



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

11 April 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 11 April 2011 à Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee (Paris, 11 March 2011):** approved the proposals for follow-up to the texts adopted by the Assembly at the Standing Committee;
- **2011 Second part-Session (Strasbourg, 11-15 April 2011):**
 - i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure*
 - a. "Large scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's Southern shores", following a request submitted by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population : decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the subject and to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population for report ;
 - b. "The situation in Northern Africa", following a request by five leaders of political groups on behalf of their groups : decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on this issue and appointed Mr Gross to open this debate.
 - ii. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of France, Norway and Switzerland :*
 - a. took note of the recommendations of the Sub-committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Norway and Switzerland and decided to transmit them to the members of the Assembly ;
 - b. as regards the election of a judge to the European Convention on Human Rights in respect of France, took note of the fact that the procedure has been interrupted, as one of the three candidates has withdrawn his candidature. The French government has therefore been asked – as stipulated in paragraph 2 in the appendix to Resolution 1432 (2005) – to provide the Assembly with the name of another person in order to complete the list.
 - iii. Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 January – 11 April 2011):** Rapporteur: Mrs Hurskainen (Finland, SOC) : approved the Progress Report;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and modifications to references as presented in appendix 1, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communications:** took note of communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe as well as the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Cooperation with European Parliament:** took note of the report on the meeting of the Joint Informal Body (14 March 2011, Brussels);

- **Election observation:**

i. *Kazakhstan : early Presidential elections (3 April 2011)*: took note of the oral report of the Chairperson of the ad hoc committee which observed the early presidential elections in Kazakhstan;

ii. *"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": possible early parliamentary elections (5 June 2011 [date tbc])*: decided *in principle* and subject to confirmation of this election and to the receipt of an invitation by the competent authorities of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to observe the early parliamentary elections (5 June 2011 – date tbc.), to constitute an ad hoc committee to observe these elections, composed of 20 members in accordance with the D'Hondt system (EEP/CD: 7, SOC: 6; EDG: 3, ALDE: 3, UEL: 1) and to authorise a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections;

- **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on recent detentions, prosecutions and convictions of members of the opposition in Belarus:** approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and decided to appoint Mr Tomáš Jirsa (Czech Republic, EDG) as Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee;

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

. Strasbourg, Friday 15 April 2011 at 8.30 am.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Health-care rationing: a threat to equal access to health?**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marquet and others
Doc. 12504
2. **Guaranteed access to health care for migrants/foreign nationals**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Santini and others
Doc. 12512

Reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for one report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for opinion*

3. **Energy diversification, a common European economic interest**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Sasi and others
Doc. 12514

Transmission to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report* and to Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*

4. **The disastrous ecological impact of Armenia's mining industry, resulting from the currently exploited and planned mines**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Postanjyan and others
Doc. 12515

Transmission to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*

5. **Promoting an appropriate policy on tax-havens**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Van der Maelen and others
Doc. 12516

Reference to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report*

6. **Gender equality in South East Europe**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mendes Bota and others
Doc. 12517

Reference to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*

7. **Controlling irregular migration and asylum claims beyond the European Union's Eastern Border**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Strik and others
Doc. 12525

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*

B. REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION OF REFERENCES

1. **Privacy and the management of private information on the Internet and other online media**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Rihter and others
Doc. 12021
Ref. 3608 of 2 October 2009

On 2 October 2009, the Bureau referred this motion to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education for report. In a letter dated 18 February 2011, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights asks that this text be referred to it for opinion, given the legal implications of the subject.

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

2. **The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe**

Decision of the Bureau of 28 January 2011
Ref. 3743 of 28 January 2011

At its meeting of 28 January 2011, the Bureau decided to refer this item to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee for report in the framework of the debate on "the situation of human rights in Europe" (June 2011 part-session).

In a letter dated 5 April 2011, the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs asks that this subject be referred to it for opinion, since the Committee considers that it could make a valuable contribution to the report given its substantive work on this issue.

Reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report in the framework of the debate on "the situation of human rights in Europe" (June 2011 part-session)* and to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for opinion*

C. REQUEST TO EXTEND A REFERENCE

- 1. The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Díaz Tejera and others
Doc. 11880 and Doc. 11905
Ref. 3569 of 29 May 2009 - validity: 29 May 2011

In a letter dated 22 March 2011, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population asks that the validity of this reference be extended until the end of June 2011 since the Committee would like to discuss the issue further at its meeting on 1 and 2 June 2011 in Greece, given the importance of the subject for Greece.

Extension until 30 June 2011

D. CONSULTATION OF COMMITTEES

- 1. The state of media freedom in Europe**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Mats Johansson and others
Doc. 12518

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for consultation on the follow-up to be given*