



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis No. 2004/89

7 September 2004

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting in Oslo on Tuesday 7 September 2004 at 8.30 am with Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Assembly in the Chair, as regards:

- *Terrorist attack in Beslan*: held a minute's silence in memory of the victims;
- *4<sup>th</sup> part of the 2004 Ordinary session (4-8 October 2004)*:
  - a. adopted the draft agenda;
  - b. drew up the draft order of business;
  - c. agreed to propose to the Assembly that, subject to receiving a formal request, an urgent debate be held on "the challenge of terrorism in Council of Europe member States" and that this matter be referred to the Political Affairs Committee for report and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for an oral opinion;
  - d. election of judges to the ECHR with respect to Slovakia: took note that the Sub-Committee on the election of judges intends to interview the candidates on Monday 4 October 2004 in the afternoon and agreed to a written consultation of Bureau members to declassify the Sub-committee's report;
  - e. took note that the Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner intends to visit the Chechen Republic before the October part-session and agreed to invite him, should the visit take place as planned, to take part in the debate on the reports concerning the Chechen Republic;
  - f. Joint Committee (Thursday, 6.30 pm): agreed to include on the draft agenda the items concerning the Council of Europe monitoring procedures and the fight against terrorism;
    - *Parliamentary Troika on the Stability Pact*: set up an Ad hoc Committee to ensure the Assembly's contribution and participation in the Conference on the "Fight against organised crime in South Eastern Europe" (Sofia, 11-12 November 2004) composed of five representatives from each of the following Committees: the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, its Chairperson being chosen in conformity with the Bureau's order of precedence;
    - *Parliamentary assistance programmes with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia*: took note of the memorandum on the visit of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the South Caucasus region (30 June – 5 July 2004) and approved the proposals contained therein;

- *Observation of elections:*

a. Presidential election in Ukraine (31 October 2004):

- approved the list of the Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Mr Christodoulides (Cyprus, UEL) as Chairperson;

- took note of the programme of the pre-electoral mission on 25-29 September 2004;

- authorised the observation of a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> round on 14 November 2004 by members of the same Ad hoc Committee;

b. Parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan (19 September 2004):

- set up an Ad Hoc Committee to observe these elections composed of 10 members (3 SOC, 2 EPP, 2 LDR, 2 EDG and 1 EUL), approved the list of this Ad hoc Committee and appointed Mr Elo<sup>1</sup> (Finland, SOC) as Chairperson;

- agreed to invite two representatives of the Parliament of Kazakhstan to the October 2004 part-session;

c. Parliamentary elections in Belarus (17 October 2004): confirmed its wish to observe these elections and agreed to set up an Ad hoc Committee composed of ten members (3 SOC, 2 EPP, 2 LDR, 2 EDG and 1 EUL), subject to receiving an invitation;

d. Local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 October 2004): took note of the invitation and noted that observing local elections does not fall under the competence of the Assembly;

- *Implementation of paragraph 6 of Resolution 1376 (2004) on Cyprus:* noted that, if the President has not received a reply from the Parliament of Cyprus on this matter at least two weeks before the beginning of the October 2004 part-session, he intends to invite representatives of both sides to meet him before the Bureau meeting on 4 October 2004;

- *International Institute for Democracy:*

a. took note that the President has not received the report on the accounts of the Institute and the projection of the Institute's expenditure until the end of 2004 as requested by the Bureau on 25 June 2004 and consequently he decided not to increase the grant to the Institute for 2004;

b. took note that an audit has been carried out by the Council of Europe Auditor and that its conclusions should be available to the Bureau at its next meeting;

c. decided to come back to this question at its next meeting;

- *Dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein:* took note that the President would visit Liechtenstein on 27 September 2004 to meet Mr Wanger, President of the Parliament, and that he would invite representatives of the Liechtenstein Movement on Democracy to meet him in Strasbourg at the beginning of October 2004;

- *Conference on Children Orphaned by AIDS (19-24 September 2004, Cape Town):*

took note that the President will attend this Conference;

- *Third Summit of the Council of Europe:* took note that a motion for a recommendation on the Assembly's contribution to the Summit would be circulated among Assembly members;

- *Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union:* took note of the memorandum of the Secretary General of the Assembly on the proposals made by the Parliamentary Assembly since 2002 on this issue;

- *Communication by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:* was informed of the staff appointments to the Secretary General's Private Office and of his first priorities in office;

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<sup>1</sup> Mr Elo having resigned, the Standing Committee, on 7 September 2004, appointed Mrs de Zulueta as Chairperson

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

a. References

1. [Doc. 10168](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Severin and others

Strengthening the collaboration relations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe with other international parliamentary organisations having similar competences to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on the terms of reference of Assembly committees

2. [Doc. 10231](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Margelov and others

Condemnation of the admiration and justification of Nazism

to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*

3. [Doc. 10232 rev.](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Margelov and others

The anniversary of “Oświęcim” (“Auschwitz”) liberation

to the Political Affairs Committee *for information*

4. [Doc. 10234](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Kocharyan and others

The restriction of the use of firearms in peacetime within the member states of the Council of Europe

consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the possible follow-up

5. [Doc. 10236](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Cliveti and others

Integration of migrant women in Europe

to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for report*, and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, *for opinion*

6. [Doc. 10237](#)

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Skarphéðinsson and others

The situation of migrant workers in temporary employment agencies

to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, *for report*, and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for opinion*

7. [Doc. 10238](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Sasi and others

The current tendency by some European governments to favour “national champions” in industry, to the detriment of European and worldwide competition, economic progress and international harmony

to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for information*

8. [Doc. 10239](#)

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Seyidov and others

Settlement of civilian population by Armenia in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan

no further action

9. [Doc. 10241](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr McNamara and others

Avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities between international mechanisms for the protection of human rights in Europe

to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report at the Standing Committee*

10. [Doc. 10242](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Einarsson and others

Human rights situation of the Kurds in Turkey

to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for information*

11. [Doc. 10243](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others

Enforced disappearances

to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

12. [Doc. 10244](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Eörsi and others

Iran's nuclear threat

to Political Affairs Committee *for report*

13. [Doc. 10248](#)

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mooney and others

Respect for human rights in the fight against terrorism

to Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

14. [Doc. 10262](#)

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Gedei and others

Situation of the Vojvodina Hungarians

to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for information*

15. Document BCommDH(2004)27

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the activities on the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003)

to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*

b Modifications of references

[Doc. 10180](#)

Motion for a Resolution presented by Mr Holovaty and others

The principle of the rule of law

Ref. 2974 of 21 June 2004

to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report (instead of for information)

c. Extension of references

[Doc. 9239](#)

Motion for a Resolution presented by Mr I Aliyev and others

Conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference of the OCSE (title adopted by the Committee)

Ref. 2659 of 8 November 2001, extended on 25 November 2003

extended until 31 January 2005.

- *Motion for a resolution on working out draft European Convention on Election Standards, Electoral Rights and Freedoms presented by Mr Grebennikov and others (Doc. 10240):* decided to consult the Venice Commission to give an opinion on the need to draft a European Convention on election standards, electoral rights and freedoms;

- *Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:* authorised the following meetings:

a. Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs): Oudenaarde (Belgium) 18 September 2004;

b. Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-member Countries (of the Political Affairs Committee): New York 19-21 October 2004;

- *Date and place of the next meetings:* agreed to hold the following meetings:

. Strasbourg, Monday 4 October 2004 at 8.30 am

. Strasbourg, Friday 8 October 2004 at 8.30 am

. Warsaw (Poland), Tuesday 23 November 2004 at 8.30 a.m.

Petr Sich

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Special guests and observers to the Assembly  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Director of Communication and Research  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe