

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis
8 December 2006

The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Paris on 6 December 2006, with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair as regards:

- **Improving the participation of members in Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC):** considered a draft report, and decided to resume consideration of the issue at its next meeting on the basis of a new preliminary draft resolution;
- **Incorporation of equality principles in the internal work and decision-making mechanisms of the Parliamentary Assembly (Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC):** in the absence of the Rapporteur, apologised, considered a draft report and decided to resume consideration of the issue at its next meeting;
- **Conflict of interests (Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG):** considered an introductory memorandum presented by the Rapporteur, and invited him to present a draft report at one of its next meetings;
- **Application and amendment of various provisions of the Rules of Procedure (Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC):** in the absence of the Rapporteur, apologised, considered an introductory memorandum, decided to resume consideration of the issue at one of its next meetings, and authorised the Rapporteur to come to Strasbourg for meetings at the Council of Europe in the framework of the preparation of his report;
- **Report on the situation of human rights and democracy in Europe:** took note of the decisions taken by the Bureau on 6 October 2006, decided to focus its contribution on the themes "rights and obligations of the opposition in the national parliaments" and "arrangements in the national parliaments for the representation of national minorities", and agreed upon postponing the appointment of a Rapporteur for opinion until its next meeting;
- **Institutional balance at the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Schieder, Austria, SOC):** was informed on the follow-up to Recommendation 1763 (2006) by the Committee of Ministers;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the 1st part-session of the Assembly (22– 26 January 2007).

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