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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 Paris on 14 March 2012, with Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, as regards :

### **The situation in Syria:**

held an exchange of views with the participation of Ambassador Nassif Hitti, Director of the Mission of the League of Arab States in Paris; decided to request that a debate under urgent procedure on *The situation in Syria* be held during the April 2012 part-session of the Assembly and appointed Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) Rapporteur, subject to that request being accepted by the Bureau and ratified by the Assembly; decided to organise a hearing on the situation in Syria during the April 2012 part-session;

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

considered and approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;

### **Crisis of democracy and role of the state in today's Europe (Rapporteur : Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC):**

held a hearing with the participation of Mr Theo Schiller, Professor of Political Science, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Institute of Political Science; Mr Martin Schaffner, Professor emeritus, History Department of the University of Basel, and Mr Adam Krzemiński, Editor of the news magazine Polityka (Poland);

### **Violence against religious communities (Rapporteur : Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD):**

held an hearing with the participation of Dr Massimo Introvigne, sociologist, former Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of other religions;

### **Increasing drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security (Rapporteur: Lord Tomlinson, United Kingdom, SOC):**

heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to request to the Bureau an extension of the reference until 30 April 2013;

### **The rise of populist movement in Europe and its dangers for democracy (Rapporteur : Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE):**

heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to her proposal to organise a hearing during the April part-session;

**Open discussion on current issues:**

held an exchange of views on a range of current political developments and issued a further statement calling for minimum guarantees for Camp Liberty residents in Iraq;

**Future work:**

- took note of the decision of the Bureau to set up an ad hoc committee to represent the Assembly at the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-11 October 2012), to which the Committee is invited to appoint up to 20 members;

- took note of the following references to the Committee for a report within two years: *Situation in Belarus*, *Situation in Cyprus*, *Situation in the Middle East*, *Situation in Kosovo*<sup>1</sup>, *Activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2011-2012*, *Activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 2010-2012*;

- appointed Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur on *Situation in Belarus*;

**Authorisations by the Committee:**

- authorised Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on Situation in Belarus, to attend a conference entitled "Belarus Action" on 22 March 2012 in Oslo (Norway);

- authorised Mr Hancock (United-Kingdom, ALDE), Rapporteur on *Democracy and the limitation of mandates*, to attend the meeting of the Venice Commission when this item is on its agenda, subject to availability of funds;

**Sub-Committees:**

- heard a statement by the Chairpersons of the sub-committees:

- Mr Corlațean for the Sub-Committee on the Middle East,
- Mr Moriau for the Sub-Committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation,

- approved changes in the lists of the Sub-Committees on the Middle East, on External Relations and on Conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation as presented in the Appendice;

**Next meetings:**

- recalled the dates and location of its next meetings in 2012 as follows:

- 23-27 April (2nd part-session), Strasbourg
- 29-30 May, Paris
- 25-29 June (3rd part-session), Strasbourg
- 10-11 September (Helsinki, Finland) (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)
- 1-5 October (4th part-session), Strasbourg
- 14 November, Paris (to be confirmed)
- 13-14 December, Paris (to be confirmed).

- was informed by Mr Chagaf, member of the Moroccan Partner for Democracy delegation, of the intention of the Moroccan Parliament to invite the Committee to meet in Rabat.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**The Sub-Committee on External Relations** of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Paris on 13 March 2012, with Mr Slutsky (Russian Federation, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Mr Aligrudić (Serbia, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- held an exchange of views on its future activities on the basis of a document prepared by the Secretariat;
- left it to its Chairperson to convene its next meeting, if possible during the April part-session of the Assembly.

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**The Sub-Committee on the Middle East** of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Paris on 13 March 2012, with Mr Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Ms Durrieu (France, SOC) Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- held an exchange of views on “Open Jerusalem’, a civil society approach” with the participation of Professor Shlomo Hasson, Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Geography Department, Center for Conflicts Settlement and the Institute of urban and regional Studies and Dr Rami Nasrallah, Founder and Head of the International Peace and Cooperation Center, Jerusalem;
- held an exchange of views on the situation in the Middle East (Rapporteur: Mr Vrettos, Greece, SOC) with the participation of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations (respectively observer and partner for democracy), regretted the fact that Mr Vrettos’ visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories had to be postponed and was informed by the Israeli delegation that Mr Khader, member of the Palestinian delegation, was now free to travel;
- agreed to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the April part-session of the Assembly.

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**The Sub-Committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation** of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Paris on 13 March 2012, with Mr Moriau (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on “The peace process in Northern Ireland” with the participation of Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, member of the Assembly and former Senior Negotiator on the Unionist side throughout the period of the peace process; Ms Jane Morrice, former deputy Leader of the Women’s Coalition and Senior Negotiator in the peace process, and Mr Gerry Kelly, Sinn Féin member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) and negotiator in the peace process;
- held an exchange of views on its future work programme;
- left it to its Chairperson to convene its next meeting.

Despina Chatzivassiliou, João Ary, Pavel Chevtchenko, Silvia Arzilli

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
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APPENDIX

14/03/2012

**Sub-Committee on External Relations / Sous-commission des relations extérieures  
of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

30 seats / 30 sièges

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**Waiting list / Liste d'attente**

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