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**To the members of  
the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy  
the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media  
the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**

**Synopsis  
of the joint meeting held in Strasbourg  
on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012**

**The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 with Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) and Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the chair,**

as regards:

- ***The North-South Centre and the Arab countries in transition.***

held an exchange of views with:

- Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe,
- Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre;
- Ambassador Luis Filipe Castro Mendes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group "Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment" (GR-C);

took note of the intention of the three chairpersons to submit a proposal for follow up action to the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly, probably in the form of a draft declaration on "The North-South Centre and the Arab countries in transition".

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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