



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

**Synopsis**

6 October 2008

**The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Questions to the Committee of Ministers:** considered an information memorandum prepared by the Chair and approved the proposals contained therein, and asked the Chair to present these to the Bureau of the Assembly, in order to obtain its opinion on the need to prepare a draft report on the review of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure ;
- **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:** considered and approved unanimously an opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly, and asked the Chair to transmit it to the President of the Assembly;
- **Measures to improve the democratic participation of migrants: follow-up to be given to Resolution 1618 (2008) concerning a better representation of persons of migrant origin in the membership of the Assembly:** considered an information memorandum, approved an opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly and asked the Chair to transmit it to the President of the Assembly;
- **Reconsideration of previously ratified credentials of the Russian delegation on substantial grounds:** appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur for opinion, considered a report from the Committee on Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, unanimously approved an opinion and adopted two amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Electronic Democracy (rapporteur for opinion: Mr Gerd Höfer, Germany, SOC):** heard a statement by its rapporteur for opinion and appointed him to participate in the Council of Europe Forum for the future of democracy (Madrid, 15-17 October 2008) (without expenses for the Assembly);
- **Delegation of the Pan-African Parliament:** held an exchange of views with the delegation led by the Hon. Ismaël Tidjani-Serpos (Benin) on questions concerning the functioning of the two parliamentary institutions;
- **Motion for a resolution on Requiring a minimum of 30% of each sex on Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's national delegations (Doc. 11664):** following the Bureau's decision on 5 September 2008, had a preliminary exchange of views on a possible follow-up;

- **Next meetings:**

- left it to its Chair to fix the date for the next meeting in November or December 2008<sup>1</sup>;
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2009 first part-session (26 – 30 January 2009).

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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

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<sup>1</sup> in the meantime, a Committee meeting in Den Haag (Netherlands) on 8 and 9 December 2008 is foreseen, subject to the Bureau's authorisation.