



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

12 March 2010

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday 11 March 2010 in Paris, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to Resolution 1709 (2010) “The functioning of democratic institutions in Albania »** : heard a report by the President on the visit of the Presidential Committee to Albania on 22 and 23 February 2010;
- **Standing Committee (Paris, 12 March 2010)**: took note of the updated draft agenda;
- **European Convention of Human Rights:**
  - i. **High-Level Conference on the Future of the European Court of Human Rights, Interlaken, 18-19 February 2010**: referred the Interlaken Declaration to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in order for it to draw up a report on “Effective implementation of the European Convention of Human Rights: the Interlaken process”, for presentation to the Assembly at its April 2010 part-session;
  - ii. **Consequences of the entry into force of Protocol 14 to the European Convention of Human Rights on 1 June 2010** : took note of the proposed timetable for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights;
- **2010 Second ordinary part-Session of the Assembly (Strasbourg, 26-30 April 2010)**: adopted the draft agenda<sup>1</sup>;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: see Appendix I;
- **Ukraine : presidential election (17 January and 7 February 2010)**: approved the report of the ad hoc Committee on the second round of this election;
- **Communications**: took note of communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe as well as the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Reconstitution of Bureau ad hoc Committees:**
  - i. **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on promoting dialogue between the Georgian and Russian Assembly delegations**: held an exchange of views on this matter and decided to postpone its decision to a future meeting;
  - ii. **Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1416 (2005) on the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference**: held an exchange of views on this matter and decided to postpone its decision to a future meeting;
  - iii. **Ad hoc Committee on the Forum for the future of Democracy**: decided to reconstitute this ad hoc committee and to appoint Mr David Harutyunyan (Armenia, EDG) as its chairperson for 2010, in his capacity as Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of the host country of the Forum which would take place in Armenia;

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the Assembly website <http://assembly.coe.int>

- **Follow-up to Resolution 1583 (2007) "Improving the participation of members in Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings"**: agreed to return to this matter following further consultation with Chairpersons of national parliamentary delegations;
- **Joint Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA-CIS) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (St. Petersburg, 8 April 2010)**: authorised the Sub-committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation of the Political Affairs Committee to participate in this conference (in addition to the Sub-Committee on External Relations);
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus**: took note of letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly, namely Mr Ahmet Eti (National Unity Party) and Mr Mehmet Caglar (Republican Turkish Party), to be submitted to the Assembly for its approval within the framework of the Progress Report;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**: approved the proposed modification to the list of members;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population to meet in Brussels (Belgium) on 18 May 2010;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**: see Appendix II;
- **Parliamentary assistance programmes**: took note of activities carried out in 2008-2009 and plans for activities in 2010;
- **Date and place of the next meetings**: decided to hold the following meetings:
  - . Monday 26 April 2010, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
  - . Friday 30 April 2010, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.
  - . Thursday 20 May 2010, Skopje ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia")

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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:

#### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **More women in economic and social decision-making bodies**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Gautier and others**  
**Doc. 12144** to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report* and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for opinion*
2. **Combating poverty**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Volontè and others**  
**Doc. 12145** to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*
3. **Demographic winter and the future of Europe**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others**  
**Doc. 12146** to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*
4. **The socio-economic potential of endogenous resources for the development of weak territories**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Galati and others**  
**Doc. 12147** to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for information*
5. **Expediency of using common manuals in European educational networks**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others**  
**Doc. 12149** to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
6. **Effective implementation of the European Convention of Human Rights: the Interlaken process**  
**Decision of the Bureau:** to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
7. **Follow-up to the reform of the Council of Europe**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mignon and others**  
**Doc. 12163**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*

#### B. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

1. **Families' freedom of choice in education in each member state**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others**  
**Doc. 12061**  
**Committee consulted:** Committee on Culture, Science and Education, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*

#### C. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION

1. **Guaranteeing a right to schooling for children with illnesses or disabilities**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Pozzo di Borgo and others**  
**Doc. 11342 - Ref. 3412**, extension until 30 June 2010
2. **The need to avoid duplication of the work of the Council of Europe by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger and others**  
**Doc. 11521 - Ref. 3430**, extension until 30 June 2010
3. **The protection of witnesses as cornerstone for justice and reconciliation in the Balkans**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Austin and others**  
**Doc. 11522 - Ref. 3431**, extension until 30 June 2010

## APPENDIX II

### Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

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

- i. Mr Joachim HÖRSTER (Germany, EPP/CD): 18<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 17-19 March 2010;
- ii. Ms Elvira KOVACS (Serbia, EPP/CD): High-level round-table on the situation of youth rights in Europe today European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 29 March 2010;
- iii. Mrs LAVTIZAR-BEBLER (Slovenia, SOC): 3<sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee on Dialogue among Civilizations and Human Rights organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Ljubljana (Slovenia), 15 April 2010 (no cost for the Assembly);
- iv. Mr Bernard MARQUET (Monaco, ALDE): Conference "Preparing the practical implementation of the Council of Europe convention on counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME Convention)" organised by the Council of Europe, Basel (Switzerland) 15-16 April 2010;
- v. Mr Andreas GROSS (Switzerland, SOC): Conference "Democracy and Decentralisation" organised by the Swiss authorities, St Gallen (Switzerland), 3-4 May 2010 (no cost for the Assembly).