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## FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**The Political Affairs Committee**, meeting in Luxembourg on 6 and 7 May 2002 under the chairmanship of Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR),

- held an exchange of views with Mrs Lydie POLFER, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chairperson-in-Office of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the priorities of the Luxembourg chairmanship;

*As regards:*

- *Future of the co-operation between European institutions* (Rapporteur: Mr van der Linden, Netherlands, EPP/CD): took note of the preliminary draft Report, invited its members to submit their written amendments to this text to the Secretariat before 21 May 2002 and decided to proceed with the adoption of this Report at its next meeting (Lucerne, 28 May 2002), with a view to presenting it to the Assembly during the June 2002 part-session;

- *Council of Europe's contribution to reflections on the future of the whole of Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Prisăcaru, Romania, SOC): took note of the Rapporteur's intention to submit the Report at the next meeting with a view to presenting it to the Assembly during the June 2002 part-session;

- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia* (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR): held an exchange of views, asked the Rapporteur to present a draft report at its next meeting (Lucerne, 28 May 2002), expressed its wish that this Report should be presented to the Assembly during the June 2002 part-session and asked its Chairman to bring this decision to the attention of the President of the Assembly and the Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, which has been referred to for an Opinion;

- *Situation in the Middle East* (Rapporteur: Mr Margelov, Russia, EDG): took note of the Bureau's decision to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to carry out a study visit to the region from 7 to 12 June 2002 and expressed its wish that should a member of this Ad Hoc Committee be unable to participate in this visit, his/her alternate would be chosen from the members of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East who belong to the same political group;

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- *Conflict in the Chechen Republic* (Rapporteur: Lord Judd, United Kingdom, SOC): took note of the summary of the last meeting of the Joint Working Group on Chechnya which was held on 23 April 2002 and asked the Rapporteur to present a Report to the Committee after the next visit to the region;
- *Situation in Belarus* (Rapporteur: Mr Behrendt, Germany, SOC): took note of the Bureau's decision to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to visit Minsk from 10 to 12 June 2002 to discuss the political developments in the country;
- *Parliamentary scrutiny of international institutions* (Rapporteur: Mr Toshev, Bulgaria, EPP/CD): considered and adopted a draft Resolution, a draft Recommendation and a draft Order;
- *Nomination of representatives of the Committee:*
  - . *Parliamentary conference on security in South-east Europe* (Bucharest, 6-7 June 2002): Mr Bársony (Hungary, SOC), Mr Blaauw (Netherlands, LDR), Mr Lemoine (France, SOC), Mr Toshev (Bulgaria, EPP/CD);
  - . *Seminar on the role of civil society in Cyprus in establishing confidence and reconciliation* (Strasbourg, 12-14 May 2002): Mr Bársony (Hungary, SOC);
- *Work Programme of the Committee:* decided to merge reference n° 2013 on self-determination with the Report under preparation on the positive experiences concerning autonomous regions in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC);
- *Next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Plenary Committee:*
    - . Lucerne, 28 May 2002, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
    - . Paris, 6 June (from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm) (*to be confirmed*)
    - . Strasbourg, during the June 2002 part-session
    - . Paris, 9 September 2002
  - Sub-Committee on Strengthening of Democratic Institutions:*
    - . Paris, 7 June 2002, from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

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