



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

9 October 2012

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 4 October 2012 with Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC), second Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Code of conduct of members of the Parliamentary Assembly: good practice or a core duty?** (*rapporteur: Mr Oliver Heald, United Kingdom, EDG*): took position on the amendment tabled to the draft resolution, and instructed Mr Walter (United Kingdom, EDG) to present the report to the Assembly;
- **Status of chairpersons of political groups in committees (Rule 18.5 of the Rules of Procedure)** (*rapporteur: Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and instructed its rapporteur to present them at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (Andorra la Vella, 30 November 2012);
- **Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum prepared by the rapporteur and approved a questionnaire to be sent to the national delegations;
- **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered the reply given by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 1999 (2012) and instructed its chairperson to continue the dialogue with the Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Ad Hoc Working Party on Institutional Reforms;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed
 - . Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) on *Europe's public administrations in flux: public service under threat?*
 - . Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) on *The discipline of the members of the Parliamentary Assembly*

and heard from them a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;

- **Possible modification of Resolution 1115 (1997) on the setting up of an Assembly committee on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):** decided to deal with this reference for report in the framework of the report under preparation on the *harmonisation of regulatory and para-regulatory provisions of monitoring and post-monitoring dialogue procedures* (*rapporteur: Mr Pedro Agramunt Font de Mora, Spain, EPP/CD*);
- **Strengthening standards on democratic functioning of national parliaments: a guide to parliamentary good practice** (*rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): authorised the rapporteur to undertake fact-finding visits in national parliaments which provide a best practice model in this area (*subject to available funding*);

– **Next meetings:**

- . in Paris (Office of the Council of Europe), 10 December 2012 (at 2 p.m.)
- . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session of 2013 (21-25 January 2013).

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 - Secretary General of the Congress
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