



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

16 April 2007

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday 16 April 2007 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Part of the 2007 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 16-20 April 2007):**
  - i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure:
    - a. **“Situation in the Middle East”** (submitted by the Political Affairs Committee): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure and proposed to refer this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
    - b. **“Draft Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse”** (submitted by Mr Gardetto and others): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure and confirmed its proposal to refer this matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee for opinion;
    - c. **“Functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine”** (submitted by Mrs Severinsen, Mrs Wohlwend and others, and Mr Shybko and others): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure and proposed to refer this matter to the Monitoring Committee for report;
    - d. **“Sudan and Darfur – Europe’s responsibility”** (submitted by Mr Marty and others): decided not to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure but to recommend to hold a current affairs debate on this matter and chose Mr Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) as the opening speaker;
  - ii. Draft order of business: approved the updated draft order of business and decided to reduce the speaking time on Wednesday 18 April 2007 to 3 minutes for speakers in the debate and to 4 minutes for representatives of political groups on the speakers’ lists for the day;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (26 January 2007 – 16 April 2007):** approved the Progress Report of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee covering the period from 26 January to 16 April 2007;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see appendix I;

- ***Follow-up to the Third Summit***

- i. Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union: took note of the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union transmitted by the Chairman of the Minister's Deputies for the Assembly's opinion;
- ii. Follow-up to the report "Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union" by Mr Juncker ("The Juncker Report"): agreed to raise this matter at the next meeting of the Joint Committee on 19 April 2007;

- ***Follow-up to current affairs debate on 25 January 2007 on "Threat to the European Court of Human Rights: urgent need for Russia to ratify Protocol 14"***

- i. heard an account by Mr Marty and Mr Lintner, who had carried out a visit to Moscow on 2 and 3 April 2007 at the request of the Bureau to enquire about the prospects of ratification of Protocol 14 by the Duma of the Russian Federation.
- ii. asked Mr Marty and Mr Lintner to pursue their mandate in regard to Protocol 14, in close cooperation with the Chairman of the Russian parliamentary delegation, and, if necessary, to carry out a further visit to Moscow;
- iii. agreed to propose to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Assembly to invite representatives of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Duma of the Russian Federation to the Assembly's Committee meeting on 14 May 2007 in Paris, in order to discuss this issue;
- iv. agreed to come back to this matter at its meeting in Belgrade on 23 May 2007 in the light of further developments;

- ***Observation of elections:*** agreed, subject to the holding of elections in Ukraine and pending the receipt of an invitation from the Ukrainian authorities, to set-up an Ad Hoc committee to observe the elections composed of 40 members in accordance with the "D'Hondt system" of: 13 SOC; 12 EPP/CD; 7 ALDE; 6 EDG; 2 UEL;

- ***Third International Forum of the World Holocaust Forum (Germany, November 2008):*** was informed by the President of the proposal made by the President of the World Holocaust Forum, Mr Moshe Kantor, that the Assembly gives its support and patronage to the Third International Forum "Let My People Live" to take place in November 2008 in Germany to mark 70 years since the "Kristallnacht" and agreed, in principle, to this proposal;

- ***Communications:*** took note of the communication of the President.

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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 I

### References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau approved the following references and modifications of references, subject to ratification by the Assembly:

#### I. NEW MOTIONS TABLED SINCE 12 NOON ON 23 JANUARY 2007

##### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Doc. 11165**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Leibrecht and others**  
**Making Taiwan a partner in global health by granting Taiwan observer status at the World Health Assembly, *no further action***
2. **Doc. 11166**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Vermot-Mangold and others**  
**Georgian migrants in Russia**, transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
3. **Doc. 11167**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Platvoet and others**  
**Towards sustainable development in the building sector**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*
4. **Doc. 11169**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Hancock and others**  
**The activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report [PACE priorities: Strengthening the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups, including national and other minorities, migrants, refugees and displaced persons; fostering co-operation with other international and European organisations and institutions]*
5. **Doc. 11171**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Hurskainen and others**  
**An European framework for the prevention of chronic diseases – a call for Europe's to act**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*
6. **Doc. 11172**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others**  
**Request for an investigation to clarify the allegedly suspicious death of former President Boris Trajkovski of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for consultation* on the possible follow-up

7. **Doc. 11188**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Durrieu and others**  
**Strengthening co-operation with the Maghreb countries**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report [PACE priority: Promoting fundamental European values in neighbouring areas]*
  8. **Doc. 11195**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Bilgehan and others**  
**“Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women”**: mid-term assessment, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report [PACE priority: Responding to common threats to Europeans (violence against women)]*
  9. **Doc. 11197**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Evans and others**  
**Agriculture and renewable energy**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “the environment and renewable energies”*.
  10. **Doc. 11198**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Lengagne and others**  
**Nuclear energy and sustainable development** to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report at the Standing Committee [PACE priorities: Promoting sustainable development (climate); Responding to common threats to Europeans]*
  11. **Doc. 11199**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs de Melo and others**  
**Climate change and natural disasters**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report [PACE priorities: Promoting sustainable development (climate); Responding to common threats to Europeans]*
- Plus references to committee for the urgent debate requests Ukraine and Middle East (Draft Convention on children already having been done).**

## II. REQUEST TO MODIFY A REFERENCE

1. **Doc. 11105**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Gacek and others**  
**European Code of conduct on lobbying including guidelines for politicians, lobbyists and corporations**  
**Ref. no 3306 of 22 January 2007**, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report [PACE priority: Strengthening democracy and good governance (combating corruption and organised crime)]*