



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

25 January 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 24 January 2011 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **1st Assembly Part-Session of 2011 (Strasbourg, 24-28 January 2011):**
 - i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure:*
 - a. "Recent violence against Christians in the Middle East" (submitted by the Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)) :
 - decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the subject;
 - and to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
 - b. "The situation in Belarus in the aftermath of the Presidential election" (submitted by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) and 21 members of the Assembly):
 - decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the subject;
 - and to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for opinion;
 - c. "The situation in Tunisia" (submitted by the Socialist Group (SOC)):
 - decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the subject;
 - and to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;
 - ii. Request for a current affairs debate:* "The functioning of democracy in Hungary" (submitted by the Socialist Group (SOC)): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on this matter and appointed Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC) to open it;
 - iii. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Portugal:* took note of the recommendations by the Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights and decided to transmit them to members of the Assembly;
 - iv. Draft agenda:* adopted the updated draft agenda;
 - v. Draft agenda of the Joint Committee:* took note of the acceptance by the Committee of Ministers of the draft agenda proposed by the Bureau;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (8 October 2010 – 24 January 2011):** approved the Progress Report;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. Azerbaijan : Parliamentary elections (7 November 2010):* approved the report on the observation of these elections ;

ii. *Moldova: Early parliamentary elections (28 November 2010)*: approved the report on the observation of these elections;

- **References and transmissions to committees** : approved the following references and modifications to references, subject to ratification by the Assembly:

i. *References and transmissions to committees* :

- Doc. 12442, Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs John-Calame and others, *Food security and the environment*: to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs for report

- Doc. 12444, Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Maury Pasquier and others, *Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations*: to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee for report and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men for opinion

- Doc. 12472, Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, *Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence*: to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men for report

ii. *Request to extend a reference*:

- Doc. 11774, Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others, Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines, Ref. 3520 of 29 January 2009 - validity : 29 January 2011: extension until 30 June 2011;

- **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;

- **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in 2011** : took note of the list of candidates;

- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus** : took note of the 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 Çağlar (Republican Turkish Party), to be submitted to the Assembly for its approval within the framework of the Progress Report ;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** : on the basis of proposals from the political groups, nominated members of these two committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification;

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

. 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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