



FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 25 March 2002 in St. Petersburg with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Meeting of the Standing Committee and Interparliamentary Forum on combating terrorism (St. Petersburg, 26-28 March 2002)*: took note of the draft agenda of the Standing Committee and of the draft programme of the Forum as well as of the draft Declaration;
- *April 2002 Part-Session (Strasbourg, 22-26 April 2002)*:
 - . adopted the draft agenda;
 - . drew up the draft order of business;
 - . agreed to hold the consultation meeting with the Committee of Ministers on 24 April 2002 to discuss the Council of Europe's and the Assembly's 2003 budgets;
 - . agreed that representatives of the parliament and of the opposition of Belarus may attend the Part-Session;
- *Joint Committee (Thursday, 25 April 2002)*: agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee of Ministers for discussion;
- *Situation of political prisoners in Azerbaijan*: in order to implement Resolution 1272 (2002), agreed that two ad hoc sub-committees should be set up, one by the Monitoring Committee (3 members) and one by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (2 members), which would meet jointly, with all five political groups being represented;
- *Pre-electoral mission to Ukraine (27 February-3 March 2002)*: took note of the outcome of the pre-electoral mission and of the preparations for the observation of the elections to be held on 31 March 2002;
- *Recent developments in Moldova*: took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly and agreed to the proposal by the Monitoring Committee for the Assembly to hold a debate on "the functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova" during the April Part-Session;
- *Part-Sessions of the Assembly in 2003*: agreed to modify the date of the April 2003 Part-Session to 31 March-4 April 2003 instead of 7-11 April 2003, subject to the Assembly's ratification;
- *Future meetings of the Standing Committee*:
 - . proposed to hold a meeting of the Standing Committee at the beginning of September 2002 in Luxembourg in order to have an exchange of views with the authorities of the country having the chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers;
 - . agreed that, in future, the exchange of views with the chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers would take place in the framework of the Standing Committee in the country concerned;
 - . agreed to consider a detailed schedule of future meetings at one of its next meetings, taking into account existing commitments;

- *List of speakers, speaking time and organisation of debates*: approved the modifications to be submitted to the Standing Committee for adoption, to enter into force at the opening of the April 2002 Part-Session;
- *Monitoring Committee*: approved the revised list of members for submission to the Assembly for ratification and concluded the post-monitoring dialogue with Lithuania;
- *European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (CPT)*: drew up the lists of candidates in respect of Sweden and forwarded it to the Committee of Ministers;
- *International Institute for Democracy*: approved the allocation for the year 2002;
- *Honorary Presidents of the Assembly*: granted the title to the former Presidents MM. Vedovato, Ahrens, Jung and Martinez who were no longer members of the Assembly;
- *References, transmissions and modifications of references to committee*: approved a list of proposals to be submitted to the Standing Committee (see synopsis of the meeting of the Standing Committee of 26 March 2002);
- *meetings outside Strasbourg and Paris*:
 - . Political Affairs Committee in Luxembourg from 6-7 May 2002 for the meeting with the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers;
 - . Monitoring Committee in Bucharest, 15-17 May 2002;
 - . Sub-committee on human rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) in Tokyo (Japan), 27-28 May 2002;
 - . Sub-committee on refugees and ad hoc sub-committee on asylum seekers in European seaports (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography) in Lecce (Italy), 30-31 May 2002;
 - . Committee on Economic Affairs and Development in Baku (Azerbaijan), 30 May-1 June 2002;
 - . Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography in Voronej (Russia), 10-12 June 2002;
 - . Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in Saratov (Russia), 13-14 June 2002;
 - . Committee on the Environment and Agriculture in Yerevan (Armenia) from 13-15 June 2002;
 - . Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in The Hague (Netherlands), 14-15 November 2002;
- *authorisation for official missions*:
 - . Mrs Zwerver (Netherlands, SOC) to Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) from 2-6 April 2002 to prepare her report on the population displacement in south-eastern Europe;
 - . Mr Cilevics (Latvia, SOC) to the FRY (including Montenegro and Kosovo) from 4-10 April 2002 to prepare his report on the situation of refugees and displaced persons in the FRY;
 - . MM. Frey (Switzerland, LDR) and Lippelt (Germany, LDR), respectively rapporteurs on the accession of the FRY to the Council of Europe of the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, for a joint mission to the country from 8-12 April 2002;
- *appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities*:
 - . Mr Hancock (UK, LDR) for the IPU parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the Second World Assembly on Ageing (Madrid, 9 April 2002);
 - . Mrs Ragnarsdottir (Iceland, EDG) for the Nordic Council's Conference on Democracy (Reykjavik, 15-16 April 2002);
 - . the President of the Assembly, Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) and Mr van der Linden (Netherlands, EPP/CD) to attend the Council of Europe's Colloquy on a European Identity (Strasbourg, 18-19 April 2002);
 - . Mr Kuruscai (Hungary, EPP/CD) for the CLRAE Forum of Cities and Regions of South-East Europe (Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, 18-20 April 2002);

- . sub-committee on children of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee for the Parliamentary Forum on Children within the framework of the UN General Assembly's special session on children (New York, 8-10 May 2002);
 - . an ad hoc committee of the Bureau composed of the President of the Assembly and 5 members each appointed by the Political Affairs Committee, Committee for Economic Affairs and Development and Committee on Culture, Science and Education for the parliamentary Conference on security in south-east Europe organised by the OSCE parliamentary Assembly (Bucharest, 6-7 June 2002);
 - . approved the President's decision to ask Mr Kirilov (Bulgaria, SOC) to attend the IPU Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the UN International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002).
- *Future meetings:*
- . 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 am
 - . Luxembourg, Tuesday 3 September 2002 at 9.30 am or Monday 9 September 2002 (to be confirmed)
 - . Strasbourg, Monday 23 September 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 27 September 2002 at 8.30 am
 - . Strasbourg, Wednesday 6 November 2002 at 3 pm (to be confirmed)
 - . Paris, Monday 9 December 2002 at 9.30 am (instead of 6 December 2002)

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 26 March 2002 in St. Petersburg with Mr Schieder as the Co-Chairperson,

- held a joint meeting with the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States to discuss the co-operation between the two Assemblies and issues of common interest, at the end of which a joint statement was signed.

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