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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, meeting in Sofia (Bulgaria) from 27 to 29 May 2004 with Mr Kirilov in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The Bulgarian economy in the European and world context***: heard statements by and held an exchange of views with:

- Mr Younal Loutfi, Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly of Bulgaria, Head of the Bulgarian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Mrs Lidya Shouleva, Minister of the Economy of Bulgaria;
- Mr Lyubomir Datsov, Deputy Minister of Finance of Bulgaria;
- Mr Plamen Panayotov, Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria;
- Ms Ekaterina Mikhaylova, Leader of the United Democratic Forces political group in the Bulgarian parliament; and
- Mr Sergey Stanishev, Leader of the Bulgarian Socialist Party;

- ***The contribution of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to economic development in central and eastern Europe*** (Rapporteur: Ms Griffiths, UK, SOC): considered a draft report and adopted a draft Resolution;

- ***Council of Europe Development Bank: a voice for solidarity*** (Rapporteur: Lord Russell-Johnston, UK, LDR):

- held an exchange of views with Mr K. Ners, Vice-Governor of the Bank;
- considered a draft report and adopted a draft Recommendation;
- instructed its Chairman to write to the Bureau of the Assembly asking that this report be debated at the Assembly's June 2004 part-session;

- ***The Doha Development Agenda: world trade at a crossroads*** (Rapporteur, Mr Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum;

- ***What solutions to Europe's Unemployment?*** (Rapporteur: Mr Högmark, Sweden EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the basis of a draft report;

- ***OECD and the world economy*** (Rapporteur: Mr Ates, Turkey, SOC): held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum;

- met with representatives of regional authorities in Stara Zagora, Plovdiv and Brestovitsa village;

- agreed to hold **future meetings** as follows:
 - Paris (OECD headquarters), 18 June 2004;
 - Strasbourg, June part-session (21-25 June 2004);
 - Paris, 14 September 2004;
 - Strasbourg, October part-session (4-8 October 2004);
 - Paris, 16 November 2004.

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