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Political Affairs Committee
Commission des questions politiques



FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Kiev on 21 and 22 May 2007, with Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- ***Exchange of views with the Ukrainian Authorities:*** heard statements by:

- Mr Oleksander MOROZ, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and
- Mr René van der LINDEN, President of the Parliamentary Assembly; and

held an exchange of views with:

- Mr Oleksandr LAVRYNOVYCH, Minister of Justice;
- Mr Volodymyr KHANDOGIY, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- Mr Oleksandr CHALYI, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine;
- Mr Ihor ALEXEEV, 2nd Secretary of the Communist Party faction;
- Mr Ivan BOKYI, Leader of the Socialist Party faction;
- Mrs Olha HERASIMIUK, member of the Presidium of Our Ukraine;
- Mr Hryhoriy NEMYRYA, and Ms Olena BONDARENKO, Yuliya Tymoshenko Bloc;
- Mr Ivan POPESCU, Party of the Regions;
- and other members of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE;

- ***Iran's nuclear programme: the need for an international response*** (Rapporteur: Mr Lindblad, Sweden, EPP/CD): considered and approved a draft report; amended and unanimously adopted a draft Resolution;

- ***Combating anti-Semitism in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Margelov, Russian Federation, EDG): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered and approved a draft report; amended and adopted a draft Resolution;

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Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
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- **The concept of preventive war and its consequences for international relations** (Rapporteur: Mr de Puig, Spain, SOC): considered and approved a draft report; amended and unanimously adopted a draft Resolution;
- **The situation in the Republics of Central Asia** (Rapporteur: Mr Mercan, Turkey, EPP/CD): considered a draft report;
- **Use by Assembly members of their “double mandate”, national and European** (Rapporteur: Lord Tomlinson, United Kingdom, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a draft memorandum
- **Use of experiences of “the Truth Commissions”** (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC): agreed with the Rapporteur’s proposal to hold a hearing in September and endorsed his request to ask the Bureau for an extension of the deadline for the preparation of the report;
- **Forum for the future of democracy**: heard a statement by Mr Lindblad, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to participate in the Forum for the future of democracy (Stockholm/Sigtuna, 13-15 June 2007);
- **Vote on the appointment of a Rapporteur on Developments as regards the future status of Kosovo** (Rapporteur: Lord Russell-Johnston, United Kingdom, ALDE): took note of the letter that the Rapporteur had addressed to the Chairman, held an exchange of views on the question and decided that the tellers, with the assistance of the Secretariat, should prepare a note providing a factual account of the vote of 19 April 2007;
- **Future work**
 - took note of the work programme;
 - heard a statement by Ms J. Dinsdale, Director of the Political and Legal Affairs Directorate, on the evaluation of the debate on the State of human rights and democracy (18 April 2007) and agreed to come back to the question at one of its forthcoming meetings;
 - took note of the “Conclusions” of the San Marino’s Chairmanship as well as of the “Priorities” of the new Serbian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers.
- **Next meetings:**
 - . Strasbourg – third part-session (25-29 June 2007)
 - . Paris, 13 September 2007
 - . Strasbourg – fourth part-session (1-5 October 2007)
 - . Paris, 13 November 2007
 - . Paris, 11 December 2007

 - . St-Petersburg (Russian Federation), 31 May-1st June 2007, Sub-Committee on External Relations;
 - . Stockholm/Sigtuna (Sweden), 13-15 June 2007, Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum for the future of democracy.

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