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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 Paris on 8 January 2004, with Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR) in the Chair:

- heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Schwimmer, on his recent activities, followed by an exchange of views;

as regards:

- *Situation in Cyprus (Rapporteur: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR)*: considered a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft Resolution and a draft Recommendation after an exchange of views with the participation of representatives of Turkish Cypriot political forces, authorised its Rapporteur to visit Ankara and Athens, and authorised its Rapporteur to propose possible amendments to the aforementioned texts in light of information gathered during these visits, as well as the one he will carry out to Cyprus (11-15 January 2004);

- *Fight against terrorism: (Rapporteur: Mr Mercan, Turkey, EPP-CD)*: heard a statement by its Rapporteur on the main ideas of his report, subject to confirmation of the urgent debate, followed by an exchange of views;

- *The Council of Europe and the European Union: (Rapporteur: Mr van der Linden, Netherlands, EPP-CD)*: held an exchange of views on the topic and in light of the recent developments decided to withdraw its request to the Bureau for a debate under urgent procedure during the January 2004 part-session, and invited its Rapporteur to follow the developments closely and to keep the Committee updated;

- *Strengthening of the United Nations: (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC)*: heard a statement by its Rapporteur based on a memorandum she prepared after her visit to the United Nations Headquarters (8-9 December 2003), followed by an exchange of views and invited its Rapporteur to present a draft report at the Committee's meeting on 8 March with a view to submitting the report to the Assembly during the April 2004 part-session;

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- *Work programme: future work of the sub-committees:* held an exchange of views on the future priorities of its sub-committees and decided to appoint, as from the 1st part of the 2004 session, a new standing *Sub-Committee on Belarus* to replace the existing *ad hoc* Sub-Committee. As regards the *Sub-Committee on Strengthening of Democratic Institutions*, it decided that will cease to exist, and invited Mr Wielowieyski, Chair of the said Sub-Committee, to present the Committee with a list of outstanding tasks which the Committee could deal with;

- *Dates and places of next meetings:*

- . Strasbourg, during the January part-session, 26-30 January 2004
- . Ljubljana, 8-9 March 2004 (*Subject to authorisation by the Bureau*)

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