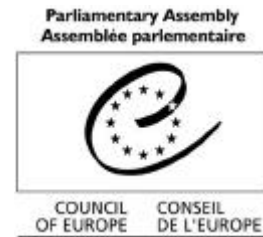


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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IMMUNITIES

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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14 December 2005

The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Paris on 12 December 2005, with Mr Gross, Chairperson, in the Chair:

as regards:

- **Inclusion in the Assembly's rules of procedure of a new rule on the co-operation with the European parliament** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cebeci, Turkey, EPP/CD*): adopted a draft resolution and agreed to present the report to the Standing Committee in Paris (17 March 2006);
- **Institutional balance at the Council of Europe**: designated Mr Schieder as new rapporteur, asked him to prepare an updated draft report for the next meeting and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Assembly, Mr Bruno Haller;
- **Reference back to the Committee of the report on "Transparency of the work of the Committee of Ministers"** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cekuolis, Lithuania, ALDE*): decided to integrate the contents of the report into the report on "Institutional balance at the Council of Europe";
- **Incorporation of equality principles in the internal work and decision-making mechanisms of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): held an exchange of views and asked the rapporteur to present a revised memorandum in the light of the discussion;
- **Mechanisms to promote gender equality in practice and women's participation in decision-making**: designated Mrs Mendonça (Portugal, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion;
- **Interpretation of Article 15 a of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC*): adopted a draft resolution and agreed to present the report to the Standing Committee in Paris (17 March 2006);
- **Procedure for decisions by committees relating to candidates eligible for election by the Assembly**: approved a memorandum for the attention of the Bureau prepared by the Committee Chairperson, Mr Gross, and expressed its readiness to prepare a report on a possible change of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly should the Bureau ask it to do so;
- **Obligation of new members of the Assembly to make or sign a solemn statement affirming to subscribe to the aims and basic principles of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Van Overmeire Belgium, NR*): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to examine the report at its next meeting;

- **Procedural guidelines on the rights and duties of the opposition in a democratic parliament** (*Rapporteur: Mr Van Overmeire Belgium, NR*): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to examine the report at one of its next meetings;
- Agreed to meet during the next part-session of the Assembly (23-27 January 2006).

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