

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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Synopsis 2004/136

The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Stockholm (Sweden) on 10
– 11 December 2004 with Mr Holovaty in the Chair:

as regards

- **Challenge of credentials of individual members of a national delegation on substantive grounds (Rapporteur: Mr Magnusson, Sweden, SOC):** invited the rapporteur to present a draft report at the next meeting;
- **Request for participatory status of the European Federation of Research and Information Centres on Sectarism (FECRIS):** approved an opinion to the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly regarding the procedure followed by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the FECRIS request.
- **Defence of the immunity of Senator Raffaele Iannuzzi (Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC):** in the absence of the rapporteur, held a brief exchange of views and authorised the rapporteur to make direct contacts with Mr Iannuzzi and the Italian authorities in Rome;
- **Initiation of a monitoring procedure and post-monitoring dialogues (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC):** considered and approved a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution, to be submitted to the Standing Committee (18 March 2005, Paris);

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- **Revision of the Terms of reference of Assembly committees (Rapporteur: Mrs Brasseur, Luxembourg, LDR):** considered and approved a draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution, to be submitted to the January 2005 Assembly session;
- **Institutional balance in the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, LDR):** held an exchange of views on an outline report, presented by the rapporteur and invited him to revise it; in this context agreed, because of the importance of the matter, to appoint an expert;
- **Procedure for elections of judges to the European Court of Human Rights and of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (Rapporteur: Mr Vis, United Kingdom, SOC):** considered and approved a revised draft report and adopted a preliminary draft resolution, to be submitted to the Standing Committee (18 March 2005, Paris);
- **Membership of the immediate past President in the Political Affairs Committee (Rule 18.3.), Rapporteur: Mr Magnusson, Sweden, SOC:** postponed the discussions on the draft report to its next meeting;
- **Amendment N° 7 concerning the draft resolution on the monopolisation of the electronic media and possible abuse of power in Italy :** held an exchange of views on a draft memorandum, presented by its Chairman, and approved an opinion to the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Seminar on “The role of the opposition in a democratic parliament”, 10 – 11 December 2004, Stockholm (Sweden):** held a seminar with the participation of parliamentarians from the following national parliaments: *Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Ukraine and United Kingdom*; in this context, approved the Concluding remarks, presented by Mr Magnusson (Sweden, SOC), 1st Vice-Chairman of the Committee;
- **Appointed the following rapporteurs:**
 - Mr Manzella (Italy, SOC)** on Assembly rules on current affairs and urgent debates;
 - Mrs Samoilovska-Cvetanova (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, EPP/CD)** on the Composition (number of seats) of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men;
- decided to meet during the next part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January 2005 in Strasbourg).

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