

# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

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7 October 2005

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Friday 7 October 2005 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- *Follow-up to 4<sup>th</sup> Part of the 2005 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2005):*
  - i. *Opinion on the "Draft Framework Convention of the Council of Europe on the value of cultural heritage for society"*: agreed with the proposal of the Committee on Culture, Science and of Education that a formal preparation of an opinion of the Assembly was not necessary considering that in paragraph 17 of Recommendation 1712 (2005) on "Follow-up to the Third Summit" the Assembly had already taken position in favour of the Framework Convention and called on member States to sign and ratify it;
  - ii. *Follow-up to be given to the texts adopted:*
    - a. Recommendation 1724 (2005) on "the Council of Europe and the European Neighbourhood Policy of the European Union": decided to follow closely the implementation of the European Union Neighbourhood Policy and to discuss the modalities of this follow-up at its next meeting;
    - b. Recommendation 1726 (2005) on "Serious human rights violations in Libya – inhuman treatment of Bulgarian medical staff": took note that the President would follow closely the situation in Libya;
  - iii. Joint Committee: took note of the proposal of the Russian Permanent Representative to increase the involvement of the Assembly in the implementation of the conclusions of the Third Summit, on the occasion of the Russian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers;
- *Standing Committee (Bucharest, 25 November 2005)*: took note of the draft agenda and the draft programme;
- *Observation of elections:*
  - i. *Elections in the Chechen Republic (27 November 2005)*: approved the composition of the delegation which will be present on the occasion of these elections as follows: Mr Bindig (Germany, SOC), Mr Mihkelson (Estonia, EPP/CD), Mr Messerschmidt (Denmark, EDG), Mr Christodoulides (Cyprus, UEL), Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) Chairman of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of the Round Table on the political situation in the Chechen

Republic and Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC) former rapporteur on the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population on the “humanitarian situation of the Chechen displaced population”;

ii. *Constitutional referendum in Armenia (27 November 2005):*

a. took note of the letter from the President of the Parliament of Armenia, Mr Baghdasaryan, stating that the referendum on constitutional reforms in Armenia will be held on 27 November 2005;

b. called on the political groups to appoint members (3 SOC, 2 EPP/CD, 2 ALDE, 2 EDG, 1 UEL) to observe this referendum and authorised the President to approve the proposals submitted by the political groups and to appoint the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee;

iii. *Presidential election in Kazakhstan (4 December 2005):*

a. decided to set up an ad hoc committee to observe this election composed of 5 members (one for each political group);

b. authorised the President to approve the proposals submitted by the political groups and to appoint the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee;

c. authorised the President to cancel this observation mission in case of real obstacles occurring before the election;

iv. *Request by the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD), the National Democratic Institute For International Affairs (NDI) and The Carter Center (TCC) for endorsement of a Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and a Code On Good Conduct For International Election Observers:* endorsed the Declaration and the Code on Good Conduct;

v. *Proposed update to the Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe:* approved the update [AS/Bur (2005)115];

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

a. references

**Doc. 10536**

**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Torosyan and others**

**Imvros and Tenedos**, resume consideration of this motion at its future meetings;

**Doc. 10538**

**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Petrova-Mitevaska and others**

**Provisional name of the Republic of Macedonia in the Council of Europe**, resume consideration of this motion at its future meetings;

**Doc. 10697**

**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Schmied and others**

**Preserving the environment by energy savings within the public sector and the Council of Europe**, resume consideration of this motion at the Bureau meeting of January 2006;

**Doc. 10698****Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Toshev and others****Need to investigate the exported financial resources by the states of Central and Eastern Europe on the end of communist totalitarianism**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*;**Doc. 10701****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Jakavonis and others****Potential threats to the ecosystem of the Baltic Sea arising from the chemical munitions buried in its seabed during the Second World War**, resume consideration of this motion at the Bureau meeting of January 2006;**Doc. 10703****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Eörsi and others****The need for recognition of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey**, to the Political Affairs Committee to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "the situation in Cyprus";**Doc. 10705****Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Eörsi and others****European Muslim communities confronted with extremism**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population and to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, *for opinion*;**Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Rules of procedure and immunities****Co-operation with the European Parliament**, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities *for report* on the modification of the Rules of Procedure concerning the co-operation with the European Parliament;

b. modification of references

**Doc.10619****Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others****Abuse of the criminal justice system in Belarus****Ref. 3119 of 1 September 2005**, resume consideration of the request of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights at its future meetings;

- *European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, Tallinn (30 May – 1 June 2006)*: agreed on the two main themes to be addressed: "Bridge-building through Parliamentary Diplomacy" and "Role of Parliaments in promoting pluralistic democracy at home and abroad";

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

- . With regard to Denmark:
  - Mr Jørgen Worsøe RASMUSSEN
  - Mr Ole Vedel RASMUSSEN
  - Mr Julio ARENAS

- . With regard to Georgia:
  - Mr George TUGUSHI
  - Mr Konstantin KORKELIA
  - Mr Erik SVANIDZE

- . With regard to Greece:
  - Ms Haritini DIPLA
  - Ms Christina PAPADOPOULOU
  - Mr Athanasios THEODORIDIS

- . With regard to United Kingdom:
  - Mrs Silvia CASALE
  - Ms Julie HOLLYMAN
  - Mr Andrew McLELLAN

- *Communication policy of the Parliamentary Assembly*:

i. endorsed the main principles for the Assembly's communication, as formulated by the President of the Assembly, on the basis of the memorandum of the Secretary General of the Assembly [AS/Bur (2005) 83 rev];

ii. invited the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to take the necessary steps to ensure the creation of a direct link to the Assembly's website in a prominent position on the front page of the Council of Europe website;

- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee*: approved new members as proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly i.e Mr Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Mr Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD);

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

. Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population: Geneva, 3-4 November 2005;

. Committee on Economic Affairs and Development: London; 19-20 January 2006;

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

. OSCE, 2005 Parliamentary Assembly Fall Meetings (Sveti-Stefan, 7-9 October 2005): Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD);

. PACE/CLRAE conference on water management, (Strasbourg, 20-21 October 2005): Ms Papadimitriou (Greece, EPP/CD);

- . 6<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of Parliamentary Network on the World Bank, (Helsinki, 21-23 October 2005): Mr Jonas (Germany, SOC);
- . Meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the Third Summit (CM-SUIVI 3): (Strasbourg, 25 October 2005): Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD);
- . Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers, meeting at the United Nations, (New York, 27 October 2005): Lord Russell-Johnston (United Kingdom, ALDE); Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC);
- . Annual Forum of the European Investment Bank (EIB), (Helsinki, 27-28 October 2005): asked the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development to appoint a representative;
- . 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Parliament of the Republic of Armenia, (Yerevan, 1 November 2005): Mr Schreiner (France, EPP/CD);
- . Meeting of the Parliamentary Initiative of the Central European Initiative, (Bratislava, 3-5 November 2005): Mrs Brestenská (Slovakia, ALDE);
- . 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of NATO Parliamentary Assembly (Copenhagen, 12-15 November 2005): Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE);
- . Tunis phase of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), (Tunis, 16-18 November 2005): Mr Walter (United Kingdom, EDG);
- . International Scientific Practical Conference on Problems of International Cooperation in Combating Drug Abuse and Trafficking in Drugs, (St Petersburg, 17 November 2005): Mr Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC);
- . 26<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of CIS Interparliamentary Assembly, (St Petersburg, 18 November 2005): Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC);
- . PABSEC, General Assembly, 26<sup>th</sup> session, (Tirana, 22-24 November 2005): asked the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population to appoint a representative;
- . International Parliamentary Conference on Jerusalem, (Ramallah, 29-30 November 2005): asked the Political Affairs Committee to appoint a representative;
- . International Leadership Conference on Human Rights and the Death Penalty, (Tokyo, 6-7 December 2005): asked the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to appoint a representative;
- . Eleventh session of the conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention, (Montreal, 7-9 December 2005): Bureau of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs;

- *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (7 October 2005 – 23 January 2006)*: appointed Mr Schreiner (France, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;
- *Task Force of the Council of Europe to combat violence against women*: following the proposal of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, appointed Ms Hilary Fisher, Director of Amnesty International's campaign "Stop Violence against Women", as an expert of the Assembly to this Task Force;
- *Working breakfast between the Assembly's Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers (Strasbourg, 17 November 2005)*: took note of the state of preparation;
- *Cooperation between the Assembly and the European Parliament*: took note of the two memoranda prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly as well as the proposals of the President following the meeting with Mr Daul, Chairman of the Conference of Committee Chairmen of the European Parliament;
- *Cooperation agreement with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly*: approved a draft Cooperation agreement;
- *Date and place of the next meetings*: decided to hold the following meetings:
  - . Bucharest, Friday 25 November 2005 at 8.30 am;
  - . Paris, Monday 12 December 2005 at 9.30 am;
  - . Paris, Monday 9 January 2006 at 9.30 am.

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- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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