

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

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23 November 2004

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting in Warsaw on 23 November 2004, with Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Assembly in the Chair, as regards:

- *Standing Committee in Warsaw (23 November 2004):*

a. recommended that the Standing Committee hold a current affairs debate on the situation in Belarus as requested by the Polish Parliamentary Delegation and asked Mr Iwinski, Chairman of that delegation, to open the debate;

b. following the requests by the Croatian and Slovenian Parliamentary Delegations, proposed that the debate on "Repayment of the deposits of foreign exchange made in the offices of the Ljubljanska Banka not on the territory of Slovenia, 1977-1991" be postponed until the next meeting of the Standing Committee;

- *1st Part of the 2005 Ordinary Session (24-28 January 2005):*

a. adopted the draft agenda;

b. procedure concerning the adoption of the draft recommendation on the 3rd Summit by the Political Affairs Committee: agreed to apply, by analogy, the procedure used for the preparation of OECD reports;

c. took note of the interest of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of France and Italy to participate in the debate on the Third Summit;

- *Observation of elections:*

a. Presidential election in Ukraine (31 October 2004): took note of the report of the ad hoc Committee on the 1st round of the election;

b. Parliamentary elections and referendum in Belarus (17 October 2004): was informed of the assessment made by OSCE/ODIHR of these elections and of the opinion of the Venice Commission on the referendum;

c. Referendum in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (7 November 2004): took note of the report by the ad hoc committee;

d. Election of the President of the Palestinian Authority (9 January 2005):

. decided to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 10 members (3 SOC, 2 EPP/CD, 2 LDR, 2 EDG, 1 UEL) to observe this election including, if possible, the preparations for this election;

. asked the political groups to propose their candidates as soon as possible with a view to appointing members of this ad hoc committee at the next Bureau meeting;

- *Dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein*: approved the modalities for the dialogue contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat and set up an ad hoc committee to conduct this dialogue composed of two members of the Political Affairs Committee, two members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, two members of the Monitoring Committee and, if necessary, additional members from the Bureau to guarantee that all political groups of the Assembly are represented in it;
- *Post-monitoring dialogue with the Czech Republic*: took note of the memorandum approved by the Monitoring Committee and of the conclusion of that Committee that it was not necessary to re-open the monitoring procedure in accordance with Resolution 1115 as no further clarification or enhanced co-operation is necessary;
- *Standing Committee and Bureau meetings in 2005*: approved the dates of the meetings as appended;
- *International Institute for Democracy*:
 - a. took note of the conclusions of the report of the Council of Europe Internal Auditor;
 - b. decided to resign from the Institute;
 - c. agreed to examine the Assembly's legal obligations with respect to the debts of the Institute at its next meeting, subject to receiving the necessary information;
- *Commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz (27 January 2005)*:
 - a. took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly on the basis of the proposals by Mr Eörsi, Mr van der Linden and Mr de Puig;
 - b. approved the proposals for the commemoration in the Assembly's debating chamber on 27 January 2005, decided to invite, subject to their availability, Mr Imre Kertész, Mrs Simone Veil and Mr Elie Wiesel to address the Assembly on this occasion and asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to propose an arrangement for associating a representative of Poland to this commemoration;
 - c. authorised an exhibition proposed by the Speaker of the Knesset in front of the debating chamber during the January 2005 part-session, as well as exhibitions by other groups of victims of the death camps, if they so wish;
 - d. took note that Mrs Leni Fischer, Honorary President of the Assembly, will participate in the commemoration in Cracow and Auschwitz on 27 January 2005;
 - e. invited the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to examine what follow-up should be given to the proposal for a memorial stone at the headquarters of the Council of Europe contained in the Motion for a resolution on "the anniversary of "Oswiecim" ("Auschwitz") liberation (Doc. 10232 rev.);
- *Terms of reference of Assembly committees*: took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat on the instruction of the President of the Assembly and referred it as amended to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Immunities with a view to preparing a report and a draft resolution on the revision of the terms of reference of general Assembly committees;
- *Number of seats in the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men*: took note of the request of this Committee to increase the number of its seats to 83 and referred this request to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Immunities under Rule 65.2;
- *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Serbia and Montenegro*: took note that the Committee of Ministers has transmitted the list of candidates to the Assembly;

- *European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)*: invited the Parliaments of Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom to put forward candidates for the seats which will become vacant in 2005;
- *References and transmissions to Committees*: approved the following proposals:
 - a. references
 - 1. Doc. 10057
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Kirilov and others
Serious human rights violations in Libya – inhuman treatment of Bulgarian medical staff: to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*
 - 2. Doc. 10323
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hägg and others
Aramaic – the language of Jesus: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
 - 3. Doc. 10324
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others
The European Journalism University: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, *for report*
 - 4. Doc. 10325
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Evin and others
The situation of ageing persons in Europe: to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*, and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, *for opinion*
 - 5. Doc. 10326
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Ilaşcu and others
Withdrawal of military forces of the Russian Federation from the Eastern districts (Transnistria) of the Republic of Moldova: to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), to take it into account in the preparation of the monitoring report on Russia
 - 6. Doc. 10329
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others
The expediency of the establishment of the Council of Europe museum: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, *for information*
 - 7. Doc. 10330
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Severinsen and others
Launching a new inquiry into the murder of the Ukrainian journalist Georgiy Gongadze: to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), to take it into account in the preparation of the monitoring report on Ukraine
 - 8. Doc. 10331
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Olteanu and others
Violation of conventional commitments in the environment sphere by Ukraine: to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for information*
 - 9. Doc. 10332
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Hunault and others
European prisons charter: to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*, and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for opinion*

10. Doc. 10335
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs de Zulueta and others
Assembly rules on current affairs and urgent debates: to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, *for report*
11. Doc. 10336
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Jonas and others
The ethical conduct of European Companies: to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for information*
12. Doc. 10339
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Ilaşcu and others
Intervention of Ukraine in the internal affairs of the Republic of Moldova by politically and economically supporting the separatist regime in Transnistria: to the Political Affairs Committee and to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), *for information*
13. Doc. 10340
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Cosarciuc and others
The situation of human rights and the functioning of democracy in Moldova: to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), to take it into account in the preparation of the monitoring report on Moldova
14. Doc. 10343
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Sasi and others
Europe's interest in the continued economic development of Russia: to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for report*
15. Doc. 10344
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Bilgehan and others
Respect for the principle of equality in civil law: to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for report*
16. Doc. 10345
Motion for a recommendation presented by Baroness Hooper and others
The cultural diversity of the Northern Caucasus: to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, *for report*
17. Doc. 10347
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Högmark and others
E-waste and its consequences for the environment: to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report at the Standing Committee*
18. Doc. 10348
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mimica and others
"Outsourcing" and economic development in Europe: to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for report*
19. Doc. 10352
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Sudarenikov and others
Conservation and use of the landscape potential of Europe: to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report at the Standing Committee*
20. Doc. 10356
Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers
Draft Convention against money laundering and the financing of terrorism: to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*, and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for opinion*

21. Doc. 10357
Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers
Draft specific legal instrument for the prevention of terrorism: to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*
 22. Doc. 10358 rev
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Gülçiçek and others
The situation of Turkish migrant workers in Europe: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, *for report at the Standing Committee*, and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for opinion*
- b. modifications of references
1. Doc. 9975
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr van der Linden and others
The Third Summit
Ref. no 3001 of 8 October 2004: to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, *for opinion*
 2. Doc. 10359
What solutions to Europe's unemployment?": to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for opinion*;
- c. consultation of committees:
1. Doc. 10322
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hägg and others
Mercenaries: for consultation to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, for an opinion to the Bureau on the follow-up to be given
 2. Doc. 10327
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Ilaşcu and others
Liberation of political prisoners from Tiraspol – Andrei Ivantoc and Tudor Petrov-Popa: for consultation to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, for an opinion to the Bureau on the follow-up to be given
- d. no further action:
1. Doc. 10328
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Ilaşcu and others
Strengthening the measures of solving the Transnistrian conflict (the Republic of Moldova) by changing the negotiations format and the military pacification forces in the region: no further action
- *Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:*
- a. 3rd meeting of Cetinje Parliamentary Forum (28-30 November 2004, Cetinje, Montenegro): Mr Jakic;
 - b. 23rd Session of the Baltic Assembly and the 10th Baltic Council (17-19 December 2004, Riga, Latvia): Mr Elo;
 - c. 24th Plenary Session of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS Member States (4 December 2004, St-Petersburg, Russia): Mr Cekuolis;
- Visits of rapporteurs: authorised Mr Jonas, rapporteur of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development on "The World Bank and the IMF: Promoting fairness and good governance in a global economy", to carry out a fact-finding mission to the headquarters of the two institutions in Washington;
- *Information:* heard the information given by the President of the Assembly, by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- *European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments in 2006*: following the contacts between the Secretary General of the Assembly and the Secretaries General of the Estonian and Finnish Parliaments as well as the Russian parliamentary delegation, was informed of the proposal of the Estonian Parliament to hold this Conference on 31 May 2006 in Tallinn which would allow participants to take part in the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Finnish Parliament in Helsinki on 1 June 2006;
- *Parliamentary Troika on the Stability Pact (Conference on the "Fight against organised crime in South Eastern Europe", Sofia, 11-12 November 2004)*: was informed by Mr Lloyd, Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee, on the outcome of the Conference;
- *Date and place of the next meetings*:
 - . Paris, Monday 13 December 2004 from 9.30 am to 1 pm
 - . Vienna, Monday 10 January 2005 from 9.30 am to 1 pm (followed by a lunch until 2.30 pm).

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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 Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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STANDING COMMITTEE AND BUREAU MEETINGS IN 2005

Preliminary proposals for dates¹

Monday 10 January, 9.30 am, Vienna	Bureau
Monday 24 January, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 28 January, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 18 March, 8.30 am, Paris	Bureau
Friday 18 March, 11 am, Paris	Standing Committee
Monday 25 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 29 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 May, 8.30 am, Lisbon	Bureau
Friday 27 May, 11 am, Lisbon	Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 20 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday, 24 June, 8.30, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 9 September, 8.30 am, Monaco	Bureau
Friday 9 September, 11 am, Monaco	Standing Committee
Monday 3 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday, 7 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 25 November, 8.30 am, Bucharest	Bureau
Friday 25 November, 11 am, Bucharest	Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 12 December, 9.30, Paris	Bureau

¹ The dates of the meetings planned outside Strasbourg and Paris are subject to a formal agreement by the Parliament of the country concerned