



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

1 February 2010

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 29 January 2010 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 12 March 2010):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **2010 Second ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 26-30 April 2010):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix I;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:**
 - i. *in respect of Armenia:* appointed Mr Harutyunyan (EDG) and Mr Rustamyan (SOC), for ratification by the Assembly;
 - ii. *in respect of Ukraine:* appointed Mrs Herasym'yuk (EPP/CD) and Mr Holovaty ALDE), for ratification by the Assembly;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** approved the changes in the list of members as proposed by political groups, for ratification by the Assembly;
- **Issues raised by committees :**
 - i. *Political Affairs Committee :*
 - a. Visits:
 - . took note of the intention of Mr von Sydow to carry out a visit to Kosovo¹ for the purposes of his report on "The situation in Kosovo";
 - . authorised Mr Lindblad to conduct a fact-finding visit to the United States Congress of America for the purposes of his report "Re-engaging in the parliamentary dialogue with the United States" (at no cost to the Assembly);
 - . took note of Mr Lindblad's intention to participate in a conference in Jakarta (Indonesia) organised by the "World Movement for Democracy" on the theme "Solidarity across Cultures: Working Together for Democracy" (11-14 April 2010);
 - b. Debate on the State of Democracy in Europe : decided to include - in the joint debate on "The State of Democracy in Europe" planned for the June 2010 part-session - a third report by the Political Affairs Committee on the subject "Democracy in crisis: follow-up to Resolutions 1547 (2007) and 1617 (2008)";

¹ All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

ii. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs :*

a. Draft Joint Interpretative Statement (Committee of Ministers – Parliamentary Assembly) concerning rules and procedures for future elections of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe: decided to refer the Draft Statement to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for a report to be presented to the Standing Committee at its meeting in March 2010;

b. Code of conduct for Rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe: took note of a letter on this subject sent by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and confirmed the mandate given to the committee to prepare a report aiming at incorporating elements from this Code of conduct into the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;

- ***Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:***

i. Consideration of a proposal to modify the rule on meetings of Committees and Sub-Committees of the Assembly elsewhere than in Strasbourg or Paris : approved the proposals contained in document [AS/Bur (2009) 17];

ii. Meetings: see Appendix II;

- ***Possible entry into force of Protocol 14 of the ECHR:***

i. noted that the Russian Federation was expected soon to deposit its instrument of ratification of Protocol No. 14 to the European Convention of Human Rights, well in time before 1 July 2010;

ii. decided for the time being not to take any steps to initiate within the Assembly any election process of the 21 judges on the Court whose terms would expire on 31 October 2010;

- ***Schedule for the election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:***

i. approved the timetable for the election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly as regards the Assembly;

ii. asked the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to transmit the timetable as regards the Assembly to the Committee of Ministers;

- ***Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 January – 30 April 2010):*** appointed Mr Mignon (France, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;

- ***Joint Conference of the Commonwealth of Independent States Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (CIS-IPA) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (St Petersburg):*** decided to hold this conference jointly with the CIS-IPA on 8 April 2010 on the theme: "The future of European Security", and authorised the Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Political Affairs Committee to hold a meeting in connection with the Conference;

- ***European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):*** drew-up lists of candidates in respect of Croatia and France to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers;

- ***Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2010:*** approved the proposals contained in the document [AS/Bur (2010) 03];

- ***Observation of elections:*** took note of the schedule of elections in 2010;

- ***Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2010:*** see Appendix III;

- ***Assembly representatives for official activities:*** see Appendix IV;

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

- . Thursday 11 March 2010, Paris, at 3 pm;
- . Monday 26 April 2010, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
- . Friday 30 April 2010, Strasbourg, 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
Secretary General of the Congress
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 the ratification by the Assembly:

i. references to committees:

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.
12110	Motion for a Recommendation	Faked Pandemics - a threat for health	Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for report</i>	3639
12114	Motion for a Resolution	The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the Council of Europe	Political Affairs Committee <i>for report</i> Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for opinion</i> Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i>	3640
12115	Motion for a Recommendation	Jewish cemeteries	Committee on Culture, Science and Education <i>for report</i>	3641
12059	Motion for a Resolution	Ensuring protection against attacks on the honour and reputation of persons	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>for report</i>	3642
12065	Motion for a Resolution	Fighting the global backlash against women's human rights	Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for report</i>	3643
	Bureau Decision	Draft joint interpretative statement on Rules and Procedures for the future elections of the Secretary General	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>for report at the Standing Committee in March 2010</i>	3644
	Bureau Decision	Democracy in crisis : follow-up to Resolutions 1547 (2007) and 1617 (2008)	Political Affairs Committee <i>for report</i>	3645
	Follow-up to the current affairs debate	What can Europe do for Haiti?	Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for report</i> Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>for opinion</i>	3646

12087	Assembly decision (report referred back to committee)	Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i> Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i>	3647
12093	Assembly decision (report referred back to committee)	Biodiversity and climate change	Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>for report</i>	3648

ii. *Modifications of references:*

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.
12090	Motion for a resolution	The political situation in Northern Caucasus: immediate need for measures to increase democratic stability in accordance with Council of Europe standards	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for taking into account in the preparation of the report on the "Legal remedies for human rights violations in the North-Caucasus Region"</i> Political Affairs Committee <i>for opinion (modification of Ref. 3633 of 25 January 2010)</i>	3633

The Bureau approved the following extensions of references:

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.	New validity date
11172	Motion for a resolution	Request for an investigation to clarify the allegedly suspicious death of former President Boris Trajkovski of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3329	30/06/2010
11517	Motion for a recommendation	Strengthening measures to protect and revive highly endangered languages	Committee on Culture, Science and Education <i>for report</i>	3427	30/06/2010

APPENDIX II

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

The Bureau authorised the following meetings:

- i. *Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs*: Bucharest (Romania), 18-19 February 2010;
- ii. *Ad Hoc Committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to participate in the 4th World Congress against the death penalty*: Geneva (Switzerland), 24-26 February 2010;
- iii. *Sub-Committee on the Middle-East of the Political Affairs Committee*: Izmir (Turkey), 4-5 March 2010;
- iv. *Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee*: Florence (Italy), 5 March 2010;
- v. *Committee on Culture, Science and Education*: Istanbul (Turkey), 10-11 May 2010.

APPENDIX III

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2010

The Bureau appointed the following Assembly representatives:

- i. European Commission for Democracy through Law – Venice Commission: Mr de Puig (SOC) appointed by the President, Mr Holovaty (ALDE, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights); and as substitute Mr Pourgourides (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);*
- ii. Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission): Mr Gross (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and Mrs Durrieu (SOC, Political Affairs Committee), the representative for the Monitoring Committee will be appointed in March 2010; in the meantime, members for 2009 will represent the Assembly and as substitutes: Mrs de Pourbaix-Lundin (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);*
- iii. European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – North-South Centre: Mrs de Melo (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) and Mr Sasi (EPP/CD, Committee on Economic Affairs and Development) and as substitutes: Mr de Puig (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education), and Mrs Blondin (SOC, Committee on Economic Affairs and Development);*
- iv. European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance – ECRI: Mr Cilevics (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), Mr Szabo (SOC, Committee on Political Affairs) and Mr Olsson (EPP/CD, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) and as substitutes: Mr Berenyi (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and Mrs Giannaka (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education);*
- v. Advisory Board for the Future of Democracy: Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee and the Chairperson or a member of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the Future of Democracy (according to availability);*
- vi. Group of States against Corruption – GRECO: Mr Sasi (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and as substitute Mr Varvitsiotis (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) ;*
- vii. European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice - CEPEJ: Mr Hunault (EDG, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and as substitute Mr Chope (EDG, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);*
- viii Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art: Mr O'Hara (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education);*
- ix Pan-European Federation for Heritage – Europa Nostra: Mr O'Hara (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education).*

APPENDIX IV

Assembly representatives for official activities

In reply to formal invitations, the Bureau appointed the following parliamentarians:

- i. Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC): International meeting in support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace, Qawra (Malta), 12-13 February 2010;
- ii. Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD): IPU side event on violence against women on the occasion of the 54th session of the commission on the status of Women (CSW) and meeting on “the roles of parliaments in Enforcing Women’s rights, 15 years after Beijing”, New-York, (United States of America), 1-2 March 2010;
- iii. Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD): 73rd Rose-Roth seminar, Yerevan (Armenia), 11-13 March 2010.