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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis

of the meeting held in a hybrid manner on 11 March 2022

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting in a hybrid manner on 11 March 2022, with first, exceptionally, Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Assembly, and then Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EC/DA), Chairperson, in the Chair,

observed one minute of silence for the victims of the war in Ukraine.

As regards,

– **Debate under urgent procedure: Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine:**

- heard a statement by the President of the Assembly, Mr Tiny Kox;
- was informed of the Committee of Ministers' decision to consult, under Statutory Resolution (51)30, the Parliamentary Assembly on the potential further use of Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe which reads as follows "Any member of the Council of Europe which has seriously violated Article 3 may be suspended from its right of representation and requested by the Committee of Ministers to withdraw under Article 7. If such member does not comply with this request, the Committee may decide that it has ceased to be a member of the Council from such date as the Committee may determine";
- took note of the decision of the Bureau to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on "Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine" and to consider and adopt within this debate the Assembly's Opinion, requested by the Committee of Ministers under Statutory Resolution (51)30;
- subject to the Assembly's decision to hold the urgent debate, appointed Ms Ingjerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) Rapporteur and heard from her a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;
- held an exchange of views on the subject matter;

– **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings as follows:

During the extraordinary session (14-15 March 2022), hybrid manner

16 March 2022, hybrid manner

17-18 March 2022, Paris, ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network,

During the April part-session (25-29 April 2022), manner to be decided

May 2022 (dates to be confirmed), Chania, Crete (Greece), physical presence only

During the June part-session (20-24 June 2022), manner to be decided

13 September 2022, place and manner to be decided

During the October part-session (10-14 October 2022), manner to be decided

November 2022, date, place and manner to be decided (tbc)

13 December 2022, place and manner to be decided

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
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