



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

8 December 2009

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

- ***Follow-up to Resolution 1665 (2009) on the election process for the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:***

.had an exchange of views with Ambassador Paul Widmer, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, and Ambassador Meta Bole, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the Council of Europe, Chair of the ad hoc working party of the Committee of Ministers for the re-examination of the rules and procedures for future elections of the Secretary General (GT-SG),

. in the light of the discussion, asked the Chair to submit to the next meeting a revised draft opinion to the Bureau;

- ***Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*):

. heard a statement by Mr David Natzler, Clerk of the House of Commons Reform Committee;

. asked the rapporteur to send a short questionnaire to Committee members with a view to identifying good practice of parliaments of member states concerning ten issues raised in document AS/Pro (2009) 9 revised;

. decided to resume consideration of this issue at a forthcoming meeting;

- ***Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): heard a statement by Mr Simon Shelly, Senior Desk Officer, Council of Europe, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, followed by an exchange of views and decided to resume consideration of the issue at a forthcoming meeting;

- postponed to the next meeting discussion of the other items on the agenda;

- ***Next meetings:***

. in Paris (Council of Europe office), on 11 January 2010 (morning);

. in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session (25 – 29 January 2010).

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