



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

2 February 2009

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 26, 27 and 29 January 2009 first with Mrs Benaki (Greece, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Composition of the Committee's bureau:**

- . re-elected Mr John Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) Chairperson, and elected
- . Mr Rudi Vis (United Kingdom, SOC) 1st Vice-Chairperson,
- . Mrs Maria Postoico (Moldova, UEL) 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
- . Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) 3rd Vice-Chairperson;

- **The implementation by Armenia of Assembly Resolutions 1609 (2008) and 1620 (2008):** appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur for opinion, considered a report presented by the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by the member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) and unanimously approved an opinion;

- **Electronic democracy** (rapporteur for opinion: Mr Gerd Höfer, Germany, SOC): considered a report presented by the Political Affairs Committee, approved an opinion and three amendments to the draft resolution, and asked the rapporteur for opinion to present these at the debate;

- **Challenge on procedural grounds of still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Albania:**

- . appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur,
- . held an exchange of views with Mr Rusmali (EPP/CD) and Mr Ismali (SOC), members of the Albanian parliamentary delegation,
- . approved a report and adopted a draft resolution,
- . took note that no amendments had been tabled to his draft resolution;

- **Improving the participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** considered a revised information memorandum prepared by the secretariat and approved the proposals contained therein, and asked its Chairperson to transmit it to the President of the Assembly and to request the Bureau to refer it to the committee for report;

- **Questions to the Committee of Ministers** (rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, in view of its presentation at the next Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 13 March 2009);

- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - . *Towards a model rulebook for self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments* (Doc. 11774): Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)
 - . *External relations of the Assembly : implementation of proposals contained in Resolution 1600 (2008) on "the Council of Europe and its observer states: the current situation and a way forward"* (Bureau decision of 27 November 2008): Mr Cebeci (Turkey, EPP/CD)
 - . *Requiring a minimum of 30 % of each sex on Assembly's national delegations* (Doc. 11664): Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG)
 - . *Term of office of co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee* (for opinion) (Doc. 11751): Mr Kumcuoğlu (Turkey, EDG);
- **Follow-up to Resolution 1640 (2008) on the "Use by Assembly members of their dual parliamentary role – both national and European"**: took note of the Bureau's decision to ask the committee to provide the Bureau with proposals concerning, in particular, paragraph 6.1, and asked its chairperson to present an introductory memorandum at the next meeting;
- **Next meeting**: in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2009 second part-session (27 – 30 April 2009).

Mario Heinrich, Valérie Clamer

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 - Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
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