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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy Secretariat

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND DEMOCRACY

The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Strasbourg from 23 to 26 January 2012, first with Mr Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), oldest member present, then Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) and Ms Karin Woldseth (Norway, EDG) in the Chair:

- *elected*:
 - Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) Chairperson;
 - Ms Karin Woldseth (Norway, EDG), Vice-Chairperson;
 - Ms Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson;
 - Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson;¹
- *payed tribute* to Mr Bjorn von Sydow, outgoing Chairperson, for his enlightened and effective Chairmanship during 2010 and 2011;
- as regards :

Situation in Belarus (Rapporteur : Mr Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD):

- *examined and took position* on the amendments to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;
- *held an exchange of views* with Ms Lyubou Kavalyova, the mother of Uladzislau Kavalyou, condemned to the death penalty following the bomb attack in Minsk in April 2011, then *held a hearing* with the participation of Mr Alaksandr Milinkievic, The Movement for Freedom, Mr Anatoly Liabedzka, United Civic Party, Mr Alexander Feduta, Tell the Truth Campaign, and Mr Anatoli Mikhailov, European Humanities University;

Political transition in Tunisia (Rapporteur : Ms Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE):

- *heard an account* of the post electoral mission (Tunis, 16-17 January 2012) from the rapporteur and held an exchange of views;

¹ At its meeting on 27 January 2012, the Bureau decided:

- . to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to provide an interpretation of the procedure for the establishment of the order of precedence of Vice-Chairpersons of Committees and to report back to the Bureau;
- . pending the reply from the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, to invite the Assembly committees not to apply an order of precedence of the elected Vice-Chairpersons.

**New parliamentary effort to create a stability pact in the Caucasus
(Rapporteur : Mr Toshev, Bulgaria, EPP/CD):**

- *held an exchange of views* on the basis of an introductory memorandum presented by the Rapporteur and agreed in principle to the organisation of a hearing on this question;

**Democracy and human rights in the foreign policy of Council of Europe member states:
search for a joint approach (Rapporteur : Mr Marcenaro, Italy, SOC):**

- *held an exchange of views* based on an outline for report presented by the Rapporteur;

The promotion of active citizenship in Europe (Rapporteur : Earl of Dundee, United Kingdom, EDG) :

- *considered* an introductory memorandum;
- *held an exchange of views* with the participation of Ms Tamara Flanagan, Director of European & Statutory Funding, Community Service Volunteers (CSV);

**Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco
(Rapporteur : Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD) :**

- *held an exchange of views* with the Moroccan delegation;

Open discussion on current issues:

- *held an exchange of views* on a wide range of current political issues and approved a declaration calling for the avoidance of a humanitarian disaster and violation of human rights at Camp Ashraf (Iraq);
- at the proposal of Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), ex-Rapporteur on *The Cooperation between the Council of Europe and the emerging democracies in the Arab world*, decided to regularly invite political party representatives of these countries to its meetings;

Rapporteurs' visits and participation of members in external events:

- *heard a statement* by Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC), Rapporteur on *The Situation in Kosovo*², on his visit to Belgrade, 18-20 January 2012, and
- *heard a statement* by Ms Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE), ex-Rapporteur on *The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the Council of Europe*, on the meeting held in Brussels on 10 January 2012 on: *Towards a "common European space" for human rights?*;

Future work:

- *appointed:*
- Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG), as Rapporteur on the *Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*;
- Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), as Rapporteur on the *Political transition in Tunisia*;

² All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- Mr Luca Volonté (Italy, EPP/CD), as Rapporteur on the *Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco*;
- Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), as Rapporteur on the *Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Palestinian National Council*;
- Lord Tomlinson (United Kingdom, SOC), as Rapporteur on *The Increasing drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security*;
- Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), as Rapporteur on the *Activities of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2011-2012*;

and *heard from them* a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;

- *appointed* the following representatives:

- Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) to the *Council for democratic elections of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)*;
- Ms Susanna Huovinen (Finland, SOC) to the *European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)* and Mr Mike Hancock (United Kingdom, ALDE) as substitute;

Reconstitution of sub-committees: *reconstituted* its Sub-Committees on the Middle East, on External Relations and on Conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation as presented in the Appendix;

Authorisations by the Committee:

- *authorised* Mr Vrettos (Greece, SOC), Rapporteur on the *Situation in the Middle East*, to visit Israel and the Palestinian Territories, subject to authorisation by the Bureau;
- *authorised* Mr Volonté (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on *Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco*, to visit Morocco in April or May 2012, subject to authorisation by the Bureau;
- *authorised* Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC), Rapporteur on the *Situation in Kosovo*, to visit Brussels, in the framework of the preparation of his report;

Next meetings

- Invitation from the Finnish delegation:
accepted, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau, an invitation from the Finnish parliament to hold a meeting in Helsinki on 10 and 11 September 2012;
- *established* the dates and locations of its meetings in 2012 as follows:
 - 14 March, Paris
 - 23-27 April (2nd part-session), Strasbourg
 - 29-30 May, Paris
 - 25-29 June (3rd part-session), Strasbourg
 - 1-5 October (4th part-session), Strasbourg
 - 14 November, Paris
 - 12 December, Paris.

The Sub-Committee on the Middle East of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, first with Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Chairman of the plenary Committee, then with Mr Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* Mr Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) as Chairperson;
- *postponed the election of a Vice-Chairperson* pending clarification of the interpretation of the term “new Sub-Committees” in the footnote to paragraph 48.7 of the Rules of Procedure;
- *held an exchange of views* on its work programme with the participation of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations (respectively observer and partner for democracy);
- *was informed* by Mr Vrettos, Rapporteur on the *Situation in the Middle East*, of his intention to visit Israel and the Palestinian territories in February;
- *was informed* by the Palestinian delegation that Mr Khader, member of this delegation, had been prevented from travelling by the Israeli authorities and *took note* of the intention of the Israeli delegation to examine the question and to inform the Sub-committee at the next meeting;
- *was informed* by the Chairperson of his intention to invite the Sub-Committee to meet in Bucharest;
- *left it to its Chairperson* to convene its next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, with Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Chairman of the plenary Committee, then with Mr Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) in Mr Moriau’s absence, in the Chair:

- *elected* Mr Moriau (Belgium, SOC) as Chairperson;
- *elected* Mr Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson;
- *considered* an information document on the future work of the Sub-Committee;
- *left it to its Chairperson* to convene its next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2012, first with Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Chairman of the plenary Committee, then with Mr Slutsky (Russian Federation, SOC) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* Mr Slutsky (Russian Federation, SOC) as Chairperson;
- *postponed the election of a Vice-Chairperson* pending clarification of the interpretation of the term “new Sub-Committees” in the footnote to paragraph 48.7 of the Rules of Procedure;
- *held an exchange of views* on the future work of the Sub-Committee;
- *left it to its Chairperson* to convene its next meeting.

Despina Chatzivassiliou, João Ary, Pavel Chevtchenko, Silvia Arzilli

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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