

**FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Secretariat of the Assembly**  
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8 November 2002

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on 6 November 2002 in Strasbourg with Mr Schieder in the Chair, as regards:

- *Hostage-taking in Moscow and political solution of the conflict in the Chechen Republic*: adopted a declaration;
- *Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the situation in Georgia (Moscow, Tbilisi and the Pankisi Valley, 28 October-2 November 2002)*: approved the report as an addendum to the progress report, and asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to contact the Russian and Georgian parliamentary delegations on the implementation of the proposal to set up a joint parliamentary contact group;
- *Observation of elections*: approved and declassified the reports by 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:-
    - . Elections of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (20 October 2002),
    - . Municipal elections in Kosovo (26 October 2002);
    - . Presidential elections in Serbia (29 September and 13 October 2002): took note of the information provided and decided that the ad hoc committee should also observe the elections to be held in December 2002;
  - . Parliamentary elections in Turkey (3 November 2002): took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly and agreed to resume consideration of this matter at its next meeting on the basis of the report by the ad hoc committee;
  - . asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to propose revised guidelines on the observation of elections at one of its future meetings;
- *Parliamentary Troika Conference on the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe (Tirana, 14-16 October 2002)*: took note of the Declaration adopted at the end of the Conference and that a debate would be held by the Assembly on a report by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development at the January 2003 Part-Session;

- *Joint Committee, Strasbourg, 7 November 2002*: decided to have an additional item on the draft agenda concerning the proposal to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> Council of Europe Summit of Heads of State and Government, and appointed spokespersons for the items;
- *Standing Committee, Valletta, 18 November 2002*: took note of the revised draft agenda;
- *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Spain*: took note of the legal opinion requested from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe following the tie-vote at the second round of the election during the 4<sup>th</sup> Part-Session of the Assembly in September 2002;
- *Assembly meetings in Berlin (28-30 April 2003)*: agreed that, in addition to the Presidential Committee and the Bureau, the following committees would meet: Political Affairs Committee, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee;
- *Dates of Assembly Sessions 2004-2005*: agreed to propose to the Assembly for ratification the following dates:
  - . in 2004: 26-30 January, 26-30 April, 21-25 June, 4-8 October;
  - . in 2005: 24-28 January, 25-29 April, 20-24 June, 3-7 October;
- *Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the EU Convention for the future of Europe*:
  - . took note of the list of members proposed by four political groups (SOC, EPP, EDG and UEL);
  - . took note that the LDR group would complete its nominations;
  - . heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Assembly on the meeting in Brussels on 28 October 2002 and the activities of the EU Convention;
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee*: approved the change to the list of members proposed by the EPP group for ratification by the Assembly;
- *Requests for references and transmissions to committees*: agreed on the proposals to be submitted to the Standing Committee for ratification;
- *Revision of the Constitution in Liechtenstein*: asked the Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) to draw up an opinion on this matter as soon as possible;
- *Meeting authorised elsewhere than in Strasbourg or Paris*:
  - . Sub-committee of youth and sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education), Tbilisi (Georgia), 27 November 2002;
  - . Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, London (UK), 23-24 January 2003;
- *Approved appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities*:
  - . Mr Akselsen (Norway, SOC) for a fact-finding mission to Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, 18-24 November 2002;
  - . Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP) to attend the PABSEC Colloquy on "the parliamentary perspective for a wider Europe," Athens (Greece), 25-26 November 2002;
  - . Mrs Paegle (Latvia, EPP) to attend the 21th Session of the Baltic Assembly, Riga (Latvia), 12-14 December 2002;

- *Future meetings:*

- . Valletta, Monday 18 November 2002 at 9 am
- . Paris, Monday 9 December 2002 at 9.30 am
- . 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.

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