

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis No. 2004/50

26 April 2004

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 26 April 2004 at 8.30 am, with Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Parliamentary Assembly in the Chair, as regards:

- *2nd part of the 2004 Ordinary session (26-30 April 2004):*

a. *Urgent debates:*

. recommended to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on Cyprus and to refer this matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report

. recommended to the Assembly to hold an urgent debate on Armenia and to refer this matter to the Monitoring Committee for report

b. updated the draft order of business as follows:

. Wednesday 28 April: proposed to hold the urgent debate on Cyprus at 3 pm, to hold the urgent debate on Armenia at 6. 15 pm and to postpone the debate on “conflict prevention and resolution: the role of women” to the June 2004 part-session

. Thursday 29 April: proposed to hold the urgent debate on the “new Dutch policy on asylum seekers” at 3 pm, to hold the debate on the “honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey” as a second debate in the afternoon and to postpone the debate on “on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania” to the June 2004 part-session

c. took note that Mr Radi, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Morocco, would not address the Assembly as originally planned;

d. following a request by the Chairman on of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, decided to refer the report on “Protocol No 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending the control system of the Convention” to this Committee for opinion;

e. proposed to the Assembly to limit the speaking time on Wednesday 28 April to 4 minutes;

f. *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*

. took note of the letter of the Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights transmitting to the Bureau the report of the Sub-Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights following the expiry of the terms in office of one half of judges and of the two accompanying letters of Mr NacNamara, Chairman of the Sub-Committee;

. took note of the letters of the Chairman of the Slovak parliamentary delegation and of the President of the Slovak Judicial Council as well as of the letter of the Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe;

. authorised the distribution of this report to the members of the Assembly and declassified it;

. following the recommendations of the sub-committee, recommended to the Assembly not to proceed to the election of the judges in respect of Malta, Portugal and Slovakia during the April 2004 part-session and asked the governments of these three countries to present new lists of candidates;

g. *Kazakhstan*: took note that the signing ceremony of the cooperation agreement with the Parliament of Kazakhstan would take place on Tuesday 27 April at 2.45 in front of the debating chamber on the 1st floor;

f. *Joint Committee*: took note of the draft agenda of the Joint Committee

- *Progress report of the Bureau (30 January – 26 April 2004) (Rapporteur: Mr Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC)*:

a. approved the second part of the Progress report (6 April – 26 April 2004);

b. appointed Mr Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EDG) as rapporteur for the progress report covering the period from 30 April to 21 June 2004;

- *Observation of elections*:

a. *Presidential election in the Russian Federation (14 March 2004)*: approved the draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee, which observed this election;

b. *Parliamentary election in Georgia (28 March 2004)*: approved the draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee, which observed this election;

- *References and transmissions to Committees*: approved the following proposals:

a. references:

1. **Doc. 10133**

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Hancock and others

Activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, *for report*

2. **Doc. 10134**

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Meale and others

Global warming: beyond Kyoto, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report*

3. **Request by the Committee of Ministers for an opinion on Draft Protocol n°14 to the European Convention on Human Rights**, in addition to its decision on 6 April, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for opinion*

4. **Request for an urgent debate on Cyprus**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*

5. **Request for an urgent debate on Armenia**, to the Monitoring Committee, *for report*

b. request to modify references:

1. **Doc. 10077**

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Reimann and others
Questionable investment from Eastern and Central Europe in high level football in Western Europe, following the letter dated 2 April 2004 from the Committee on Culture, Science and Education considering that this was an important and topical issue, decided to refer this matter to this committee for report

c. follow-up after consultation:

1. **Doc. 10055**

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Korobeynikov and others
European education and harmonious development of students, following consultation of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education on the possible follow-up to this motion, decided to refer this matter to this committee for report.

2. **Doc. 10089**

Motion for a recommendation presented by Lord Russell-Johnston and others
The cultural situation of the Kurds, following consultation of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education on the possible follow-up to this motion, decided to refer this matter to this committee for report.

- *Date and place of the next meetings:*

- . Strasbourg, Friday 30 April 2004, 8.30 am
- . Paris, Monday 24 May 2004 at 3.00 pm
- . Strasbourg, Monday 21 June 2004 at 8.30 am
- . Strasbourg, Friday 25 June 2004 at 8.30 am.

Petr Sich/Alexandra Alleon

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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