

FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

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The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 27 September 2002 in Strasbourg with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Follow-up to the September 2002 Part-Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 September 2002):*
 - . Recommendation 1580 on the situation in Georgia and the consequences for stability of the Caucasus region: pursuant to paragraph 7, set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau composed of 9 members;
 - . Joint meeting between the Assembly and the European Parliament (25 September 2002): agreed to consider at a future meeting the possible follow-up in 2003;
 - . Joint working group on Chechnya (JWG): took note that the next meeting of the JWG would take place in Strasbourg on 7 November 2002 and that the second consultative meeting on a political settlement to the conflict would take place in the region before the end of the year;
 - . Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Spain: asked the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a legal opinion following the tie-vote at the second round of the election;

- *Sub-committee of the Political Affairs Committee on Belarus:*
 - . authorised the Committee to set up a fourth sub-committee limited to 8 members, the Chairperson of the Committee being an *ex officio* member,
 - . invited the Committee to respect the following distribution for the members: SOC-3, EPP-2, LDR-1, EDG-1, UEL-1;

- *Observation of elections:* took note of the revised list of members of the ad hoc committees to observe the following elections:-
 - . General elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (5 October 2002);
 - . Parliamentary elections in Latvia (5 October 2002);
 - . Federal Republic of Yugoslavia:-
 - . Presidential elections in Serbia (29 September 2002),
 - . Elections of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (20 October 2002),
 - . Municipal elections in Kosovo (26 October 2002);

 - . Parliamentary elections in Turkey (3 November 2002): decided to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 10 members;

- . Parliamentary elections to the Palestinian Legislative Council and Presidential elections for the Palestinian Authority (20 January 2003): decided to observe the elections and set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members;
- *Relations with the Parliament of Kazakhstan*: approved the revised draft Co-operation Agreement for submission to the two Chambers of the Parliament;
- *Joint Committee, Strasbourg, 7 November 2002*: decided that the main item should be the follow-up to Assembly Opinion No. 239 on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's application for membership of the Council of Europe;
- *Standing Committee, Valletta, 18 November 2002*: took note of the draft agenda;
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee*: approved the changes to the list of members proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly;
- *European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)*: invited the leader of the delegation of Liechtenstein to submit a revised list in respect of her country;
- *Requests for modifications and extensions of references to committees*: confirmed the original references and their deadlines;
- *Meeting authorised elsewhere than in Strasbourg or Paris*:
 - . Sub-committee of the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), Gdynia (Poland), 28 September 2002;
 - . Sub-committee on Sustainable Development (of the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), Toulouse (France), 22-23 October 2002;
 - . Sub-committee on youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education), Thessalonica (Greece), 7-9 November 2002;
 - . Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography, Budapest, 16-18 December 2002;
 - . Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, Geneva (Switzerland), 16 December 2002;
 - . Sub-committee on relations with non-member countries (of the Political Affairs Committee), New York (USA), 19-22 November 2002, exceptionally extended to 4 days;
- *Szelmenc/Slemence (split village) on the Slovak/Ukrainian border*: took note of the intention of the President to visit the village, accompanied by Mr van der Linden;
- *UN World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 26 August-4 September 2002)*: took note of and declassified the report by the ad hoc committee;
- *Friday sittings of Assembly Part-Sessions*: decided to propose to the Assembly, as from January 2003, to start the Friday sitting on 9 am to last until 12 noon, with possible committee meetings from 8-9 am;
- *Future meetings*:

2002

- . Strasbourg, Wednesday 6 November 2002 at 4 pm
- . Valletta, Monday 18 November 2002 at 9 am
- . Paris, Monday 9 December 2002 at 9.30 am.

2003

. Paris, Monday 13 January 2003, 9.30 am
Strasbourg, Monday 27 January 2003, 8.30 am
Strasbourg, Friday 31 January, 12 noon at the end of the sitting (**instead of 8.30 am**).

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