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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE, IMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

17 April 2008

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 16 April 2008 with Mr Greenway (United-Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **External relations of the Assembly: implementation of the proposals contained in Resolution 1600 (2008) on the Council of Europe and its observer states: current situation and perspectives:** following the Bureau's decision on 13 March 2008 to consult the Committee, held an exchange of views with Mr Wilshire, rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee on the Council of Europe and its observer states, considered an information memorandum prepared by the Chair, and asked him to complete it in the light of the discussions with a view to resuming the discussion at the next meeting;
- **Rules concerning secret ballots in committees:** following the Bureau's decision on 13 March 2008 to refer this matter to the committee, considered an information memorandum prepared by the Chair, and asked him to complete it in the light of the discussions with a view to resuming the discussion at the next meeting;
- **Establishment of a joint working party between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard a statement by the Chair, and approved his proposal to invite Ambassador Judit József, Chairperson of the Working Group on Institutional Reforms of the Committee of Ministers, to an exchange of views at its next meeting;
- **Electronic democracy:** appointed Mr Höfer (Germany, SOC) rapporteur for opinion;
- **The state of democracy in Europe:** held an exchange of views with Mr Gross, rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee;
- **Next meeting:**
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's third part-session (23 – 27 June 2008).

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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