

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Secretariat of the Assembly

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SYNOPSIS

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 18 March 2005 in Paris, with Mr van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the chair:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Bernard Schreiner, Chairperson of the French delegation to the Assembly, who also delivered a political message on behalf of Mrs Claudie Haigneré, Minister-delegate for European Affairs of France;
- heard a statement by Mr Jan Mans, Mayor of Enschede (the Netherlands), on the industrial accident which occurred in the city on 13 May 2000 when an explosion of a fireworks warehouse killed 18 persons;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Denmark, Latvia and Romania;
- ratified the changes in the composition of general Assembly committees in respect of the delegations of Denmark, Latvia and Romania;
- took note of the agenda adopted and the draft order of business drawn up by the Bureau for the April 2005 Part-Session of the Parliamentary Assembly (25-28 April 2005);
- took note of the information provided by the President on the decisions by the Bureau on the procedure for the election of the Commissioner for Human Rights;
- held an exchange of views on the observation of the parliamentary elections in Moldova (6 March 2005) by an ad hoc committee of the Bureau (Rapporteur: Mr Kvakkestad, Norway, EDG);
- decided to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the draft Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings, at the request of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men;
- postponed consideration of the report on "development challenges in Europe's islands" to the next Standing Committee meeting;
- adopted, on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly, the following texts:

Recommendation 1695 (2005)	on the draft Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings;
Recommendation 1696(2005)	on Plans to set up a Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union;
Recommendation 1697 (2005)	on the European Federation of Research and Information Centres on Sectarism (FECRIS): request for consultative status with the Council of Europe;
Resolution 1426 (2005)	on the Candidates for the European Court of Human Rights;

Resolution 1427 (2005)	on Plans to set up a Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union;
Resolution 1428 (2005)	on the Situation of the deported Meskhetian population;
Resolution 1429 (2005)	on Asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Turkey;
Resolution 1430 (2005)	on Industrial hazards;
Resolution 1431 (2005)	on the Initiation of a monitoring procedure and post-monitoring dialogue;
Resolution 1432 (2005)	on the Procedure for elections held by the Parliamentary Assembly other than those of its President and Vice-Presidents;

- ratified the following references and modifications of references proposed by the Bureau:

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES:

Reference No. 3056	Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Severin and others on the Council of Europe and the promotion of democracy (Doc. 10436): reference to the Political Affairs Committee <i>for report on the external relations of the Council of Europe</i> ;
Reference No. 3057	Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others on the situation of the inhabitants of the Sovereign British Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekilia (Doc. 10441): reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i> ;
Reference No. 3058	Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Goerens and others on implications for Europe of the economic rise of China (Doc. 10443): reference to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i> ;
Reference No. 3059	Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Wilkinson and others on the creation of transit centres outside the European Union (Doc. 10448): reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>for report</i> , and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i> ;
Reference No. 3060	Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gubert and others on responsible foodstuffs consumption (Doc. 10459): transmission to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for information</i> ;
Reference No. 3061	Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lengagne and others on the 50th Anniversary of the Europe Prize-Stocktaking and outlook (Doc. 10460): reference to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i> ;
Reference No. 3062	Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Pericleous-Papadopoulos and others on the need to reconcile work and family life (Doc. 10464): reference to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for report</i> ;
Reference No. 3063	Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Cliveti and others on the international day of equal opportunities for women and men (Doc. 10466): transmission to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for information</i> ;

- Reference No. 3064** **Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Toshev and others on the European year of citizenship through education and its follow (Doc. 10468):** transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*;
- Reference No. 3065** **Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Bindig and others on the Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements and ethnic cleansing (Doc. 10469):** reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report on the Establishment of a European remembrance centre for victims of forced population movements*;
- Reference No. 3066** **Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others on improving CPT selection procedures (Doc. 10471):** reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*, and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*;
- Reference No. 3067** **Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Bruce and others on the follow-up to Resolution 1359 (2004) on political prisoners in Azerbaijan (Doc. 10473):** reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;

B. EXTENSION OF REFERENCES:

- Reference No. 2814** **Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Cekuolis and others on democratic oversight of the security sector in member States (Doc. 9712):** extended the validity of the reference to 30 April 2005 (Modification of Ref. No. 2814 of 31 March 2003);
- Reference No. 2804** **Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Goulet and others on reducing sea pollution (Doc. 9700):** extended the validity of the reference until 31 May 2005 (Modification of Ref. No. 2804 of 31 March 2003);
- took note of the decision of the Bureau, as regards the Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others on evaluating the role of the Council of Europe during the presidential elections in Ukraine (Doc. 10444), to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities to prepare a report for the attention of the Bureau;
 - took note of the decision of the President, following consultation of the Bureau, to declare out of order the draft "Motion for a resolution on holding plenary debates on the annual report of the European Court of Human Rights", and invited its authors to reformulate it;
 - decided that the next meetings of the Standing Committee will be held in:
 - Lisbon (Portugal) on Friday 27 May 2005 (subject to confirmation);
 - Monaco on Thursday 1 September 2005;
 - Bucharest (Romania) on Friday 25 November 2005.

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