

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

14 September 2006

The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Paris on 7 September 2006, with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair as regards:

- ***Institutional balance at the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Schieder, Austria, SOC):*** approved a revised report, considered, amended and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation and invited the Rapporteur to present it to the Assembly at the October 2006 part-session;
- ***Improving the participation of members in Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC):*** considered a revised introductory memorandum presented by the Rapporteur, and invited him to present a draft report for one of the next meetings;
- ***Open and transparent voting in the Parliamentary Assembly (Rapporteur: Mr Cebeci, Turkey, EPP/CD):*** considered a revised introductory memorandum presented by the Rapporteur, and invited him to present a draft report for the next meeting;
- ***Hearing on the representation of autonomous regions and minorities in national parliaments:*** took note of the draft programme;
- ***Appointment of rapporteurs:*** appointed the following rapporteurs:
 - *Conflict of interests:* Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG)
 - *Application and amendment of various provisions of the Rules of Procedure:* Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC)
 - *Mechanisms to ensure women's participation in decision-making [Res.1489 (2006)]:* decided that this question would be dealt with in the framework of the report on "The incorporation of equality principles in the internal work and decision-making mechanisms of the Parliamentary Assembly" (rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC) and instructed its Chairperson to inform the Bureau of this decision;
- ***Next meetings:***
 - Lisbon, 29 September 2006 (*Hearing on the representation of autonomous regions and minorities in national parliaments*)
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session of the Assembly (2 – 6 October 2006).

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