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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 Lucerne on 28 May 2002 under the chairmanship of Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR),

- held an exchange of views with Mr Joseph Deiss, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on Switzerland's foreign policy and its role in the Council of Europe;

- heard a statement by Mr Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, followed by a discussion, in particular on the situation in the Chechen Republic and the presence of the Council of Europe's there;

As regards:

- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR):* adopted a preliminary draft Opinion and took note of the request to the Bureau of the Assembly by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights that the debate on this report should be included on the agenda of the September part-session rather than that of June 2002 part-session;

- *Future of the co-operation between European institutions (Rapporteur: Mr van der Linden, Netherlands, EPP/CD):* unanimously adopted a preliminary draft Resolution and a preliminary draft Recommendation submitted by the Rapporteur and expressed its wish that this Report should be presented to 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):* held an exchange of views and decided to pursue the consideration of the draft Recommendation during its next meeting;

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- *Next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary Committee:

- . 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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