



FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 25 January 2002 in Strasbourg with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Follow up to the January 2002 Part-Session (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2002):*
 - . concerning the conflict in the Chechen Republic, took note that the next meeting of the Joint Working Group PACE/Duma on Chechnya would take place in Moscow, probably in mid-March 2002;
 - . concerning political prisoners in Azerbaijan, asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to make proposals on the follow-up to Resolution 1272 (2002)), to be considered at its next meeting;
- *list of speakers and speaking time:* took note that the Secretary General of the Assembly would draw up a memorandum on possible improvements for the future;
- *Ad hoc committee of the Bureau:* reconstituted the *ad hoc* committee of Chairpersons of Political Groups ("Presidential Committee") and agreed on a schedule of regular meetings;
- *Meeting of the Standing Committee and International Forum on combating terrorism (St. Petersburg, 26-28 March 2002):*
 - . as regards the Standing Committee meeting on 26 March, considered the draft agenda submitted to it and agreed to remove from it the reports on "parliamentary control of international institutions (to the June 2002 Part-Session) and on "forest management in Canada" (to the April 2002 Part-Session);
 - . as regards the Forum on combating terrorism, heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly on the preparation;
- *External relations of the Assembly:* postponed the exchange of views to a future meeting;
- *European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (CPT):* drew up the lists of candidates in respect of France and Norway and forwarded them to the Committee of Ministers;
- *meetings outside Strasbourg and Paris:*
 - . an *ad hoc* sub-committee of the Political Affairs Committee to Vilnius to take part in a seminar on Belarus to be hosted by the Lithuanian Parliament; concerning the participation of an *ad hoc* sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in this seminar, agreed to proceed to a written consultation once the number of members would be known;

- . Committee on Culture, Science and Education, in Rabat from 8-9 April 2002 for a Colloquy on cultural co-operation between the Council of Europe and the countries of North Africa, on the understanding that interpretation would be provided only in English, French and Arabic;
- *Assembly representatives for official activities:*
 - . took note that all designations to represent the President in bodies where the Presidency has a statutory right to be represented ex officio were cancelled and that the President would inform the Bureau where he intended to be replaced;
 - . was informed by the President that, as regards the General meeting of the International Institute for Democracy, he would be represented, if necessary, by Mrs Ragnarsdottir (Iceland, EDG), Mr Davis (United Kingdom, SOC) and Lord Russell-Johnston (United Kingdom, LDR);
 - . Mrs Roudy (France, SOC) to visit the countries of the Maghreb from 11-15 March 2002 to complete her report on the situation of Maghrebi women;
- *use of mobile telephones in the Assembly Chamber and committee meetings:* recalled that they must be switched off for reasons of courtesy and to prevent interference in electronic equipment;
- *Future meetings:*
 - . St Petersburg, Monday 25 March 2002 at 3 pm
 - . Strasbourg, Monday 22 April 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 26 April 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Lucerne, Tuesday 28 May 2002 at 3.00 p.m.
 - . Strasbourg, Monday 24 June 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 28 June 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

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