

## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

13 April 2006

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday 13 April 2006 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Follow-up to the 2nd Part of the 2006 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 10-13 April 2006):***

i. *Resolution 1493 (2006) on the "Situation in the Middle East"*: asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to prepare a memorandum on the implementation of paragraph 16 of Resolution 1493 (2006) concerning the association of members of the Palestinian Legislative Council in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees;

ii. *Lists of speakers*: asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to prepare a memorandum on the possible revision of criteria for lists of speakers;

- ***Standing Committee (Moscow, 29 May 2006)***: took note of the draft agenda;

- ***Post-monitoring dialogue with Latvia:***

i. decided to recommend to the Assembly to conclude the post-monitoring dialogue and to append the memorandum of the Monitoring Committee to the Progress Report of the Bureau;

ii. asked the Monitoring Committee to conclude its reflection on the future of the Assembly's monitoring procedure;

- ***Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on the dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein***: took note of the report by the Ad Hoc Committee and decided to conclude the dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein;

- ***Application to initiate a monitoring procedure concerning the monopolisation of the electronic media and the possible abuse of power in Italy***: postponed this matter to the next Bureau meeting;

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

i. With regard to Monaco:

- Mr Roland MARQUET
- Mrs Stéphanie VIKSTRÖM
- Mr Christian CALMES:

ii. With regard to Spain:

- Mr Emilio GINÉS SANTIDRIÁN
- Mr Mariano FERNÁNDEZ BERMEJO
- Mrs Avelina ALONSO DE ESCAMILLA

iii. With regard to Turkey:

- Mr Irfan NEZIROĞLU
- Ms Hülya ENSARI
- Mr Ömer ATALAR

- **References and transmissions to committees:** see appendix 1;

- **Observation of elections:**

i. *Presidential and parliamentary elections in Mexico (2 July 2006):* decided to set up an Ad hoc Committee of five members (one from each political group) to observe these elections;

ii. *The Parliamentary Dimension of Election Observation:*

a. took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

b. decided to organise an international conference on this subject in Strasbourg in the autumn of 2006;

c. decided to set up an Ad hoc Committee of forty members appointed by the Political Groups in accordance with the D'Hondt method to participate in the conference;

iii. *Referendum in The Republic of Montenegro (Serbia and Montenegro) (21 May 2006):* authorised the President to approve the proposals submitted by the political groups and to appoint the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee;

- **Conference on European parliamentarianism: History and the Present (on the occasion of the centenary of the establishment of the Russian State Duma) (Saint Petersburg, 28 April 2006):** took note of the draft final declaration and authorised the President to finalise it in the course of the Conference if necessary;

- **Follow-up to the paragraph 9 of Resolution 1478 (2006) on integration of immigrant women in Europe:** approved the proposal of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, supported by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, to hold a parliamentary seminar permitting an exchange of views with parliamentarians from countries where family codes do not conform to the principle of equality between women and men promoted by the Council of Europe;

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

i. Political Affairs Committee: Brussels (Belgium), 12 May 2006;

- ii. Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs): Riga (Latvia), 16-17 June 2006;
- iii. Political Affairs Committee: Gaziantep (Turkey), 11-12 September 2006;
- iv. Sub-Committee on Migration (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population): Krasnoyarsk (Russia), 14-15 September 2006;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** see appendix 2;
- **Report by the Chairman of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs on the participation of its Sub-committee in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Mexico, 16-22 March 2006):** took note of this report;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur for the Progress report of the Bureau and of the Standing Committee covering the period from 13 April to 26 June 2006:** decided to appoint Mr Schmied (Switzerland, ALDE);
- **Visits by rapporteurs:**
  - i. authorised Mr Margelov to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Middle-East in June 2006;
  - ii. authorised Mr Brincat to carry out a fact-finding visit to Lebanon in June 2006;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold the following meeting:
  - . Moscow, Monday 29 May 2006 at 8.30 am.

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- 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

## Decisions on documents tabled for reference to committees

### Appendix 1

#### A. DOCUMENTS TABLED FOR REFERENCE

1. **Doc. 10844**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr de Puig and others**  
**Regionalisation in Europe**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report*
2. **Doc. 10853**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Mikhailova and others**  
**Violations of human rights in North Korea**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for information*
3. **Doc. 10854**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Vermot-Mangold and others**  
**Combating trafficking in human beings: promoting the rapid entry into force of the Council of Europe Convention**, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for information*
4. **Doc. 10855**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Pehlivan and others**  
**Equality between girls and boys in Europe**, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for information*
5. **Doc. 10856**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marty and others**  
**UN Security Council black lists**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*
6. **Doc. 10857**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hunault and others**  
**Creation of a Euro-Mediterranean Bank**, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for information*
7. **Doc. 10858**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Jacquat and others**  
**The health effects of the Chernobyl disaster in Europe: 20 years after, review and lessons for the future**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for information*
8. **Doc. 10859 rev.**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr de Puig and others**  
**Council of Europe annual report on the state of human rights in Europe**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*
9. **Doc. 10860**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Lindblad and others**  
**Condemning the crimes of totalitarian communist regimes**, to the Political Affairs Committee, *for information*

**B. MOTIONS POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BUREAU**

**1. Doc. 10674**

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

**The fight against harm to the environment in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*

**2. Doc. 10675**

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

**Equal rights and opportunities for the disabled and their integration in society**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for information*

**3. 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**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report*

**4. Doc. 10769**

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

**Protection of the environment in the Arctic region**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report*

**C. REQUEST TO MODIFY A REFERENCE**

**Doc. 10781**

**Freedom of the media in Russia**

**Letter from Mrs Bargholtz and Mr Lindblad to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly**, to the Monitoring Committee *to be taken into account* in the preparation of the monitoring report with respect to the Russian Federation (modification of Reference No. 3165, 23 January 2006).



## Assembly representatives for official activities

### Appendix 2

- i. Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities: in reply to formal invitations, took the following decisions:
  - a. Mr Açıkgöz (Turkey, EDG), 12<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Dialogue Seminar, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Istanbul, 2-4 May 2006 (no cost to the Assembly);
  - b. Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, International Conference on the Implementation and Harmonisation of National Policies on Roma, Sinti and Travellers “Guidelines for a Common Vision”, Bucharest, 4-5 May 2006;
  - c. Mr Schmied (Switzerland, ALDE), Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session, Strasbourg, 30 May – 1 June 2006;
  - d. Lord Russell-Johnston (Royaume-Uni, ALDE), International Meeting on the Implementation of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation, London, 1 June 2006 (no cost to the Assembly);
  - e. Mr Jakavonis (Lithuania, ALDE), Theme Conference of Baltic Assembly, Palanga, 1-3 June 2006 (no cost to the Assembly);
  - f. Mr Melčák (Czech Republic, SOC), 27<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of PABSEC on “Energy Security in the Black Sea Region”, Yerevan, 7-8 June 2006;
  - g. Mr Severin (Romania, SOC), Stability Pact meetings, Brussels, 8 June 2006 and Zagreb, 16 October 2006;
  - h. Member of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, 10<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Petersburg International Forum, St Petersburg, 13-15 June 2006;
  - i. Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Assembly, Youth Forum “Young, tolerant, open-minded...”, Graz, 9-16 July 2006;
  - j. Mr Högmark (Sweden, EPP/CD), 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parliamentarians of the Artic Region, Kiruna, 2-4 August 2006;
- ii. Reports by Assembly representatives on their participation at official activities: took note of the following reports and decided to transmit these reports to the competent committees for follow-up:
  - a. report by Mr Dorić (Croatia, ALDE), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Local and Regional Democracy, General meeting of National Associations of Local and Regional Authorities of Council of Europe member states and observers, Strasbourg, 23-24 February 2006;
  - b. report by Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), Council of Europe Programme “Building a Europe for and with Children”, 1<sup>st</sup> Conference, Monaco, 4-5 April 2006.