

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

3 July 2006

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 30 June 2006 in Strasbourg first with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, and then with Mr Schreiner, Vice-President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Follow-up to the 3^d Part of the 2006 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 26-30 June 2006):***
see appendix 1;
- ***4th Part of the 2006 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 2-6 October 2006):***
 - i. adopted the draft agenda;
 - ii. took note of a letter from Mr Szabo, Head of the Hungarian parliamentary delegation, expressing the wish to commemorate, during the 2006 October part-Session, the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian 1956 uprising; and agreed to this proposal;
- ***Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union:***
 - i. took note of a new draft Memorandum of Understanding on relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union transmitted by the Russian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers;
 - ii. took note of the fact that a member of the Political Affairs Committee would represent the Assembly at the next meeting of the Committee of Ministers devoted to this matter (CM-Suivi3), to be held on 6 July 2006;
 - iii. endorsed a draft Addendum to the above-mentioned Memorandum of Understanding devoted specifically to the relations between the Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament, as prepared by Mr Ates, Mr Van den Brande, Mr Kosachev and Mr Marty; and authorised its transmission to the Committee of Ministers and to the President of the European Parliament;
- ***Forum for the future of democracy:*** heard a report by the Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee on the results of the meeting of the Advisory Board for the Forum held on 28 June 2006;

- **References and transmissions to committees:** see appendix 1;
- **Observation of elections: forthcoming elections:**
 - i. *Parliamentary elections in the Republic of Montenegro (autumn 2006):*
 - a. took note of a letter from Mr Krivokapic, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, inviting the Assembly to observe the forthcoming parliamentary elections in that country, to be held in the autumn of 2006;
 - b. agreed to observe these elections;
 - c. agreed to set-up an ad hoc Committee to observe these elections composed of 20 members: 7 SOC; 6 EPP/CD; 3 ALDE; 3 EDG; 1 UEL;
 - d. authorised a pre-election mission composed of 5 members, one from each political group, who are at the same time members of the ad hoc Committee;
 - ii. *Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (autumn 2006):*
 - a. agreed, subject to receipt of a formal invitation, to observe the elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina to take place in the autumn of 2006;
 - b. agreed to set-up an ad hoc Committee to observe these elections composed of 20 members: 7 SOC; 6 EPP/CD; 3 ALDE; 3 EDG; 1 UEL;
 - c. authorised a pre-election mission composed of 5 members, one from each political group, who are at the same time members of the ad hoc Committee;
- **Follow-up of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Tallinn 30– 31 May 2006):** was informed that the President intended to send a questionnaire to all the participating parliaments and assemblies regarding the follow-up to be given to the issue of parliamentary diplomacy raised at the conference, for the purpose of preparing the next such conference to be held in Strasbourg in May 2008;
- **Dates of Assembly part-sessions (2007-2010):**
 - i. *Date of the April 2007 part-session:* agreed that the 2007 April part-session would take place from 16 to 20 April 2007;
 - ii. *Setting of dates for part-sessions in 2008, 2009 and 2010:* postponed its decision on this matter;
- **Parliamentary Assembly / UEFA conference (Strasbourg, 29 September 2006):**
 - i. took note of the preliminary draft programme of this conference;
 - ii. agreed to set-up an ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in this conference and approved its composition;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** approved new members as proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly: Mr Kyprianou (Cyprus, UEL); Mr Zernovski ("The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", ALDE);

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the following meetings:
 - i. Monitoring Committee: Naphlion (Greece), 14 September 2006;
 - ii. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Naphlion (Greece), 15 September 2006;
 - iii. Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities: Lisbon (Portugal), 29 September 2006;
 - iv. Monitoring Committee: Yerevan (Armenia), 16 October 2006;
 - v. Sub-Committee on Population of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population: Budapest (Hungary), 19-20 October 2006;
 - vi. Political Affairs Committee: Baku (Azerbaijan), 19-21 November 2006;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:**
 - i. Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities: in reply to a formal invitation, took the following decision:
 - Annual conference of the Association of Central and Eastern European Election Officials, Jurmala (Latvia), 31 August-2 September 2006: Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC);
 - ii. Reports by Assembly representatives on their participation at official activities: took note of the following report and decided to transmit it to the competent Committee for follow-up:
 - report by Mr Ruzic, Working Table 1 of the Stability Pact, Belgrade, 29 May 2006 (to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education);
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (26 June – 2 October 2006):** appointed Mr Cavusoglu (Turkey, EDG) rapporteur;
- **Visit by Rapporteur:** took note of the fact that Mr Platvoet (Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, would visit Nagorno-Karabakh and Abkhazia for the purposes of the preparation of his report on missing persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia;
- **Vedovato Library:** following a request by Mr Azzolini, Chairman of the Italian delegation, took note of an explanatory letter from him regarding the library's future, accompanied by an exchange of letters between Mr Vedovato and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in:
 - . Paris, Wednesday 6 September 2006 at 9.30 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
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Appendix 1

Proposals by the Bureau concerning documents tabled for reference to committees

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Proposals
10900	Motion for a recommendation	Women in prison	Reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i> , and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i>
10935	Motion for a resolution	The role of media for democracy	Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education <i>for report</i> and request by the Committee to the Venice Commission for an opinion on the legal aspects of this issue
10946	Motion for a recommendation	The need for a Council of Europe Convention on the suppression of counterfeiting and trafficking in counterfeit goods	Reference to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i>
10947	Motion for a recommendation	Guaranteeing asylum seekers minimum social rights	Transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>for information</i>
10948	Motion for a recommendation	Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe	Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>for report</i>
Decision of the Bureau of 30 June 2006	Resolution 1507, para. 21	Alleged secret detentions and unlawful inter-state transfers of detainees involving Council of Europe member states	Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>for report</i>
Decision of the Bureau of 30 June 2006	Resolution 1506, paras 24 and 25	External relations of the Council of Europe	Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities <i>to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "the general revision of the Rules of Procedure"</i>
Decision of the Bureau of 30 June 2006	Resolution 1514, para. 13.4	Consequences of the Referendum in Montenegro	Reference to the Monitoring Committee <i>to be taken into account in the preparation of the monitoring report on Serbia</i>
Decision of the Bureau of 30 June 2006	Resolution 1514, para. 13.5	Consequences of the Referendum in Montenegro	Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Situation of long-standing refugees and displaced persons in South-East Europe"</i>

Modification of references

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Proposals
10675	Motion for a recommendation	Equal rights and opportunities for the disabled and their integration in society	Reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i>

Follow-up after consultation

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Proposals
10824	Motion for a resolution	Europe's response to humanitarian disasters	Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i>
10830	Motion for a resolution	Conflict of interests	Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i>
10822	Motion for a resolution	Relations between the State, Religion and Individuals	Transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee and to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education <i>for information</i>
10826	Motion for a recommendation	The code of good practices of the political parties	Reference to the Political Affairs Committee <i>for report</i> and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i>

Follow-up to an adopted text

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Proposals
Res. 1489 (2006)	Resolution	Mechanisms to ensure women's participation in decision-making	Reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities <i>for report</i> , and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for opinion</i>

Extension of references

Doc. No.	Nature of document	Title of document	Committee(s) concerned	Reference No.	New validity date
10174 rev.	Motion for a resolution	The concept of preventive war and its consequences for international relations	Political Affairs Committee	2969 of 21/06/2004	31/12/2006
10175	Motion for a recommendation	The establishment of a stability pact on the Caucasian region	Political Affairs Committee	2970 of 21/06/2006	31/12/2006
9869	Motion for a recommendation	Video surveillance of public areas	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	2864 of 8/09/2003	31/12/2006
10248	Motion for a resolution	Respect for human rights in the fight against terrorism	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	2995 of 7/09/2004	31/12/2006
10180	Motion for a resolution	The principle of the rule of law	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	2998 of 7/09/2006	31/12/2006