

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

26 June 2006

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 26 June 2006 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***3rd Part of the 2006 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 26-30 June 2006):***

i. Requests for debate under urgent procedure:

a. “*Political consequences of the referendum in Montenegro*” and “*The consequences of the referendum in Montenegro for the fulfilment of obligations and commitments by Serbia and by Montenegro*”: recommended to the Assembly to join these two requests and to hold only one debate under urgent procedure entitled “*Consequences of the referendum in Montenegro*” and proposed to refer this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report and to the Monitoring Committee for opinion;

b. “*Constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina*”: recommended to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure and proposed to refer this matter to the Monitoring Committee for report;

ii. up-dated the draft order of business;

iii. proposed to limit the speaking time to 4 minutes within the framework of the debate on “*Alleged secret detentions and unlawful inter-state transfers of detainees involving Council of Europe member states*”, which will take place on Tuesday 27 June 2006; and on Wednesday 28 June 2006 and Thursday 29 June 2006;

iv. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Finland, Monaco and Switzerland: took note of a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human rights, transmitting the report concerning the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Finland, Monaco and Switzerland; declassified it; and authorised its distribution to the members of the Assembly;

v. Meeting of Chairpersons of national delegations (Tuesday 27 June 2006, 5.30 pm): took note of the draft agenda of this meeting;

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

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (13 April – 26 June 2006):** approved the Progress Report of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee covering the period from 13 April to 26 June 2006;

- **Follow-up of the Third Summit:**

i. Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union:

a. following the proposal by the President of the Assembly, agreed to propose to append an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union specifying the nature of cooperation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament;

b. asked Mr Marty, Mr Ateş, Mr Kosachev and Mr Van den Brande to draw up an outline of such an Addendum and to contact their counterparts in the European Parliament to discuss its contents;

ii. Forum for the Future of Democracy

a. took note of the proposals made by the Political Affairs Committee on ways of strengthening the Assembly's involvement in the Forum for the Future of Democracy;

b. asked the Political Affairs Committee to make concrete proposals for the Forum to be held in Moscow on 18-19 October 2006 and for the organisation of the Forum meetings in general;

- **Request for accession to the Council of Europe from the Republic of Montenegro:**

i. took note of a letter from the Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies transmitting the decision of the Ministers' Deputies to ask the Assembly for an opinion on the request for accession from the Republic of Montenegro to the Council of Europe;

ii. decided to refer the matter to the relevant committees (see appendix 1) and to ask two eminent jurists, Mr Kaarlo Tuori et Mr Anthony Bradley, members of the Venice Commission, to draw up a report for the attention of the Bureau on the conformity of the Montenegrin legal system with the Council of Europe's basic standards in the field of human rights, the rule of law and pluralist democracy;

- **Communications:** took note of the communications of the President, 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, Friday 30 June 2006 at 8.30 am
- . Paris, Wednesday 6 September 2006 at 9.30 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

Appendix 1

Proposals by the Bureau concerning documents tabled for reference to committees

1. **Doc. 10895**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Cliveti and others
Prostitution – which stance to take?, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*
2. **Doc. 10898**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Huss and others
Environment and health: towards better prevention of environment-related health hazards, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report at the Standing Committee* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
3. **Doc. 10899**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others
Exploitation of the fields of minerals in the Azerbaijani territories under occupation by Armenia and their devastation, no further action
4. **Doc. 10900**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Ahlqvist and others
Women in prison, was postponed
5. **Doc. 10901**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr McIntosh and others
Electronic media without frontiers in Europe, consultation of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education on a possible follow-up
6. **Doc. 10903**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Platvoet and others
The Head of State as a democratic institution, consultation of the Venice Commission, pursuant to the Assembly's Co-operation Agreement with the Commission, on the legal aspects of the issue raised by the motion
7. **Doc. 10904**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Lindblad and others
Need for a public hearing on organ harvesting in China, to Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*
8. **Doc. 10905**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Van den Brande and others
Mobilising parliaments in the "New Partnership for Africa's development" (NEPAD), to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, and for consultation of the North-South Centre pursuant to the Assembly's Co-operation Agreement with the Centre

9. **Doc. 10906**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rochebloine and others
The extension of the scope of the Ottawa Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and
Doc. 10913
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rochebloine and others
The ratification of the Ottawa Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

10. **Doc. 10908**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Kosachev and others
The need for new steps in the field of intercultural and interconfessional dialogue, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*

11. **Doc. 10909**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Çavuşoğlu and others
Integration policies for adult migrants in Europe – the place of language learning, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Riots in European cities: lessons and Council of Europe response”*

12. **Doc. 10910**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Greenway and others
Regularisation programmes for irregular migrants, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*

13. **Doc. 10914**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Çavuşoğlu and others
The role of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the integration of migrants, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*

14. **Doc. 10915**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others
The application and amendment of various provisions of the Rules of Procedure, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities *for report*

15. **Doc. 10916**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Jurgens and others
Legal remedies for human rights violations in the North-Caucasus Region, to the Monitoring Committee, *to be taken into account in the preparation of the ongoing monitoring report with respect to the Russian Federation* and to the Committee on legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

16. **Doc. 10921**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Bargholtz and other
Preventing the first form of violence against children: abandonment at birth, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*

17. **Doc. 10968**
Request for accession to the Council of Europe from the Republic of Montenegro, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*