reykjavik, 25-27 October 2005): an Icelandic member (without costs for the Assembly);

* Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the agreement of the Parliament of the country concerned.

- . Ministerial Conference marking the end of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the European Cultural Convention (Faro, 27-28 October 2005): Mr Legendre (France, EPP/CD);
- . 7th International Summit on Transnational Crime (Monaco, 10-11 November 2005): Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD);
- . General Assembly of European Regions (Strasbourg, 24-25 November 2005): asked the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs to appoint a representative;
- . Euro Mediterranean Forum (Monaco, 8-10 December 2005): Mr Azzolini (Italy, EPP/CD);
- . Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (Hong Kong, 12-15 December 2005): asked the Economic Affairs and Development Committee to appoint a representative;
- . Second International Conference on the Legislative Aspects of the Fight Against Terrorism (Moscow, 18-19 October 2005): asked the Legal Affairs Committee to appoint a representative;
- *Joint meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament (20 October 2005):*
 - i. took note that this meeting would take place on 20 October 2005 in Brussels;
 - ii. proposed the following subjects: EU neighbourhood policy; EU Fundamental Rights Agency; participation of PACE and European Parliament at quadripartite meetings between EU and Council of Europe;
- *Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:* took note of the letter from the Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies stating that the Ministers' Deputies, at their 935th meeting on 13 July 2005, adopted the Resolution (2005)4 submitting to the Assembly the candidature of Mr Mateo Sorinas Balfego for the post of Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- *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, Monday 3 October 2005 at 8.30 am;
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 7 October 2005 at 8.30 am.

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