



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

20 June 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 20 June 2011 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **2011 Third part-Session (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2011):**
 - i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure and/or current affairs debates:* following a request by all political group leaders on behalf of their political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on the “*Political and humanitarian consequences of the situation in Syria and Libya*” and appointed Mr Robert Walter to open the debate;
 - ii. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of France :* took note of the recommendation of the Sub-committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of France and decided to transmit it to the members of the Assembly;
 - iii. Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (16 April– 20 June 2011)**, Rapporteur: Mr Dariusz Lipiński (Poland, EPP/CD): approved the Progress Report;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references and modifications to references as presented in appendix I, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Order of speakers for questions to guest speakers :** agreed to the guidelines contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the memorandum and invited the President to follow these guidelines when drawing up the list of speakers for questions to guest speakers if the situation so requires ;
- **Communications:** took note of communications by the President and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament:** took note of the synopsis of the 2nd meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly-European Parliament Joint Informal Body to co-ordinate information sharing in the context of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights which took place on 15 June 2011 in Paris, presented by Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD);
- **Election observation:**
 - i. “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: early parliamentary elections (5 June 2011):* approved the report by the ad hoc Committee which observed these elections;
 - ii. Turkey: parliamentary elections (12 June 2011):* took note of the oral report by the Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee which observed these elections ;
 - iii. Bulgaria: Presidential elections (23 October 2011) :* decided, subject to the receipt of an invitation by the competent authorities of Bulgaria, to observe the presidential elections (23 October 2011) and to constitute an ad hoc committee to observe these elections, composed of 11 members from different political groups (EPP/CD: 3, SOC: 3 EDG: 2, ALDE: 2, UEL: 1);

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of proposals from the political groups, nominated Lord J.E. Tomlinson (United Kingdom, SOC) to replace Mrs Sinikka Hurskainen (Finland, SOC) and Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) to replace Mr Jaako Laakso (Finland, UEL) and decided to submit these proposals to the Assembly for ratification;

- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** see Appendix II;

- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 24 June 2011 at 8.30 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

APPENDIX I

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. **The protection of minors against sectarian influence**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others
Doc. 12595, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
2. **Impact of the economic crisis on the media: dangers to the fundamental human rights**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Čigāne and others
Doc. 12596, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The state of media freedom in Europe" (Ref. 3775)*
3. **Intercountry adoption: ensuring that the best interests of the child are upheld**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Rupprecht and others
Doc. 12597, reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*
4. **Circular migration: is this the answer to Europe's migration dilemma?**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Iwiński and others
Doc. 12598, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
5. **The impact of increasing social exclusion on democratic institutions and participation: need for strong action**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Kaufer and others
Doc. 12599, transmission to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*
6. **Towards a new energy strategy in Europe**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Meale and others
Doc. 12600, reference to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the "Energy diversification, a common European economic interest" (Ref. 3754)*
7. **Human rights for the residents of camp Ashraf**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Binley and others
Doc. 12602, transmission to the Political Affairs Committee *for information*
8. **Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Maury Pasquier and others
Doc. 12603, reference to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
9. **Integration tests for migrants: a step forward or back?**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Strik and others
Doc. 12604, transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*

B. REQUESTS TO EXTEND REFERENCES

1. **The right of everyone to participate in cultural life**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Marland-Militello and others
Doc. 11981, extension until 31 January 2012
2. **Democracy and the limitation of mandates**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mota Amaral and others
Doc. 11863
Ref. 3596 of 28 September 2009 - validity: 28 September 2011, extension until 30 June 2012
3. **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 of 29 May 2009 - validity: 30 June 2011 after extension granted on 24 January 2011, extension until 31 October 2011

APPENDIX II

Appointments of representatives of the Assembly for official activities

- a. Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), conference "Crisis and recovery: bringing solutions in partnership, Strasbourg, 20-21 June 2011 at no cost for the Assembly.
- b. Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD), 6th summer university, Strasbourg, 27 June 2011 at no cost for the Assembly.
- c. Mrs Francine John-Calame (Switzerland, SOC), XXXVIIth session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie, Kinshasa, 5-8 July 2011, at no cost for the Assembly.
- d. Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), 20th annual session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, Belgrade, 6-10 July 2011 at no cost for the Assembly.
- e. Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD), 67th international session of the European Youth Parliament, Grenoble and Lyon (France), 14-24 July 2011.
- f. Mr Bernard Marquet (Monaco, ALDE), 9th conference of Health Ministers on "Child-friendly health care: building a healthy future for and with children", Lisbon, 29-30 September 2011.