



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

14 December 2010

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 13 December 2010 in Paris, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee (Antalya (Turkey), 12 November 2010):** follow-up to the current affairs debate on *“Recent violent attacks on Christians and other religious communities in Iraq”*: referred this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
- **1st Assembly Part-Session of 2011 (24-28 January 2011):**
 - i. Request for debate under urgent procedure:* took note of the request by the Group of the European People’s Party (EPP/CD) to hold a debate under urgent procedure on “the religious cleansing of Christians in Iraq and other regions of the world” and decided to return to this question at its next meeting;
 - ii. Updating of the draft agenda :* updated the draft agenda;
 - iii. Draft agenda of the Joint Committee:* confirmed its decision to put the following items on the agenda of the Joint Committee to be held on 27 January 2011: the accession of the European Union to the European Convention of Human Rights and Council of Europe reform;
- **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;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix I;
- **Implementation of paragraph 23 in Assembly Resolution 1740 (2010) on “The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe”:** approved a draft letter addressed to the Chairperson of the European Roma and Travellers Forum containing proposals for cooperation with the Forum;
- **Relations with the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS:** took note of a Secretariat memorandum and asked the Secretariat to consider, in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS, modalities for future cooperation between the two institutions;
- **Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Palestinian National Council:** took note of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat and decided to refer this request to the Political Affairs Committee for report as well as to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men for opinion;
- **Observation of elections : Moldova : early parliamentary elections (28 November 2010):** took note of oral accounts and of a press release concerning the election observation mission by the ad hoc committee as the final report had not yet been published;
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament:** took note of information provided by the President of the Assembly;
- **Budgetary questions:**
 - took note of the information provided by the Secretariat and decided to maintain, in 2011, the austerity measures already implemented in 2010;

- approved the apportionment of the allocation to the political groups for 2011;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

i. Committee on Economic Affairs and Development: decided, further to a proposal from the committee, that the Assembly would, from now on, hold a debate on the activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) every other year;

ii. Political Affairs Committee: heard an account by Mr von Sydow, Chairperson of the Committee, on his visit to Kosovo¹ on the eve of the elections held there on 12 December 2010;

- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** appointed Mr Herkel (EPP/CD, Estonia) to represent the Assembly at the international conference on "Prevention of Terrorism: Prevention tools, Legal Instruments and their implementation; to take place in Istanbul (Turkey) on 16 and 17 December 2010;

- **Date and place of the next meetings:**

- . Monday 24 January 2011, Strasbourg (part session) at 8 am;
- . Friday 28 January 2011, Strasbourg (part session) at 8.30 am;
- . Thursday 10 March 2011, Paris (CoE office) at 9.30 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

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.

APPENDIX I

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Byzantine icons in the Museum of Mediaeval Art in Albania**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr O'Hara and others
Doc. 12401: no further action
2. **Protection of the urban architecture of Korcha, Albania**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr O'Hara and others
Doc. 12403: no further action
3. **Governance of institutions of higher education in the European Higher Education Area**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Flego and others
Doc. 12404: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
4. **The respect of the right to freedom of expression through the media in Romania**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Corlăţean and others
Doc. 12405: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
5. **The need to combat "match-fixing"**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Keaveney and others
Doc. 12406: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
6. **Confidence-building measures before the next national elections in Turkey**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Austin and others
Doc. 12407: to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey"*
7. **The reform of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: a forum for dialogue between the people of Europe**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Toshev and others
Doc. 12408: to the ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the reform of the Assembly *to be taken into account in its work in progress*
8. **Beyond Stockholm: implications for migrants and asylum seekers in Council of Europe member states**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lindblad and others
Doc. 12409: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
9. **The challenges of protecting refugees in the run-up to the 60th anniversary of the Geneva Convention**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Greenway and others
Doc. 12410: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
10. **Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour: time for a closer look**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Greenway and others
Doc. 12411: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*
11. **Good economic relations between Italy and San Marino**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Omtzigt and others
Doc. 12412: no further action
12. **A fair trial for the Venezuelan judge, María Lourdes Afiuni**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Xuclà i Costa and others
Doc. 12413: no further action

- 13. Access to nationality**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Cilevičs and others
Doc. 12414: to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for opinion*
- B. REQUESTS TO EXTEND REFERENCES**
- 1. Armed conflicts and the environment**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Ducarme and others
Doc. 11741
Ref. 3505 of 26 January 2009 - Validity: 26 January 2011: extension until 30 June 2011
- 2. Abuse of state secrecy and national security : obstacles to parliamentary and judicial scrutiny of human rights violations**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marty and others
Doc. 11907
Ref. 3571 - Validity: 29 May 2011: extension until 30 June 2011
- 3. Request for an investigation to clarify the allegedly suspicious death of former President Boris Trajkovski of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others
Doc. 11172
Ref. 3329 - Validity: 31 December 2010: extension until 31 March 2011
- 4. Unaccompanied minors in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Jonker and others
Doc. 11605
Ref. 3460 of 23 June 2008 – validity: 31 December 2010: extension until 30 June 2011