



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

13 October 2010

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 8 October 2010 in Strasbourg with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fourth Part of the 2010 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 4-8 October 2010)**
 - i. *Follow-up to the part-session*: approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
 - **Standing Committee meeting (Antalya, 12 November 2010)**: took note of the draft agenda;
 - **2011 First part-session (Strasbourg, 24-28 January 2011)**: drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
 - **References and transmissions to committees**: see Appendix 1;
 - **Observation of elections**:
 - i. *Moldova: early general elections (28 November 2010)*: approved the composition of the ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Saar (Estonia; SOC) as Chairperson;
 - ii. *Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly*: approved the following additions to the Guidelines:
 - “While rapporteurs for the monitoring of, or post-monitoring dialogue with, a given country should be encouraged to join an ad hoc committee to observe an election in that country, they should not be appointed chairpersons thereof. This is to ensure a distinction between election observation as such and monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue in the context of which the findings of an ad hoc committee are followed up.”
 - “The Chairmanship of the ad hoc committees shall rotate between political groups to ensure, generally, an overall political balance over a 12-month period”.
 - iii. *Participation of people with disabilities in the electoral processes*: agreed to draw the attention of election observation ad hoc committees to proposals to assist such participation presented by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee;
 - iv. *Participation by Assembly members in election observation missions*: noted the difficulties of members of certain delegations to attend election observation missions to which they had been appointed and asked the President to raise the matter with the national parliaments concerned;
 - **Assembly reform**: approved the composition of a Bureau ad hoc Committee on Assembly Reform as it appears in Appendix 2; appointed Mr Mignon as Chairperson; and agreed to return to this issue in the course of its January 2011 part-Session on the basis of a report from the ad hoc Committee;

- **Issues raised by committees**

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

a. took note of an opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, on the right of Assembly members to attend Assembly meetings in a Council of Europe Member State, in particular as regards the scope and interpretation of the relevant provisions of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe and the Protocol thereto; asked the Committee to make proposals for concrete action based on this opinion and agreed to return to this issue at a future meeting in the light of such proposals; and invited the Secretary General of the Assembly to remind delegations hosting Assembly meetings of their obligations under the aforementioned General Agreement and Protocol;

b. agreed, on the basis of a letter from the Committee Chairperson and an accompanying Committee memorandum, not to change the Rules of Procedure as regards the duration of the term of office of the President of the Assembly and Committee Chairpersons;

ii. **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:** approved the following theme suggested by the Committee for the Assembly's debate at its June 2011 part-Session on "State of Human Rights in Europe": "National Parliaments – Guarantors of Human Rights in Europe";

iii. **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population:**

- authorised Mrs Reps (Estonia, ALDE), Committee Rapporteur on "Unaccompanied minors in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return", to carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco for the purposes of her report;

- authorised Mr Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE) to attend the Global Forum on Migration and Development, to be held from 8 to 11 November in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, at no cost to the Assembly;

iv. **Committee on Political Affairs:** authorised Mr Volontè, Committee Rapporteur on "Request from the Parliament of Morocco for Partner for Democracy" status within the Parliamentary Assembly", to conduct a fact-finding visit to Morocco for the purposes of his report.

v. **Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs:** took note of the initiative of the Committee to establish a network of contact parliamentarians to promote ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Violence;

vi. **Monitoring Committee:** took note of the agreement on the manner of pursuing its work on the consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia;

- **Forum for the Future of Democracy:** on the proposal of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, nominated Mr Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) to replace Mr Greenway as member of the ad hoc Committee to participate in the Forum for Democracy to be held in Yerevan, Armenia, from 19 to 21 October 2010.

- **Co-operation with the European Parliament:**

- agreed on the principle of establishing a joint European Parliament - Parliamentary Assembly informal body to coordinate information sharing between them, focusing on issues related to the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights;

- agreed on the composition and mandate of the Parliamentary Assembly side of such a body, attaching particular importance to the arrangements for participation of European Parliament representatives in the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights;

- **Progress report of the Bureau and of the Standing Committee (8 October 2010 – 24 January 2011):** appointed Mme Basseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) as rapporteur.

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** appointed Mr Kubovic (Slovakia, EPP/CD) as a new member (replacing Mr Berenyi, Slovakia, EPP/CD);

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the meetings appearing in Appendix 3:
- **Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities:** in reply to formal invitations, took the decisions appearing in Appendix 4
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
 - . Thursday 11 November 2010, Antalya, at 3.00 pm;
 - . Monday 13 December 2010, Paris, at 9.30 am;
 - . Monday 24 January 2011, Strasbourg (part-session) at 8.00 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 1

References to committees and modifications of references

i. references to committees

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

1. **Doc. 12370**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Haibach and others
Ensuring the viability of the Strasbourg Court : structural deficiencies in States Parties, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
2. **Doc. 12371**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Meale and others
The administrative organisation of large metropolises: a key to strengthening local democracy in Europe, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*
3. **Doc. 12372**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marquet and others
Nanotechnologies, a new danger to the environment?, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report* and to the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs *for opinion*
4. **Doc. 12373**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Greenway and others
The portrayal of migrants and refugees during election campaigns, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report* and to the Political Affairs Committee *for opinion*
5. **Bureau decision**
Religious dimension of multicultural dialogue, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report at the April 2011 part-session*, and to the Political Affairs Committee *for opinion*
6. **Bureau decision**
National parliaments – guarantors of human rights in Europe, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report in the framework of the debate on the state of human rights in Europe (June 2011 part-session)*
7. **Bureau decision**
The situation of Roma in Europe: movement and migration, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*, and to the Political Affairs Committee *for opinion*

ii. modifications of references

The Bureau approved the following modification of a reference:

1. **Doc. 12327**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Memecan and others
Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for opinion*
(modification of ref. 3706 of 04/10/2010)

Appendix 2

Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the reform of the Assembly / Commission ad hoc du Bureau sur la réforme de l'Assemblée

List of members/ liste des membres

Mr ÇAVUSOGLU, President of the Assembly/Président de l'Assemblée –*ex officio*

GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (EPP/CD)

GROUPE DU PARTI POPULAIRE EUROPEEN (PPE/DC)

M. Mignon (France) – Rapporteur AS/Pol on reform / sur la réforme

Mr Haibach (Germany/Allemagne)

Mr Pourgourides (Cyprus/Chypre)

SOCIALIST GROUP (SOC)

GROUPE SOCIALISTE (SOC)

Mr Gross (Switzerland / Suisse)

Ms Hurskainen (Finland / Finlande)

Mr Von Sydow (Sweden / Suède)

ALLIANCE OF LIBERALS AND DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE (ALDE)

ALLIANCE DES DEMOCRATES ET DES LIBERAUX POUR L'EUROPE (ADLE)

Mr Holovaty (Ukraine)

M. Marquet (Monaco).

EUROPEAN DEMOCRAT GROUP (EDG)

GROUPE DEMOCRATE EUROPEEN (GDE)

Mrs. Novikova (Ukraine)

Mr. Walter (United Kingdom / Royaume Uni)

GROUP OF THE UNIFIED EUROPEAN LEFT (UEL)

GROUPE POUR LA GAUCHE UNITAIRE EUROPEENNE (GUE)

Mr Laakso (Finland/Finlande)

SECRETARIAT :

Mr Sorinas - Secretary General / Secrétaire Général

Mr Sawicki - Director General / Directeur Général

Appendix 3

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:

- a. Sub-Committee on Violence against Women (of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men): Antalya (Turkey), 12 November 2010;
- b. Sub-Committee on Children (of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee): Rome (Italy), 29-30 November 2010;
- c. Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Political Affairs Committee): New York (USA), 2-3 December 2010;
- d. Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Climate Change (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs): Cancún (Mexico), 4-9 December 2010, at no cost to the Assembly;
- e. Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on Assembly reform: Antalya, Turkey, 12 November 2010, at the end of the meeting of the Standing Committee (at approximately 5.15 p.m.).

Appendix 4

Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities in reply to formal invitations

- a. Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC): 4th Annual Implementation Meeting on the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (The Carter Center) , Atlanta (USA), 13-14 October 2010, at no cost for the Assembly;
- b. Ms Vésaitė (Lithuania, SOC): 29th session of the Baltic Assembly and the 16th Baltic Council, Riga (Latvia), 21-23 October 2010;
- c. Mr Badré (France, ALDE): 5th Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Rabat (Morocco), 28-30 October 2010;
- d. Ms Mósesdóttir (Iceland, UEL): 62nd Plenary Session of the Nordic Council, Reykjavik (Iceland), 2-4 November 2010 at no cost for the Assembly;
- e. Mr Cebeci (Turkey, EPP/CD): 36th Plenary Session of PABSEC, Trabzon (Turkey), 3-4 November 2010