

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Secretariat of the Assembly**

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**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Friday 28 January 2005 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- *Follow-up to the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the 2005 Ordinary Session (24-28 January 2005):*
  - a. addresses of Mr Viktor Yuschenko, President of Ukraine, Mr Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia and Mr Michel Barnier, French Foreign Minister: asked the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to prepare a memorandum for the next Bureau meeting on the follow-up to be given by the Assembly to the proposals contained in these addresses;
  - b. Recommendation 1693 (2005) on the Third Summit: was informed that the President will address letters to the Speakers of the national parliaments calling on them, in conformity with paragraph 17, to organise debates on the Third Summit;
  - c. Resolution 1416 (2005) on the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference: asked the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to prepare a memorandum for the next Bureau meeting on the implementation of paragraph 5 with regard to:
    - . the composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau decided by the Assembly, which should include, besides the Chairpersons of the national delegations mentioned in this paragraph, representatives of the Committees concerned and, at the same time, representatives of all political groups of the Assembly;
    - . the precise mandate of this ad hoc committee;
  - d. Resolution 1420 (2005) on prospects for peace in the Middle East: asked the SG PA to prepare a memorandum for the next Bureau meeting on the implementation of paragraph 12;
  - e. Resolution 1415 (2005) on honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia: took note that the President will address letters to the Speakers of the Russian and Georgian Parliaments offering, in conformity with paragraph 12, the Assembly's good offices for a bilateral parliamentary dialogue;
- *Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (28 January 2005 - 25 April 2005):* appointed Mr Holovaty (LDR, Ukraine) as rapporteur;

- *Information:* heard the information by the President of the Assembly and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and took note of the written communication of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- *Parliamentary elections in Moldova (6 March 2005):*
  - a. approved the composition of the ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and took note of the dates for the pre-electoral mission, which will take place on 16-19 February 2005;
  - b. invited, in conformity with the cooperation agreement signed with the Venice Commission, an expert of the Venice Commission to join the observer delegation;
- *Meeting of the Standing Committee in Paris on 18 March 2005:* approved the draft agenda;
- *Meetings of the Standing Committee and of the Bureau in Monaco:* decided to hold these meetings on Thursday 1 September 2005 instead of 9 September 2005;
- *Parliamentary Troika on the Stability Pact:* approved the proposals for the activities during the 2005 Parliamentary Assembly's Chairmanship of the Troika;
- *Conference dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory of the anti-Hitler coalition in World War II (15 April 2005, St. Petersburg):*
  - a. approved the modalities of the Assembly's involvement in the organisation of this conference and set up an hoc committee to participate in it composed of 15 members on the basis of proposals to be made by the political groups (6 SOC, 4 EPP/CD, 2 LDR, 2 EDG and 1 UEL);
  - b. was informed about the proposals for the draft programme and the draft final declaration received from the CIS Inter-parliamentary Assembly and invited members to formulate their possible comments regarding these documents;
- *European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):* following the recommendations of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, drew up the lists of candidates to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers in the following order:
  - a. with regard to the Czech Republic: 1. Mr Zdeněk HÁJEK, 2. Mrs Jana MAREČEK, 3. Mr Michal BERAN;
  - b. with regard to Latvia: 1. Mrs Ilvija PUCE, 2. Mr Vitolds ZAHARS, 3. Mr Uldis VEITS;
- *Composition of the Monitoring Committee:* approved new members as proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly;
- *Re-constitution of ad hoc Committees of the Bureau:* reconstituted the following ad hoc committees:
  - a. Ad hoc Committee of Chairpersons of Political Groups (Presidential Committee)
  - b. Ad hoc Committee on the dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein

- *Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly:*

a. appointed the following representatives for 2005 :

. European Commission for Democracy through Law – Venice Commission: Mr Schieder (SOC) and Mr Jurgens (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);

. Council on Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission): Mrs Durrieu (SOC, Political Affairs Committee), Mr Jurgens (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and Mr Van den Brande (EPP/CD, Monitoring Committee); and as substitutes: Mr Pourgourides (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and Mr Kvakkestad (EDG, Monitoring Committee);

. European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – North-South Centre: Mr Schieder (SOC) and Mr Sasi (EPP/CD, Committee on Economic Affairs and Development);

. European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance – ECRI: Mr Cilevics (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), Mrs de Zulueta (SOC, Political Affairs Committee);

. Group of States against Corruption – GRECO: M. Bartumeu Cassany (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);

. European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice - CEPEJ: the President of the Assembly;

. Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art: Mr Legendre (EPP/CD, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education) and Mr O'Hara (SOC, Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education);

. Pan-European Federation for Heritage – Europa Nostra: Mr Zingeris (EDG, Committee on Culture, Science and Education);

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

a. references:

1. **Doc. 10425**

**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Toshev and others**

**Beyond Kyoto: the second pillar in the fight against climate change – accumulation of carbon dioxide**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for report*

2. **Doc. 10426**

**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others**

**Fair trial issues in criminal cases concerning espionage or divulging state secrets**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, *for report*

3. **Doc. 10429**

**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Petrova-Mitevaska and others**

**Protection of endemic live fossils Ohrid trout species**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, *for information*

4. **Doc. 10430**

**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Cliveti and others**

**The situation of women in the Southern Caucasus**, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, *for report*

5. **Doc. 10434**

**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rigoni and others**

**Europe's strong interest in rapid sustainable economic development in Ukraine**, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, *for report*

b. modification of references:

1. **Doc. 9708**

**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Ragnarsdóttir and others**

**Strengthening the response to mental health needs in Europe**

**Ref. 2811 of 31/03/2003 – Validity: 31/03/2005**, extended until 30 June 2005

2. **Doc. 9715**

**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Monfils and others**

**Social and health issues related to surrogate motherhood**

**Ref. 2815 of 31/03/2003 – Validity: 31/03/2005**, extended until 30 June 2005

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

a. Political Affairs Committee, Warsaw (Poland), 28 February -1 March 2005;

b. Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the organisation of the Round Table on the political situation in the Chechen Republic (of the Political Affairs Committee), Moscow (Russia), 21 March 2005;

c. Ad hoc Sub-Committee for the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), Budapest (Hungary), 24-25 February 2005;

- d. Sub-Committee on Media (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, Kyiv (Ukraine), 9-11 March 2005;
- e. Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, Florence (Italy), 11 March 2005;
- f. Ad hoc Sub-Committee for the Hearing on “Immigration, Integration and Development” organised by the European Parliament (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population), Brussels (Belgium), 14 March 2005;
- g. Ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Conference of European Ministers of Justice (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), Helsinki (Finland), 7-8 April 2005;
- h. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Cyprus, 23-25 May 2005;

- *Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities:*

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies organised by the Venice Commission with the assistance of the European Commission (10-11 February, Strasbourg): 3 members representing the Assembly in the Council on Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission);
- b. Public event to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination organised by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) (21 March, Strasbourg): set up an ad hoc committee composed of five members of the Political Affairs Committee and five members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- c. Development and Aid in 2005: High-level Seminar for Donor-country Parliamentarians organised by the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (27-28 February, Naples): Mr Jonas (Germany, SOC);
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> Winter meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (24-25 February, Vienna): M. Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD);
- e. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Cetinje Parliamentary Forum (27 February - 1 March, Cetinje): left it up to the President to appoint the Assembly representative;
- f. Parliamentary event on “Beyond Beijing: Towards gender equality in politics” organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (3 March, New York): Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC);

- *Visits of rapporteurs:*

- a. authorised Mr Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on “Serious human rights violations in Libya – Inhuman treatment of Bulgarian medical staff” to carry out a fact-finding visit to Libya, if necessary;
- b. authorised Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Suisse, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men on “Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico” to carry out a fact-finding visit in Mexico before the April part-session;

- *Date and place of the next meetings:* decided to hold the following meetings:
- . Paris (Assemblée Nationale), Friday 18 March 2005 at 8.30 am
- . Strasbourg, Monday 25 April 2005 at 8.30 am
- . Strasbourg, Friday 29 April 2005 at 8.30 am.

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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  
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