



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis

31 January 2012

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 and 26 January 2012 with Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE), oldest member present, and then Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and Mr Oliver Heald (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

– **Composition of the Bureau of the Committee:**

- . re-elected Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) Chairperson,
- . re-elected Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
- . elected Mr Arcadio Diaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson,
- . elected Mr Oliver Heald (United Kingdom, EDG) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson;<sup>1</sup>

– **Code of conduct of members of the Parliamentary Assembly: good practice or a core duty?**  
(rapporteur: Mr Oliver Heald, United Kingdom, EDG):

- . held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Mr Dick Marty, former Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly (2010-2011), former rapporteur of the Assembly;
  - Mr Göran Lindblad, former Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly (2008-2009), former rapporteur of the Assembly;
  - Mr José Lalloum, Chair, European Public Affairs Consultancies' Association (EPACA);
  - Mr Christian D. de Fouloy, Chair, Association of Accredited Lobbyists to the European Union (AALEP);
  - Mr Gregor Puppink, Director, European Centre for Law and Justice;
- . asked the rapporteur to present a preliminary draft report at a next meeting;

– **Challenge, on procedural grounds, of still unratified credentials of the Ukrainian parliamentary delegation:**

- . held an exchange of views with Mr Ivan Popescu (SOC), Chairperson of the Ukrainian parliamentary delegation;
- . considered and unanimously adopted an opinion to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:
  - concluding that the credentials of the Ukrainian parliamentary delegation shall be ratified;

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<sup>1</sup> At its meeting on 27 January 2012, the Bureau decided:

- . to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to provide an interpretation of the procedure for the establishment of the order of precedence of Vice-Chairpersons of Committees and to report back to the Bureau;
- . pending the reply from the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, to invite the Assembly committees not to apply an order of precedence of the elected Vice-Chairpersons.

- inviting the President of the Assembly to send a letter to the Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament, asking him to transmit to the President of the Assembly up-to-date information concerning the number and denomination of factions and groups represented at the Ukrainian Parliament, the distribution of members between those factions and groups, as well as the political affiliation of three members of the delegation, and recalling the need to promote standards and practices guaranteeing pluralist functioning of the parliament, in accordance with the recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly;

– **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered and approved a report, adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation and asked the rapporteur to present them at the next Assembly part-session (23-27 April 2012);

– **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**: heard a statement by the Director of General Services of the Assembly, held an exchange of views on the basis of an information memorandum prepared by the secretariat in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007), approved proposals for the attention of the Bureau of the Assembly and asked its Chairperson to send them to the President of the Assembly for transmission to the Bureau for follow-up;

– **Next meetings**:

. in Paris (Council of Europe office), 8 March 2012 at 5:30 pm;

. in Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (23-27 April 2012).

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
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