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

### Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

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**The Political Affairs Committee**, meeting in Paris on 9 September 2002, under the Chairmanship of Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR),

- heard a statement by and held an exchange of views with Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Parliamentary Assembly;

*As regards :*

- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR) :*

- o was informed on the state of procedure regarding the acceptance of the commitments by the highest authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,
- o confirmed its wish to present the report at September part-session of the Assembly,
- o gave a mandate to its Chairman for inviting representatives from Serbia and Montenegro to attend its next meeting with a view to gathering more information on the work on the Constitutional Charter and on the new legislation;

- *Situation in Georgia and the consequences for the stability of the Caucasus region (Rapporteur: Mrs Lörcher, Germany, SOC):* held an exchange of views on the basis of a preliminary draft report, and decided to resume the discussion and to adopt a preliminary draft recommendation on 22 September 2002, to be presented during the September 2002 part-session;

- *The Council of Europe and the new issues involved in building Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Prisăcaru, Romania, SOC):* considered a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft recommendation;

- *The conflict in the Chechen Republic (Rapporteur: Lord Judd, United Kingdom, SOC):* approved a draft information report;

- *Situation in Belarus (Rapporteur : Mr Behrendt, Germany, SOC) :*

- o considered a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft recommendation as amended,
- o asked its Chairman to apply for the Bureau's authorisation to set up a new sub-committee which would follow up political developments in Belarus and serve as a forum for dialogue;

- *Ensuring human rights in the Kaliningrad region in the context of European Union enlargement:*

- o heard a statement by Mr Rogozin on the state of the problem,
- o appointed Mrs Ragnarsdottir (Iceland, EDG) as Rapporteur, and authorised her to conduct the appropriate visits,
- o decided to resume the discussion and to adopt a preliminary draft recommendation on 22 September 2002, to be presented during the September 2002 part-session;

- *Situation in the Middle East (Rapporteur : Mr. Margelov, Russia, EDG) :*
  - o heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the latest developments in the Middle East conflict,
  - o took note of the visit in the region to be conducted by the Rapporteur in his capacity as a national parliamentarian,
  - o wished that the Rapporteur submit soon his proposals as regards the contribution by the Assembly to building democratic institutions of a future Palestinian State;
  
- *Next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows :
  - . Strasbourg, 22 September 2002 (3.00 pm)
  - . Strasbourg, during the 2002 September part-session of the Assembly
  - . Budapest, 22 October 2002
  - . Paris, 10 December 2002 (to be confirmed).

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**The Sub-Committee on relations with non-member countries** (of the Political Affairs Committee) meeting in Paris on 9 September 2002, under the Chairmanship of Mr Bergqvist (Sweden, SOC) :

As regards :

- *Relations with the United Nations (Rapporteur : Mrs Severinsen, Denmark, LDR) :* took note of the agenda for the next United Nations General Assembly, and decided to ask for authorisation to meet in New York so as to attend the debates in the General Assembly (21-22 November 2002), the meetings with UN officials (19-20 November 2002), as well as the seminar to be organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union;
  
- was informed of an invitation by the Parliamentary Association Canada-Europe to participate in a seminar in Ottawa (18-19 November 2002), regretted not being able to honour it due to its agenda, and expressed the wish that joint meetings with Canadian parliamentarians could be organised regularly on the bi-annual basis.
  
- *Next meeting :* left it to the Chairman to fix the date of the next meeting.

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