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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Brussels on 15 January 2019

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Brussels on 15 January 2019, with Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of the Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe,
 - Mr Emmanuel Crabit, Director, Directorate C – Fundamental rights and rule of law, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission,
 - Mr Ralph Kaessner, Head of Unit Horizontal Matters, Justice and Home Affairs, Council of the European Union,
 - Mr Jonas Grimheden, Senior Policy Manager, Institutional Cooperation, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;
- **Possible creation of a transparency register of interest representatives:**
 - held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Marie Thiel and Ms Elisabeth Bauer, Administrators, Directorate for Interinstitutional Affairs and Legislative Coordination, Transparency Unit, European Parliament,
 - decided to end the consideration of the issue and not to establish, at this stage, a transparency register of interest representatives, and invited its Chairperson to inform the Bureau of the Assembly accordingly;
- **Report of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly: assessment of the follow-up given by the committee to the conclusions and recommendations** (*in camera*): continued its exchange of views, on the basis of an information memorandum, and decided to come back to this item at a forthcoming meeting, including by inviting institutional representatives;
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** on the basis of a presentation by the Director of General Services of the Assembly and an information memorandum, held an exchange of views and approved proposals to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:**
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session (21-25 January 2019)
 - Paris (Office of the Council of Europe), 18 March 2019.

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