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To the members of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 26 and 27 April 2017

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 and 27 April 2017, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- on Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Follow-up to Resolution 1903 (2012): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members** (Rapporteur: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC): held an exchange of views with Mr Marin Mrčela, President of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and, in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report presented by Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC), and took note that the rapporteur would present a draft report at the June 2017 part-session of the Assembly;
 - **Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe and expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2018-2019** (Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL): considered and approved two reports and unanimously adopted a draft opinion and a draft resolution for consideration by the Standing Committee at its next meeting (Prague, 30 May 2017);
- on Thursday 27 April 2017 at 2 p.m., as regards:
 - **Principle of confidence in members and their duty of accountability when exercising their elective offices in the Parliamentary Assembly**: considered and unanimously adopted a declaration, invited the Chairperson to transmit it to the Bureau, decided to request the Bureau to refer the matter to the committee for report, appointed Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) rapporteur (*subject to the Bureau's decision to refer the matter to the committee for report*), and heard from her a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
 - **Defending the acquis of the Council of Europe: preserving 65 years of successful intergovernmental co-operation** (Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Madrid (Spain) on 8 March 2017 and invited the rapporteur to present a draft report at a next meeting;
 - **Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly** (Rapporteur: Ms Liliana Palihovici, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2095 (2016);
 - **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the International Conference on "The interaction between the political majority and the opposition in a democracy" (Bucharest, 6-7 April 2017)**: heard a report on the conference by its Chairperson;

- **Work programme:** considered and adopted a motion for a resolution on the *"Establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights"* (in accordance with the requirement of Rule 25.2);
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session (26-30 June 2017)
 - . Paris (Office of the Council of Europe), joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media on 21 September and plenary meeting on 22 September 2017
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session (9-13 October 2017)

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