



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

25 June 2010

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 25 June 2010 in Strasbourg with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the 2010 Third ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 21-25 June 2010):** in line with paragraph 18.2 in Assembly Resolution 1739 (2010) on “The situation in Kosovo and the role of the Council of Europe”, instructed the Secretariat to prepare a memorandum on ways of initiating a dialogue with representatives of the political forces elected to the Kosovo Assembly on issues of common interest, and decided to invite the Chairperson of the Serbian delegation to the Assembly to attend its next meeting for an exchange of views on this matter;
- **2010 Fourth ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 4-8 October 2010):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix;
- **Observation of elections:**
 - i. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: parliamentary elections (3 October 2010)* : approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the elections and appointed Mr Kox (The Netherlands, UEL) as its Chairperson;
 - ii. *Azerbaijan: parliamentary elections (7 November 2010):* approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the elections and appointed Mr Wille (Belgium, ALDE) as its Chairperson;
 - iii. *Moldova:* decided, subject to further developments, to observe the forthcoming referendum through an Ad Hoc Committee composed of 30 members, in accordance with the D'Hondt system;
- **Council of Europe reform: measures to enhance the Assembly:** on the basis of a presentation by the President, agreed to return to this matter in the light of ongoing discussions on the subject in the Assembly's Political Groups;
- **Bureau ad Hoc committees**
 - i. *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on promoting dialogue between the Georgian and Russian Assembly delegations:* was informed by the President about his contacts with both delegations;
 - 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:* was informed by the President about his contacts with the delegations of Armenia and Azerbaijan.;
- **Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: initiative by the President of the Court:** referred the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for a report in time for the Assembly's October 2010 part-Session;
- **Partner for Democracy status: Relations with the Palestine National Council:** subject to receipt of an official request for Partner for Democracy status by the Palestine National Council, considered that such a request would be admissible;

- **Responsibility of the parliaments of member states of the Council of Europe as regards their representation in the Assembly:** asked its President to remind Speakers of national parliaments of the duty of member states to bear the expenses of their representation in the Assembly, in line with Article 38 of the Statute of the Council of Europe;
- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 June – 4 October 2010):** appointed Mr Wilshire (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur;
- **Meeting of the Bureau in Rome, September 2010:** agreed to hold this meeting on 8 September (and not 6 September as initially foreseen);
- **Forum for the Future of Democracy, Yerevan (Armenia) 19-20 October 2010:** approved the composition of an Ad Hoc Committee to participate in this event;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** approved modifications to the list of members;
- **Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2009:** approved the report submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings:
 - i. Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs): Kharkiv (Ukraine), 23 August 2010;
 - ii. Political Affairs Committee: Belgrade (Serbia), 6-7 September 2010;
 - iii. Sub-Committee on the Media (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education): Vilnius (Lithuania), 15-16 September 2010;
 - iv. Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education): Budapest (Hungary), 18-20 October 2010.
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:**
 - i. *Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities:* in reply to formal invitations, took the following decisions:
 - a. Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, SOC): Regional Workshop for Arab Parliaments on implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and ending violence against women, Beirut (Lebanon), 27-29 July 2010, at no cost for the Assembly;
 - b. Ms Vésaité (Lithuania, SOC): 19th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, Mariehamn (Finland), 29-31 August 2010;
 - c. Mr Wille (Belgium, ALDE): 20th Economic Forum, Krynica (Poland), 8-11 September 2010;
 - d. Mr Dalgaard (Denmark, EDG): 9th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Brussels (Belgium), 13-15 September 2010.
 - ii. *Reports by Assembly representatives on their participation in official activities:* took note of the report by Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) on his participation in the events to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Council of Europe North-South Centre in Lisbon.

- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold forthcoming meetings as follows:
 - . Wednesday 8 September 2010, Rome, at 3 pm
 - . Monday 4 October 2010, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
 - . Friday 8 October 2010, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Observers to the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Organisational Development and Reform
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX I

The Bureau approved the following references, which were ratified later the same day by the Assembly:

References to committees 2010 Ordinary Session – 3rd part 27th Sitting

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.
12268	Motion for a resolution	Respect for human rights in education for democratic citizenship in Spain	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for information</i>	3692
12269	Motion for a recommendation	Unfair economic competition by third countries: social dumping	Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for report</i> Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for opinion</i> Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for opinion</i>	3693
12287	Motion for a resolution	Fundamental Rights and fundamental duties and responsibilities	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3694
12288	Motion for a resolution	Halting the sharp decline in youth employment	Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i> Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for opinion</i>	3695
12289	Motion for a recommendation	The extension of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) to all countries	Committee on Culture, Science and Education <i>for report</i>	3696
11748	Motion for a resolution	Identity documents and databases	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for information</i>	3697
12184	Motion for a resolution	Input for development	Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i>	3698
0	Bureau Decision	National procedures for the selection of candidates for the European Court of Human Rights	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>	3699

Consultation of committees (for information)

Doc N°	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned
12273	Motion for a resolution	Dangers of nuclear energy towards the environment	Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>for consultation on the follow-up to be given</i>
12290	Motion for a resolution	Continuation of the Council of Europe dialogue in the Mediterranean and Black Sea basins	Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>for consultation on the follow-up to be given</i>

**Modifications of references
(for information)**

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned
12063	Motion for a resolution	The impact of the world economic crisis on local and regional authorities within member states of the Council of Europe	Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>for report</i> Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for opinion</i> <i>(modification of reference 3623 of 25 January 2010)</i>
12177	Motion for a recommendation	Over-indebtedness of States: a danger for democracy and human rights	Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i> Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for opinion</i> Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>for opinion</i> <i>(modification of reference 3671 of 26 April 2010)</i>

**Extension of reference
(for information)**

Doc No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee concerned	Reference No.	New validity date
11662	Motion for a resolution	Social measures, education and rehabilitation of young offenders	Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for report</i>	3475	31 January 2011