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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis

20 November 2007

**The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities**, meeting in Paris on 16 November 2007, with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair as regards:

- **Procedural guidelines on the rights and duties of the opposition in a democratic parliament** (*Rapporteur: Mr Van Overmeire, Belgium, NR*): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, including guidelines on the rights and responsibilities of the opposition in a democratic parliament, with a view to their submission for debate at the Standing Committee (Paris, 14 March 2007);
- **Use by Assembly members of their “double mandate”, national and European**: held an exchange of views with Lord Tomlinson, Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee, and instructed its Chairperson to follow the issue, and to propose in due course action to be undertaken by the Committee in this respect;
- **Gender equality principles in the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC*): took position on 17 amendments presented to the draft resolution and 4 amendments presented to the draft recommendation, which will be discussed 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*): took position on 4 amendments presented to the draft resolution, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (Bratislava, 23 November 2007);
- **Improving the participation of members in the Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): approved an addendum to the report, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (Bratislava, 23 November 2007);
- **Voting procedure in Committee by secret ballot**: took note of a letter from the President of the Assembly sent to all committees;

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
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  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- ***Next meeting:***

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1<sup>st</sup> part-session 2008 (21 - 25 January 2008).

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