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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 Brussels on 12 May 2006 with Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

*as regards:*

- ***Establishing a Stability Pact for the South Caucasus*** (Rapporteur: Mr Severin, Romania, SOC): held a Hearing, with the participation of:

- . Mr Peter Semneby, European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus;
- . Dr Imerio Seminatore, IERI (European Institute for International Relations, Brussels);
- . Mr Varuzhan Nersessian, Head of the department of OSCE to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia;
- . Mr Arif Mammadov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the Kingdom of Belgium;
- . Mrs Salomé Samadashvili, Ambassador of Georgia to the Kingdom of Belgium;
- . Mr Robert Liddell, European Commission;
- . Mr Christian Petersen, World Bank;
- . Mr Charles Tannock, member of the European Parliament, rapporteur on the European neighbourhood policy;

- ***Implementation of the decisions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit of the Council of Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Kosachev, Russian Federation, EDG):

. *Memorandum of understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union:* heard a statement by Mr van der Linden, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, as well as an oral account of its Chair and Mr Gross' participation in the meetings of the Follow-up Committee on the Third Summit of the Committee of Ministers (Strasbourg, 4 and 11 May 2006), held an exchange of views on the basis of an oral statement by the Rapporteur, and took note that he will present a report for adoption at the next Committee meeting;

. *Forum for the future of democracy:* took note of the place, date and proposed theme for the next meeting of the Forum (Moscow, 18-19 October 2006 to be confirmed, the role of political parties), and called for the Assembly to play a more active role in the preparation of the Forum;

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- **The external relations of the Council of Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Severin, Romania, SOC): held an exchange of views on the basis of a preliminary draft resolution, and took note that the Rapporteur will present it for adoption at the next meeting;
- **The concept of preventive war and its consequences for international relations** (Rapporteur: Mr Timmermans, Netherlands, SOC): decided to ask the Bureau to extend the validity of the reference for this report until the end of 2006;
- **Peril of using energy supply as an instrument of political pressure** (Rapporteur: Mr Mihkelson, Estonia, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the basis of an oral statement by the Rapporteur, took note of his intention to organise an Experts Hearing during the one of the Committee meetings during the Assembly's June session 2006, and authorised him to make a fact-finding visit to the Headquarters of the Organization of petroleum exporting countries (Vienna, Austria);
- **European Muslim Communities Confronted With Extremism** (Rapporteur: Mr Goulet, France, ADLE): took note of a preliminary draft programme of the Hearing to be held on 2 June 2006, Paris;
- **Composition of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the future of democracy:** designated Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) and Mr Vera Jardim (Portugal, SOC) as members;
- **Designation of a Rapporteur for opinion:** designated:
  - . Mr Nemeth (Hungary, EPP/CD): *The institutional balance at the Council of Europe* (Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities for report)
- **Requests for authorisation to visit or take part in external activities:**
  - decided to request that the Bureau authorise Mr Lindblad (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on Iran's nuclear programme: the need for an international response, to make a fact-finding visit to Iran;
  - **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly texts presented by the Political Affairs Committee:** took note of the Committee of Ministers replies on:
    - . Recommendation 1724 (2005) *The Council of Europe and the European Neighbourhood Policy of the European Union*;
    - . Recommendation 1734 (2006) *Situation in Belarus on the eve of the presidential election*;
- **Next meetings:**

#### Plenary Committee

- . 2 June 2006, Paris;
- . 3<sup>rd</sup> Part session 2006 (26-30 June 2006), Strasbourg;
- . 11-12 September 2006, Gaziantep (Turkey);

#### Sub-Committee

- . 1 June 2006, Paris – Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of a Round Table on the political situation in the Chechen Republic.

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