



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

27 April 2012

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 27 April 2012 in Strasbourg, with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly, and then Mr Tiny Kox, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Second part-session of 2012 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April 2012):** approved the proposals for follow up to the part-session as set out in Appendix I;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Tirana, 25 May 2012):** took note of the draft agenda;
- **Third part-session of 2012 (Strasbourg, 25-29 June 2012):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** decided to invite the candidates for an interview during the Bureau meeting in Tirana on 24 May 2012 and agreed on the modalities;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the proposals contained in Appendix II, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation:**
 - i. **Parliamentary elections in Ukraine (28 October 2012):** decided to observe these elections, to constitute an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (in accordance with the D'Hondt system: EPP/CD: 11, SOC: 9; ALDE: 5, EDG: 4, UEL: 1) and to authorise a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections, composed of five members (one from each group) who are also members of the ad hoc committee;
 - ii. **Parliamentary elections in Georgia (October 2012):** decided to observe these elections, to constitute an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (in accordance with the D'Hondt system: EPP/CD: 11, SOC: 9; ALDE: 5, EDG: 4, UEL: 1) and to authorise a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections, composed of five members (one from each group) who are also members of the ad hoc committee;
- **Terms of reference of General Rapporteurs:** approved the terms of reference of the General Rapporteurs on the Death Penalty (Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and on the Budget and the intergovernmental programme (Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs), and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification;
- **Co-operation with the European Parliament:** reconstituted the ad hoc Committee to participate in the Joint PACE/EP Informal body to co-ordinate information sharing in the context of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** took note of the letter from the Chairman of the Committee concerning the discipline of Assembly members in the Chamber and decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report;
 - ii. **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:** authorised Ms Basseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) to make a visit to Tunisia in the framework of the preparation of her report on Political Transition in Tunisia;

- **Youth Assembly 2012 (Strasbourg, 5-7 October 2012):** took note of the memorandum on the state of preparation drawn up by the Secretariat on the instructions of the President of the Assembly;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-11 October 2012):** took note of the updated draft programme;
- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 April – 25 June 2012 :** appointed Mr Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Tirana on 4 June 2012 and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to meet in Helsinki on 10-11 September 2012;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** authorised Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) and the Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) to participate at the Second High Level Meeting on local and regional democracy on 14 May 2012 in Strasbourg;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2012:** see Appendix III;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:
 - . Thursday 24 May 2012, Tirana, at 3 pm;
 - . Monday 25 June 2012, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
 - . Friday 29 June 2012, Strasbourg, 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
 Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
 Secretary General of the Congress
 Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
 Directors General
 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

Proposals for follow-up to the 2nd part-session of 2012 (Strasbourg, 23-27 April 2012)

- **Follow-up to the current affairs debate on the future of the European Court of Human Rights and the Brighton Declaration:** decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report;
- **Resolution 1880 (2012) on the follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly:** requested the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to prepare concrete proposals for the next meeting of the Bureau in Tirana;
- **Follow-up to the “free debate”:** requested the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to inform all members of the Assembly about the possibility, as from the June part-session to put relevant questions to different institutional entities of the Council of Europe, which will be subsequently transmitted by the Secretariat to these various entities for a written reply.

Appendix II

References and transmissions to Committees

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Proposals
12888	Motion for a resolution	Tackling racism in law-enforcement institutions	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>for report</i>
-	Bureau Decision	The future of the European Court of Human Rights and the Brighton Declaration	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>
	Bureau Decision	The discipline of Assembly members	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>for report</i>

Modification of a reference

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Proposals
12661	Motion for a resolution	Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia (ref. 3816 of 3 October 2011)	Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i>

Extension of a reference

1. **Harmonisation of regulatory and para-regulatory provisions of monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue procedures**
Reference 3673 of 30 April 2010 - validity: 30 April 2012: extension until 31 December 2012

Appendix III

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2012

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly				
Body	who represents the Assembly	reference	2011	2012 nominations
I. Council of Europe bodies				
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly	Article 5.1(b) of the North-South Centre Statute (Res CM (1993) 51)	Members: Ms Mendonça – SOC (AS/Cult) Mr Sasi – EPP/CD (AS/Ec) Substitutes: Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Ec) Mr Connarty – SOC (AS/Cult)	Members : Ms Blondin – SOC (AS/Soc) Sir Roger Gale – EDG (AS/Cult) Substitutes : Mr Schennach – SOC (AS/Soc) Mr Costa Neves – EPP/CD (AS/Cult)
II. Other				
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Ms Rihter – SOC (AS/Cult) Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage	Mr Falzon – EPP/CD (AS/Cult) Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage