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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris 24 May 2016

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in Paris on 24 May 2016, with Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Libya's future between the threats of terrorism and a democratic prospect** (*Rapporteur: Mr Attila Korodi, Romania, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Muin Shreim, Director of Political Affairs of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL); Mr Lorenzo Kluzer, Desk officer for Libya, European External Action Service, European Commission; Mr Kader Abderrahim, Research fellow at the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs, Lecturer at Sciences-Po, Paris; Mr Said Barakat, member of the Council of the Nation of Algeria, and Mr Brahim Mebarki, member of The People's National Assembly of Algeria;
- **Political developments in Iran** (*Rapporteur: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Mr Ali Ahani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in France;
- **The political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine** (*Rapporteur: Ms Kristýna Zeličková, Czech Republic, ALDE*): held an exchange of views; considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to change the title of the report to *The political consequences of the conflict in Ukraine*;
- **Call for a Council of Europe Summit to defend and promote democratic security in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, took note of the letter he intended to send to the Chairpersons of national delegations and political groups on this subject and authorised him to write, in similar terms, to a limited number of non-governmental organisations with which the committee has had working relations on related subjects;
- **Work programme:**
 - appointed Mr Phil Wilson (United Kingdom, SOC) as Rapporteur on the *Funding of the Terrorist Group Daesh* and heard from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;
 - took note that the motion for a recommendation *Towards a fourth Council of Europe Summit*, should be taken into account in the preparation of the report on *Call for a Council of Europe Summit to defend and promote democratic security in Europe*;
- **Other business:**
 - took note of the outline for report of the Secretary General of the OECD, on *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2015-2016* and that the OECD had requested that comments and suggestions be sent to the Secretariat of the Committee before 10 June 2016;

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- decided to transmit to the Bureau of the Assembly the requests for the extension, until the end of June 2017, for the reports on *Political developments in Iran* and *Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria*;
 - took note that the deadline for the submission of nominations for the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2016, has been extended by two months, until 30 June 2016;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed the forthcoming meetings as follows:
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session, 20-24 June 2016
 - Reykjavik, 26 September 2016
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session, 10-14 October 2016
 - Paris, 7 November 2016
 - Paris, 15 December 2016.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
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