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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 18 March 2019

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Paris on 18 March 2019, with first Ms Petra de Sutter (Belgium, SOC), and then Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** reelected by acclamation Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC) 1st Vice-Chairperson;
- **Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:** (*Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended;
- **Council of Europe contingency plan: consequences for the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, held an exchange of views and decided to request that a debate under urgent procedure on the budgetary crisis at the Council of Europe be held at the April 2019 part-session of the Assembly;
- **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*): held an exchange of views on the consolidation of the mechanism for the implementation of the Code of Conduct of the Assembly members with regard to the procedure of examination and treatment of complaints with the participation of: Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the European Court of Human Rights; Ms Kathryn Stone, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards in the House of Commons, United Kingdom; Ms Heather Wood, Registrar of Members' Financial Interests, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, House of Commons, United Kingdom; Ms Teresa Pereira, Administrator, Directorate-General for the Presidency, Directorate for the Plenary, Members' Administration Unit, European Parliament, and decided to resume consideration of the issues raised in the information memorandum presented at its next meeting;
- **Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): was informed of the intention of the rapporteur to present a draft report at the next meeting;
- **Declaration of interests by members of the Parliamentary Assembly for 2019:** was informed of preliminary findings and decided to resume consideration of the issue at a next meeting;

- **Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF):** took note of the Bureau of the Assembly's request for advice on the procedure defined in Rule 19.1 of the Rules of Procedure and decided to postpone its decision until the next meeting;
- **Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021 and Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021:** appointed Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE) rapporteur, and invited him to present both draft reports at the next meeting;
- **Possibility for remote participation in committee meetings outside Parliamentary Assembly sessions:** took note of the reference of the motion for a resolution for information;
- **Next meeting:** Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session (8-12 April 2019).

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