

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Saint-Petersburg (Russian Federation) on 3rd and 4th April 2008, first with Mr Aligrudic (Serbia, EPP/CD), then with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

. on 3rd April, took part in a meeting co-organised jointly with:

- the permanent Commission on Political Issues and International Co-operation of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), chaired by Mr Nurbakh Rustemov (Kazakhstan),
- and the Political Committee of the Assembly of the Western-European Union (AWEU), chaired by Mr Pedro Agramunt (Spain),

with participation of members of:

- the permanent Commission on Political Issues and International Co-operation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (PA CSTO),
 - the Committee for Parliamentary and Public relations and the Sub-Committee for liaison with the European Parliament of the AWEU;
- participated in an exchange of views with members of the above-mentioned bodies on:
- ***International co-operation on the issue of the missile defense in Europe*** (keynote speakers: Mr Viktor Lopatnikov, IPA CIS, and Mr Michael Hancock, AWEU);
 - ***Political developments in the Western Balkans*** (keynote speakers: Mr Pedro Agramunt, AWEU, and Mr Nikolay Cherginets, IPA CIS);
 - ***Political repercussions of migration*** (keynote speaker: Mr Tadeusz Iwiński, PACE);

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- ***Security and stability in Afghanistan and Pakistan*** (keynote speakers: Mr Robert Walter, AWEU, Mr Akhan Bizhanov, PA CSTO, and Mr Saleh Saljughy, Member of the National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Deputy Secretary to *Wolesi Jirga* (Lower House) of the National Assembly);
- . on 4th April, took part in the International Parliamentary Conference on *Globalization of Migration Processes: Problems of Legal Regulation*;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting***: left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting.

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