

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IMMUNITIES

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 April 2002, with Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, LDR) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Membership of the immediate past President of the Assembly in the Political Affairs Committee (Bureau decision of 21 January 2002), Rapporteur: Mr Magnusson (Sweden, SOC):* considered and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and decided to present the report to the Standing Committee on 29 May 2002 in Lucerne (Switzerland);
- *Procedure in the Assembly and in the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities concerning requests for the waiver of the immunity of Assembly members, Rapporteur: Mr Olteanu (Romania, SOC):* heard a statement by the rapporteur on new developments related to the matter, agreed to send out a questionnaire on immunities of members of the Parliamentary Assembly to all Chairpersons of national parliamentary delegations to the Assembly and asked the rapporteur to present an updated memorandum for the next meeting taking into account the replies of the questionnaire; in this context, decided to invite the two rapporteurs of the European Parliament Committee on Constitutional Affairs to its meeting during the June part-session;
- *Gender balanced representation in the Assembly, Rapporteur: Mrs Akgönenç, (Turkey, EDG):* held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum, presented by the rapporteur and asked her to present a draft report in the light of the discussions held and after consultation of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men;
- *German as a possible official language of the Council of Europe:* designated Mr Bruce (United Kingdom, LDR) rapporteur for opinion;
- *Number and appointments of rapporteurs by Committees:* was informed by the Chair that the Bureau of the Assembly had decided to give no follow-up to the Committee's proposals;
- *Revised additional provisions relating to Assembly debates:* was informed by the Chair of the implementation of these new provisions;
- Took note of the final Declaration adopted on the occasion of the St Petersburg Interparliamentary Forum on Combating Terrorism (St Petersburg, Russia, 27-28 March 2002);
- Decided to hold its meeting during the next part-session of the Assembly (24-28 June 2002 in Strasbourg).

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