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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 16 November 2017

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Paris on 16 November 2017 at 9 a.m., with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Outgoing President of the Parliamentary Assembly: interpretation of Rule 20.3 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:** considered a memorandum prepared by the Chairperson, approved a decision on the interpretation of Rule 20.3 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure and invited the Chairperson to transmit it to the Bureau of the Assembly, together with a request to be seized for report, in order to proceed with a revision of Rule 20.3;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2182 (2017) on promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members: format and content of declaratory requirements:** considered a memorandum prepared by the Chairperson, approved the Assembly members' declaration of interests form, decided to add an assets declaration form, and invited the Chairperson to inform the Bureau of the Assembly thereof;
- **Establishment of an European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): decided to postpone the consideration of the information memorandum prepared by the rapporteur to its next meeting;
- **Work programme:**
 - appointed Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE) rapporteur on "*Guidelines on the scope of the parliamentary immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly*" and heard from him a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
 - appointed Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) rapporteur for opinion on "*Setting minimal standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections*" (Doc. 14072) and heard from him a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
 - agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an extension of reference until 30 June 2018 for the report on "*Effective representation and participation in the Parliamentary Assembly of opposition parliamentarians in the member States*" (Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE);
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017):** heard a report on members' participation;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the Assembly's 1st part-session (22-26 January 2018).

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