



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

15 April 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 15 April 2011 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **2011 Second part-Session (Strasbourg, 11-15 April 2011)**
 - i. follow-up to the current affairs debate on “The situation in Northern Africa”* : decided to refer the issue to the Political Affairs committee to be dealt with in the framework of the report on “Co-operation between the Council of Europe and emerging democracies in the Arab world” (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD);
 - ii. follow-up to the debate under urgent procedure on “the large-scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees on Europe’s Southern shores”*: took note of the proposal of the Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population concerning the creation of an ad hoc sub-committee on this issue (see Appendix III, b.) and the preparation of a report on “The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries” (see Appendix I A.7);
 - iii. follow-up to other adopted texts*: agreed to discuss the item at its next meeting;
- **Standing Committee (Kyiv, 27 May 2011)**: took note of a draft agenda;
- **2011 Third part-Session (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2011)**: drew up the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: considered and approved references and transmissions as presented in Appendix I, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation** :
 - i. Turkey: observation of parliamentary elections (12 June 2011)* : took note of the composition of the ad hoc committee for the observation of these elections and appointed Mrs Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE) as Chairperson of this ad hoc Committee ;
 - ii. “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”*: possible early parliamentary elections (5 June 2011 [date tbc]) : took note of the composition of the ad hoc committee for the observation of these elections and appointed Mr Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) as Chairperson of this ad hoc Committee ;
- **Issues raised by committees**
 - i. Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men* : considered a memorandum on gender mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly and agreed to the proposals regarding the publication of statistics and the production of an annual report on progress in achieving gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly;
 - ii. Political Affairs Committee* : authorised a fact-finding visit to Tajikistan by Mr Markov (Russian Federation, EDG), rapporteur on “Increasing drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security”, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

iii. *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe*: took note of the letter from the Chairperson of the Committee drawing attention to the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: examined the lists of candidates in respect of Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Finland, Malta, Poland, Russian Federation and Slovakia to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers and postponed the examination of the list of candidates in respect of Spain to a future meeting;

- **Other business:**

i. *Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (16 April – 19 June 2011)*: appointed Mr Dariusz Lipiński (Poland, EPP/CD) rapporteur ;

ii. *Meeting of the Bureau in Caserta (Italy), 5 September 2011* : following an invitation by the Italian delegation, decided to hold its September meeting in Caserta (Italy) on 5 September 2011;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee**: on the basis of proposals from the political groups, nominated members of this committee, subject to the ratification by the Assembly;

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2011** : as regards the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) appointed Mrs Francine John-Calame (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) as substitute to Mr André Schneider (EPP/CD, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) ; as regards the Committee of Arts of the Council of Europe appointed Mrs Ana Gutu (ALDE, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) as substitute to Mrs Muriel Marland-Militello (EPP/CD, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) ;

- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**: approved the proposals as presented in appendix II;

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris**: approved the meetings as presented in appendix III;

- **Date and place of the next meetings**: decided to hold the following meetings:

- . Thursday 26 May 2011, Kyiv, at 2.30 pm;
- . Monday 20 June 2011, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
- . Friday 24 June 2011, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

Appendix I

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. **Gender equality and the reconciliation of family and professional life**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mendes Bota and others
Doc. 12541

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

2. **Violence against religious communities**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others
Doc. 12542

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

3. **National security and access to information**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr de Vries and others
Doc. 12548

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

4. **The pacification of the Mediterranean region**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Nirenstein and others
Doc. 12550

Reference to the Political Affairs Committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Co-operation between the Council of Europe and emerging democracies in the Arab world"*

5. **The situation in Northern Africa**
Follow-up to the current affairs debate
Decision by the Bureau

Reference to the Political Affairs Committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Co-operation between the Council of Europe and emerging democracies in the Arab world"*.

6. **Offshore wind farms: an economic and ecological opportunity for Europe**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Marin and others
Doc. 12552

Reference to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report* and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for opinion*.

7. **The arrival of large numbers of irregular migrants to Italian coastal areas as a result of tensions in the southern Mediterranean countries**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others
Doc. 12557

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

8. **Measuring the well-being of European citizens**
Motion for a resolution presented by Earl of Dundee and others
Doc. 12567

Reference to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*.

B. REQUESTS TO EXTEND REFERENCES

1. The ethics of science

Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Melo and others

Doc. 11886

Ref. 3557 of 29 May 2009 - validity: 29 May 2011

In a letter dated 7 April 2011, the Committee on Culture, Science and Education asks that the validity of this reference be extended until the end of May 2012 because of the appointment of a new rapporteur.

Extension until 31 May 2012

2. International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Gardetto and others

Doc. 11830

Ref. 3540 of 29 May 2009 - validity: 29 May 2011

In a letter dated 7 April 2011, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights asks that the validity of this reference be extended until the end of January 2012 to allow consideration of new information related to the subject.

Extension until 31 January 2012

3. Human rights and family courts

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rowen and others

Doc. 11742

Ref. 3597 of 28 September 2009 - validity: 28 September 2011

In a letter dated 7 April 2011, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights asks that the validity of this reference be extended until the end of June 2012, because of the appointment of a new rapporteur.

Extension until 30 June 2012

Appendix II

Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

a. Mr Ertuğrul Kumcuoğlu (Turkey, EDG) : 2nd operational meeting of the PAM Panel on External Trade and Investments in the Mediterranean, Geneva, 4-5 May 2011 ;

b. The Chairperson or a member of the Georgian Delegation to PACE: Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum, Tbilisi, 19-20 May 2011.

Appendix III

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

a. Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Political Affairs Committee): St-Petersburg (Russian Federation), 16 May 2011;

b. Ad hoc Sub-Committee on large scale arrival of irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees on Europe's southern shores (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population): Lampedusa (Italy), 23-24 May 2011;

c. Sub-Committee on Children (of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee): Kyiv, 24-25 May 2011;

d. Political Affairs Committee: Caserta (Italy), 6 September 2011.