TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis
17 November 2010

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 11 November 2010 in Antalya (Turkey) with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee meeting in Antalya (Turkey) on 12 November 2010:**
  i. **Request for a current affairs debate:** took note of a request submitted by the Chairperson of the French delegation to hold a current affairs debate on “Recent violent attacks on Christians and other religious communities in Iraq”; decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this current affairs debate; and appointed Mr Mignon (France, EPP/CD) to open it;
  ii. **Draft agenda:** took note of the updated agenda;

- **1st ordinary Part-Session of 2011 (Strasbourg, 24-28 January 2011):** drew up the preliminary draft agenda for the part-session and decided to reconsider this item at its next meeting;

- **Communications:** took note of communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, as well as by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix 1;

- **Observation of elections:**
  i. **Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (3 October 2010):** approved the report of the ad hoc Committee;
  ii. **Azerbaijan: Parliamentary elections (7 November 2010):**
    - took note of an oral report and press release on the election observation mission of the ad hoc Committee, pending publication of its final report and;
    - appointed Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC) to replace Mr Wille (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee observing the elections, in presenting the report to the Assembly;
  iii. **Moldova: Early parliamentary elections (28 November 2010):** took note of a report on a pre-electoral mission carried out by the ad hoc Committee;

- **Implementation of paragraph 23 in Assembly Resolution 1740 (2010) on “The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe”:** agreed to proceed to an exchange of letters between the President of the Assembly and the President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF) formalising cooperation with the Forum;

- **Cooperation between the Assembly and the European Parliament:** following an exchange of views, invited the President to address a letter to the President of the European Parliament on ways of advancing the work of the informal body established to coordinate information sharing between the Assembly and the European Parliament, focusing on issues related to the accession of the EU to the European Convention of Human Rights;
- **Issues raised by committees:**

  - **Committee on Economic Affairs and Development:** agreed to consult the Committee on the question of whether to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate on the activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) only every second year, instead of each year as at present, and to return to this matter at its next meeting;

  - **Committee on Political Affairs:** was informed by Mr von Sydow, Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee, of his intention to ask that Committee for authorisation to visit Kosovo¹ ahead of the general elections to be held there on 12 December 2010;

  - **Forum for the future of Democracy, Yerevan (Armenia), 19-21 October 2010:** heard statements on the results of the Forum by Mr Harutyunyan, Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee on the Forum and General Rapporteur for this year’s Forum, and by Mr von Sydow, Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee; and agreed to return to this matter once the Forum’s Draft Conclusions had been finalised as part of a post-Forum consultation process;

  - **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings;
    
    i. Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, London (United Kingdom, EBRD), 21 January 2011;

    ii. Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), Monaco, 22 March 2011.

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** approved the changes to the list of members of each committee as they appear in Appendix 2, for ratification by the Standing Committee;

- **Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities:** in reply to a formal invitation, appointed Mr Cebeci (Turkey, EPP/CD) to represent the Assembly at the 30th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Justice, to be held in Istanbul (Turkey) from 24 to 26 November 2010;

- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
  
  2. Monday 24 January 2011, Strasbourg (part-session) at 8.00 am
  3. Friday 28 January 2011, Strasbourg (part-session) at 8.30 am

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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.
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Changes in the membership of the Monitoring Committee

Appointed Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), instead of Mrs Jonker and Mr James Clappison (United Kingdom, EDG) instead of Mr Wilshire;

Changes in the membership of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Appointed Mr Luca Volonte (Italy, EPP/CD) instead of Ms Lilliehöök, Mrs Ana Gutu (Moldova, ALDE) instead of Mr Rowen and Mr Oliver Heald (United Kingdom, EDG) instead of Mr Greenway.