

**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 15 March 2006, with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- ***Institutional balance at the Council of Europe (rapporteur: Mr Schieder, SOC)***: held an exchange of views with representatives of the Staff Committee and decided to consider a preliminary draft report at one of the next meetings;
- ***Mechanisms to ensure women's participation in decision-making (Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC)***: considered and approved a draft opinion to be presented at the meeting of the Standing Committee in Paris (17 March 2006);
- ***The 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)***: considered a revised memorandum and invited the rapporteur to prepare a draft report for one of the next meetings;
- ***Obligation for new members of the Assembly relating to the aims and basic principles of the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr van Overmeire, Belgium, NR)***: adopted a draft resolution and agreed to present the report to the Standing Committee in Moscow (29 May 2006);
- ***Procedural guidelines on the rights and duties of the opposition in a democratic parliament (Rapporteur: Mr Van Overmeire, Belgium, NR)***: considered a revised memorandum prepared by the rapporteur and invited him to prepare a draft report for one of the next meetings;
- ***Procedure for decisions by committees relating to candidates eligible for election by the Assembly (rapporteur: Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG)***: adopted a draft resolution and agreed to present the report to the Standing Committee in Moscow (29 May 2006);
- ***Voting in the Parliamentary Assembly must be made in the spirit of openness, transparency and accountability***: appointed Mr Cebeci (Turkey, EPP/CD) as rapporteur;
- ***Priorities of the Assembly for 2006***: asked its Chairman to present comments at the meeting of the Bureau on 16 March 2006;
- Next meetings:
 - Strasbourg, during the next part-session of the Assembly (10-13 April 2006)
 - Paris, 1 June 2006.

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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
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