



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis

19 April 2007

**The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities**, meeting in Strasbourg on 16 April 2007, with Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC) in the Chair as regards:

- **State of human rights and democracy in Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Čekuolis, Lithuania, ALDE*): considered and approved an opinion, and adopted two amendments to the draft recommendation;
- **Conflict of interest** (*Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): approved a report, adopted a draft resolution and invited the Rapporteur to present both at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (Belgrade, 24 May 2007);
- **Improving the participation of members in Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a revised draft report, and invited the Rapporteur to present a preliminary draft resolution at its next meeting for adoption;
- **Recommendation 1763 (2006) on the Institutional Balance at the Council of Europe**: took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation, and decided to resume the discussion at its next meeting;
- **Council of Europe Forum for the future of democracy (Stockholm / Sigtuna, Sweden, 13 – 15 June 2007)** : appointed Mr Čekuolis (Lithuania, ALDE) as its representative;

and continuing its meeting on 18 April 2007 under the joint Chairmanship of Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), first Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, and of Mr Jurgens, as regards:

- **Gender equality principles in the Parliamentary Assembly's internal work, decision-making mechanisms and election procedures** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): held a joint meeting with the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men and an exchange of views with Ambassador Peteris Karlis Elferts (Latvia), Rapporteur on Equality between Women and Men of the Committee of Ministers, and Mrs Maud De Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General, and decided to resume consideration of the matter on the basis of a revised draft report with a view to adopt it at its next meeting;
- **Next meetings:**
  - Biel (Switzerland), 30 May 2007 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly*)
  - Strasbourg, during the third part session of the Assembly (25 – 29 June 2007).

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