



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

18 September 2007

The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Paris on 14 September 2007, with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair as regards:

- **Gender equality principles in the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to their submission for debate at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (Bratislava, 23 November 2007);
- **Application and amendment of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC*): considered a revised draft report and decided to resume the discussion at the next meeting with a view to its adoption;
- **Procedural guidelines on the rights and duties of the opposition in a democratic parliament** (*Rapporteur: Mr Van Overmeire, Belgium, NR*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and asked the rapporteur to present a draft report at one of the next meetings;
- **Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy** (Stockholm/Sigtuna (Sweden) - 13 to 15 June 2007): heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- **Conference of National Parliaments and Regional Assemblies "Representative democracy, European affairs and active citizenship"** (Strasbourg, 12 September 2007): heard a statement by the Chairperson,
- **Motion for a resolution on potential conflict of interests**: took note of the motion, referred to it for information on 25 June 2007 and asked the Chairperson to send a letter to the President of the Assembly on the follow-up to Resolution 1554 (2007) on conflict of interest;
- **Follow-up to Recommendation 1763 (2006) on the institutional balance at the Council of Europe**: was informed by the Chairperson that at its last meeting the Bureau had discussed the committee's proposal to set up a joint Committee of Ministers/Parliamentary Assembly working party in the framework of the Joint Committee;

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Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly
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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication
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- ***Next meetings:***

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session (1-5 October 2007)
- Paris (Council of Europe Office), 15 November 2007 at 9 h 30.

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