

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

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23 January 2006

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 23 January 2006 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **1st Part of the 2006 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 January 2006):**

i. Request for debate under urgent procedure:

. *Peril of using energy supply as an instrument of political pressure*: recommended to the Assembly not to hold this debate under urgent procedure and proposed to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report and the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development for opinion under the normal procedure for reference;

ii. decided to postpone to the April part-session the report on “*Combating the resurrection of Nazi ideology*” and up-dated the draft order of business;

iii. meeting with the Chairpersons of the parliamentary national delegations (Tuesday 24 January 2006, from 6 pm to 7.30 pm): took note of the draft agenda;

iv. Credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Azerbaijan: in case of challenge on substantial grounds, agreed to recommend to the Assembly to refer this matter to the Monitoring Committee for report and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities for opinion and to hold the debate on this report at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 25 January;

v. Debate under urgent procedure on the “*Situation in Belarus on the eve of the presidential election*”: took note of the participation of Mr Milinkievic (Single Candidate of the Unified Democratic Forces in Belarus for the 2006 presidential elections) and agreed that only the Speaker of the Belarus parliament or his first deputy would be entitled to take part in this debate;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (7 October 2005 – 23 January 2006)**: approved the Progress report and the President’s proposal to allow the Secretary General of the Assembly to take the floor in the debate;

- **References and transmissions to committees:**
 - i. approved the following proposals, subject to ratification by the Assembly:
 - a. references:
 - 1. **Doc. 10782**
Letter from Mr Eörsi
Peril of using energy supply as an instrument of political pressure: to the Political Affairs Committee for report and the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development for opinion;
 - b. request to extend references:
 - 1. **Doc. 10081**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Jurgens and others
Human rights of conscript soldiers
Reference No 2929 of 2 March 2004 – Validity: 2 March 2006, extended the reference until 30 April 2006;
 - ii. Others
 - 1. **Doc. 10536**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Torosyan and others
Imvros and Tenedos, decided to resume consideration at its meetings on 27 January 2006, on the basis on a joint proposal by the Chairpersons of the Greek and the Turkish parliamentary delegations;
- **Elections:**
 - i. *Elections in the Chechen Republic (27 November 2005):* took note of the memorandum prepared by the delegation present in the Chechen Republic on the occasion of the elections and declassified it;
 - ii. *Presidential election in Kazakhstan (4 December 2005):* approved the report of the Ad Hoc Committee which observed this election and declassified it;
- **Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of paragraph 5 of Resolution 1416 (2005) on the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference:** decided to postpone the consideration of this matter to its meeting on Friday 27 January 2006;
- **Co-operation agreement with the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan:** agreed to give the floor to a representative of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan for a short statement during the next Bureau meeting;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee in 2006:** approved the list of members as proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communications:** took note of the communications of the President as well as the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

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

. Strasbourg, Friday 27 January 2006 at 8.30 am.

Petr Sich/Alexandra Alléon

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe