

**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 Paris on 17 March 2005,
with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards

- **Challenge of credentials of individual members of a national delegation on substantive grounds** (*Rapporteur: Mr van Overmeire, Belgium, NR*): adopted a draft resolution and took note of the report;
- **Request for the defence of the immunity of Senator Raffaele Iannuzzi, member of the Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC*):
 - was informed of the pardon granted to Senator Iannuzzi by the President of the Italian Republic,
 - declared the procedure closed,
 - invited its Chairman to inform the President of the Assembly and to suggest to the Bureau to ask the Committee to prepare a report on the interpretation of Rule 15 of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe;
- **Opening of a monitoring procedure and post-monitoring dialogue** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): took a stand on the amendments submitted by the Monitoring committee to the draft resolution contained in the report (Doc. 10407);
- **Follow-up to the Seminar on "The Role of the opposition in a democratic parliament" (Stockholm, 10 December 2004)**: held an exchange of views and invited its members to sign a motion for a resolution on "*Guidelines for the status of the opposition in a democratic parliament*";

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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

- ***Institutional balance in the Council of Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, LDR): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views with the expert, Professor Dr Gramlich, University of Chemnitz, Germany, and agreed to continue the discussion at its next meeting;
- ***Assembly rules on current affairs and urgent debates*** (Rapporteur: Mr Manzella, Italy, SOC): adopted a draft resolution and took note of the report;
- ***Increase of the number of seats of the committee on equal opportunities for women and men to 83*** (Rapporteur: Mrs Samoilovska-Cvetanova, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", EPP/CD): adopted a draft resolution and took note of the report;
- ***Deadline for tabling amendments*** (Rapporteur: Mr Mulas, Italy, EDG): adopted a draft resolution and took note of the report;
- ***Date and place of next meeting***: 25 - 29 April 2005 Strasbourg (during the next part-session of the Assembly).

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