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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on 25, 26 and 27 June, under the Chairmanship of Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR),

- Heard a communication by Mr Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

As regards :

- *Situation in the Middle East (Rapporteur : Mr. Margelov, Russia, EDG) :* adopted a draft Resolution, prepared the urgent procedure debate to take place in the Assembly on 27 June and considered a part of the tabled amendments;

- *Parliamentary scrutiny of international institutions (Rapporteur : Mr Toshev, Bulgaria, EPP/CD) :* took position on the amendments to the draft Resolution and to the draft Recommendation;

- *Future of the cooperation between European institutions (Rapporteur : Mr van der Linden, Netherlands, EPP/CD) :* took position on the amendments to the draft Resolution and to the draft Recommendation;

- *Restrictions on political parties in the Council of Europe Member States (Mr Dreyfus-Schmidt, France, SOC) :* adopted a draft Resolution;

- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR) :* took note of an Opinion and took position on the amendments presented by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights ;

- *Request for Council of Europe membership : Principality of Monaco (Rapporteur : Mr Svec, Slovakia, LDR) :* heard a statement by the Rapporteur and took note of a memorandum presented by the Rapporteurs of the Political Affairs Committee and of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, following their visit to the country (10-11 June 2002) ;

- *Situation in Belarus (Rapporteur : Mr Behrendt, Germany, SOC) :* heard an oral statement by the Rapporteur on the visit of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to Belarus (Minsk, 10-12 June 2002);

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- *Prevention of environmental disasters by supporting the destruction of chemical weapons:* took note of the report presented by the Committee on the Environment and Agriculture and decided not to present an opinion;

- *Appointment of rapporteurs :* appointed Mr Terry Davis (United Kingdom, SOC) Rapporteur on *Armenian-Azerbaijan (Mountainous Karabakh) conflict*;

- *Appointment of representatives :*

. European Committee against racism and intolerance (ECRI) (Strasbourg, 25-28 June 2002): appointed Mrs Feric-Vac (Croatia, SOC) to represent the Committee at the next meetings of the ECRI ;

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

. Paris, 9 September 2002
. Strasbourg, during the 2002 September part-session of the Assembly

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The Sub-committee on the Middle East (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 June, under the chairmanship of Lord Kilclooney (United Kingdom, EPP/CD):

As regards : :

- *Situation in the Middle East (Rapporteur : Mr Margelov, Russia, EDG) proceeded to an evaluation on the visit to the region which took place from 9 to 12 June 2002*

- *Next meeting :* left it to the Chairman to fix the date of the next meeting.

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The Sub-Committee on relations with non-member countries (of the Political Affairs Committee) meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2002, under the Chairmanship of Mr Bergqvist (Sweden, SOC) :

As regards :

- *Request for observer status with the Assembly : Parliament of Kazakhstan (Rapporteur : Mr Iwinski, Poland, SOC) :* held an exchange of views with Mr Sorinas (Director General in the Parliamentary Assembly) on the Agreement on cooperation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliament of Kazakhstan and decided to organise next, in this context, a meeting between members of a delegation of the Parliament of Kazakhstan and representatives of the opposition ;

- *Relations with the United Nations (Rapporteur : Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR) :* held an exchange of views with Mr de Jonge (Director of External relations of the Council of Europe) on the cooperation with the United Nations, the possible agenda of the next General Assembly and decided to invite, at its next meeting, the Chairman in office and/or the Rapporteur of the Committee of Ministers concerning this question, and members of the parliamentary delegations of the observers countries ;

- *Next meeting:* decided to hold a short meeting in Paris, on 9 September 2002, on the occasion of the meeting of the Political Affairs Committee.

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