



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

9 September 2009

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Paris on 7 September 2009 with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Amendment of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure** (*rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): approved a report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution, and asked the rapporteur to present them at the next Standing Committee (Bern, 20 November 2009) ;
- **Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines** (*rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an information memorandum, heard a statement by Mrs Lisa Von Trapp, Adviser, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and asked the rapporteur to prepare a draft questionnaire to be sent to national delegations, for consideration at a forthcoming meeting ;
- **Procedural implications of Assembly Resolution 1600 (2008) on "the Council of Europe and its observer states: the current situation and a way forward" and related Assembly texts** (*rapporteur: Mr Cebeci, Turkey, EPP/CD*): asked the rapporteur to present a revised preliminary draft resolution at the next meeting, taking into account the observations made by committee members;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 1665 (2009) on the election process for the Secretary General of the Council of Europe**: heard a statement by the Chairperson and asked him to present, at the next meeting, a draft opinion to the Bureau, submitting proposals for changes to the Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Requiring a minimum of 30% of each sex in the Assembly's national delegations** (*rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered an information memorandum and decided to resume consideration of the matter at a later meeting, after having received the replies of some national delegations to the questionnaire sent to them;
- **Lack of appropriate follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly**: appointed Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) as rapporteur, and held a preliminary exchange of views on the matter;
- **Improving the procedure for drafting documents of the Assembly**: took note of the motion for a resolution transmitted for information ;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 1640 (2008) on the "use by Assembly members of their dual parliamentary role – both national and European"**: heard a statement by the Chairperson on the follow-up given by the Bureau to the committee's proposals and took note of the Bureau's decision to ask the Chairperson to consult the national delegations on these proposals;

- **Next meeting:**

. in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session (28 September - 2 October 2009).

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Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
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- Secretary General of the Congress
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