



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

12 January 2010

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Paris on 11 January 2010 with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Draft joint interpretative statement (Committee of Ministers – Parliamentary Assembly) concerning rules and procedures for future elections of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe [Follow-up to Resolution 1665 (2009)]:***

. considered a draft joint interpretative statement approved by the Committee of Ministers on 9 December 2009,

. held an exchange of views with Ambassador Paul Widmer, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies,

. unanimously approved an opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly, and asked its Chairperson to transmit it to the President of the Assembly, for discussion at one of the next Bureau meetings;

- ***Change in the composition of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly (Rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG):*** approved a report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution, and asked the rapporteur to present them at the next Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 12 March 2010);

- ***Creation of a sub-committee on the promotion of texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly:*** considered an information memorandum containing proposed terms of reference of the sub-committee prepared by the Chairperson, held an exchange of views and decided not to set up a sub-committee, and asked the Chairperson to prepare new proposals for discussion at one of the next meetings, on the understanding that the full Committee would assume this mandate;

- ***Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:*** heard a statement by the Director of General Services of the Assembly, considered a revised memorandum prepared by the Secretariat, and asked the Chairperson to send it to the President of the Assembly for transmission to the Bureau for follow-up after the January 2010 part-session;

- ***Ensuring protection against attacks on the honour and reputation of persons:*** considered a motion for a resolution presented by Mr Harutyunyan and other colleagues, had an exchange of views, and asked the Chairperson to request the Bureau to refer this motion to the Committee for report, on the understanding that the Committee, after extensive consideration, may reserve the right to present an information report;

- ***Next meeting:***

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

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Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
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Secretary General of the Congress
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Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
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