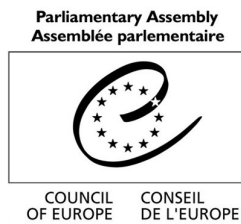


Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire

Political Affairs Committee
Commission des questions politiques



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 Strasbourg from 23 to 26 January 2006, first with Mr Azzolini (Italy, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC) and Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG), in the Chair:

re-elected by acclamation:

Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC) Chair,
Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG) First Vice-Chair,
Mr Nemeth (Hungary, EPP/CD) Second Vice-Chair,

elected by acclamation:

Mr Bokeria (Georgia, ALDE), Third Vice-Chair;

as regards:

- **Parliamentary dimension of the United Nations** (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC): held an exchange of views with Mr Jan Eliasson, President of the 60th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and took position on amendments tabled;
- **Situation in Belarus on the eve of the presidential election**: appointed Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur for the urgent debate, adopted a draft Resolution and a draft Recommendation, took position on amendments tabled, and held an exchange of views with Mr Alexander Milinkevich, Single Candidate of the Unified Democratic Forces in Belarus for the 2006 presidential election;
- **Situation in Cyprus** (Rapporteur: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, ALDE): held an exchange of views based on a memorandum presented by the Rapporteur, and took note of his resignation;
- **Need for international condemnation of totalitarian communist regimes** (Rapporteur: Mr Lindblad, Sweden, EPP/CD): took position on amendments tabled;
- **Iran**: approved a declaration on the resumption of Iran's nuclear programme;

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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Special Guests and Observers to the Assembly
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- **Sub-committees:**

. reconstituted its sub-committees on External relations, the Middle East and on Belarus, as presented in appendix;

. renewed the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of a Round Table on the political situation in Chechen Republic and the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the future of democracy with their previous composition;

- **Appointment of Rapporteurs:** appointed

. Lord Tomlinson (United Kingdom, SOC) for Use by Assembly members of their "double mandate", national and European;

. Mr Brincat (Malta, SOC) for Possibilities of co-operation between the Council of Europe and Lebanon;

. Mr Elo (Finland, SOC) for The provisional name of the Republic of Macedonia in the Council of Europe;

. Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG) for Implementation of the decisions of the Third Summit of the Council of Europe;

- **Appointment of representatives:** decided to propose the following nominations to the Bureau:

. *Council for Democratic Elections (Venice Commission):* Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC), titular member, and Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE), alternate member;

. *European Committee against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI):* Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC);

. *Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on the dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein:* Mr Azzolini (Italy, EPP/CD) and Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD);

. **Authorisations:** authorised:

. Lord Russell-Johnston, Rapporteur on Current Situation in Kosovo, to visit the region and go to Vienna to meet with the United Nations' Special Envoy for Kosovo;

. M. Herkel, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Belarus, to go to Brussels for a meeting of the Chairs of the Parliamentary Troika on Belarus (2 February 2006);

- **Replies by the Committee of Ministers to the Committee's adopted texts:** took note of the Committee of Ministers replies on:

. Recommendation 1704 (2005) on *Referendums: towards good practices in Europe*

. Recommendation 1708 (2005) on *Current Situation in Kosovo*

. Recommendation 1707 (2005) on *Situation in the Middle East*

- **Next meetings:**

. Paris, 14 March 2006;

. Strasbourg, 2nd part session 2006 (10-13 April 2006).

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Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2006, first with Mr Schieder (Austria, SOC) oldest member present, then Mr Severin (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Severin (Romania, SOC) Chair;

- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Brincat (Malta, SOC) Vice-Chair;

As regards:

- **Relations with Morocco:** held an exchange of views with Mr Driss Benzekri, Chairman of the Consultative Council of Human Rights, former President of the “Committee on Equity and Reconciliation”;
- **The External Relations of the Council of Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Severin, Romania, SOC): took note of a statement by the Rapporteur based on a memorandum, and agreed to continue the discussion at its next meeting;
- **Future work and Priorities for 2006:** took note of a statement by the Chair and approved its priorities for 2006 as follows:
 - . Report on the external relations of the Council of Europe;
 - . Relations with neighbouring states (Morocco, Kazakhstan);
 - . Relations with Observer States;
 - . Relations with the United Nations.
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - . Paris, 15 March 2006 (to be confirmed)

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Sub-Committee on the Middle East (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2006 with Mr Azzolini (Italy, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Goris (Belgium, ALDE) in the Chair:

- *elected* Mr Goris (Belgium, ALDE) Chair;
- decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Chair;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Paris, 15 March 2006 (to be confirmed).

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Sub-Committee on Belarus (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2006 with Mr Elo (Finland, SOC), oldest member present, then M. Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- *elected* by acclamation Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) Chair;
- decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Chair;

As regards:

Future work:

- held an exchange of views on the Conference on Belarus (Prague, 22 - 23 February 2006), which will be organised by the Assembly and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and decided it would participate in the Conference;
- took note that the Chair will participate in a meeting of the Chairs of the Parliamentary Troika on Belarus (2 February 2006);
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Prague, 22 – 23 February 2006 (within the framework of the Conference on Belarus).

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APPENDIX

24 janvier 2006

Sub-Committee on External Relations / *Sous-commission des relations extérieures*
28 seats / 28 sièges

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Mr LAUKKANEN Markku	Finland / Finlande	
Mr LOUTFI Younal	Bulgaria / Bulgarie	Mrs YOTOVA Iliana
Mr MARGELOV Mikhail	Russia / Russie	Mr DZHABRAILOV Umar
Mr MEIMARAKIS Evangelos	Greece / Grèce	Mrs PAPADIMITRIOU Elsa
Mr MERCAN Murat	Turkey / Turquie	
Mr POURGOURIDES Christos	Cyprus / Chypre	Mr CHRISTODOULIDES Doros
Mr de PUIG Luis Maria	Spain / Espagne	Mr PUCHE Gabino
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Mr SCHIEDER Peter	Austria / Autriche	Mr SPINDELEGGER Michael
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Mr SEYIDOV Samad	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	
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26 janvier 2006

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Mr ROCHEBLOINE François	France
Mr TEKELIOĞLU Mehmet	Turkey/Turquie
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Mr TOROSYAN Tigran	Armenia/Arménie
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