



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

25 June 2007

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 25 June 2007 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **3rd Part of the 2007 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 25-29 June 2007):**

i. *Request for a debate under urgent procedure:*

. "**How to prevent cyber-crime against state institutions in member states**" (submitted by Mr Sasi and supported by 21 other members): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure; agreed to propose the following amended title: "**How to prevent cyber-crime against state institutions in member and observer states**"; and proposed to refer this matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report and to the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development for opinion.

ii. *Request for a current affairs debate*

. "**The political dimension of the Council of Europe budget**" (submitted by Mr Wille and supported by 32 other members): decided not to recommend to hold a current affairs debate on this subject at the June 2007 part-Session but to propose to refer it, under the normal procedure for reference, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development for report, if possible for debate at the 2007 October part-session.

iii. *Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Cyprus*

. took note of a letter by Mr Marty, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, on this matter and proposed to the Assembly to ask the Cypriot government to submit a new list of candidates for the post of judge to the European Court of Human Rights.

iv. *Draft order of business*

. approved the updated draft order of business and decided to propose to the Assembly to reduce speaking time to 4 minutes for the afternoon of Monday 25 June and for the whole day of Tuesday 26 June .

v. *Joint Committee*

a. Draft agenda

. took note of the fact that the Ministers' Deputies had marked their agreement with the topics proposed at its last meeting;

. proposed to raise, under "Other Business", the "European Day against the Death Penalty" (Lisbon, 9 October 2007);

. took note of the preliminary analysis of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union (MoU) as prepared by Mr Ates, Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee, and invited that Committee to monitor regularly the implementation of the MoU and report back to it as and when appropriate;

. took note of the draft Cooperation Agreement between the Council of Europe and the European Community concerning the Agency for Fundamental Rights of the European Union, as approved at the 999bis meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.

b. Dialogue between the Committee of Ministers and the Assembly

. took note of a letter by Mr Gross, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, on this matter and marked its general approval of the proposal contained in the letter for an informal joint working party to be established between the Ministers Deputies and the Assembly, subject to a more specific elaboration of the details of the proposal, for consideration at its meeting in Rome (10 September 2007).

vi. *Meeting of Chairpersons of national delegations (Tuesday, 26 June 2007 at 5.30 pm)*

. took note of the draft agenda of this meeting.

vii. *Diploma award ceremony for Human Rights Watch*

. was informed that the President would present a diploma to Human Rights Watch in recognition of its role in casting light on extraordinary renditions and secret detentions

- ***Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee*** (20 April - 25 June 2007): approved the Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee covering the period from 20 April to 25 June 2007;

- ***Protocol No 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights:*** was informed by Mr Marty, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, about the exchange of views with a delegation from the Russian Duma's Legal Committee held at the meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in Paris on 8 June 2007; and decided to return to this item at its next meeting in the light of the situation concerning ratification of Protocol n°14 by the Duma by 30 June 2007.

- ***References and transmissions to committees:*** see appendix I;

- **Committee membership:**

i. Number of seats in Committees: consequences of the accession of Montenegro to the Council of Europe

. subject to the approval by the Assembly, the Bureau decided to fix, subsequent to the accession of Montenegro to the Council of Europe, the number of seats in the 9 large Assembly Committees, including the Monitoring Committee, at 84; and the number of seats in the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities at 52,.

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** approved the list of the new members as proposed by the political groups for ratification by the Assembly: Mr Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) and Mr Cosarciuc (Moldova, ALDE).

- **Joint Parliamentary Assembly-CIS Interparliamentary Assembly Conference on "Intercultural and inter-religious dialogue" (St Petersburg, 31 May-1 June 2007):** was informed by the President on the results of this conference and took note of the final declaration issued.

- **Elections**

i. *Parliamentary elections in Armenia (12 May 2007)*

. approved the report of Mr Platvoet, Chairman of the ad hoc Committee to observe these elections

ii. *Parliamentary elections in Turkey (22 July 2007)*

Setting-up of an ad hoc Committee

. took note of a letter by Mr Mercan, Chairman of the Turkish delegation to the Assembly, inviting the Assembly to set up an ad hoc Committee to observe these elections;

. set up an ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and fixed at 40 the number of its members, in accordance with the "D'Hondt system": 13 SOC; 12 EPP/CD; 7 ALDE; 6 EDG; 2 UEL.

iii. *Parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan (18 August 2007)*

. Setting-up of an ad hoc Committee

. decided, pending the receipt of an invitation from the authorities of Kazakhstan, to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of 5 members (and 5 substitutes), one from each political group.

iv. *Parliamentary elections in Ukraine (30 September 2007)*

a. Setting-up of an ad hoc Committee

. took note of an invitation by Mr Viktor Yushenko, President of Ukraine, to observe these elections, and confirmed its decision to set-up an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of 40 members, in accordance with the "D'Hondt system": 13 SOC; 12 EPP/CD; 7 ALDE; 6 EDG; 2 UEL.

b. Decision on a pre-electoral mission

. agreed to the dispatch of a pre-electoral mission consisting of 5 members – with one representative from each political group who should at the same time be a member of the Ad Hoc Committee – on the understanding that the mission take place one month before the elections in question.

c. Opinion on the legislative provisions for the parliamentary elections in Ukraine prepared by the Venice Commission

. took note of this opinion and decided to forward it for information to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) and to the ad hoc Committee observing these elections.

- **Communications:** took note of the communication of the President and decided to postpone until its next meeting a more detailed examination of the item “Communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and the Secretary General of the Assembly”.

- **Other business:**

i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure

. asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to prepare a memorandum on criteria to be observed in judging the merits of such requests, for examination at its meeting in Rome on 10 September 2007.

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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
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
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX I

References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau approved the following references and modifications of references, subject to ratification by the Assembly:

I. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Doc. 11260**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Čurđová and others
The gender pay gap, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for information*
2. **Doc. 11261 rev.**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Cilevičs and others
Minority protection in Europe: best practices and deficiencies in implementation of common standards, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
3. **Doc. 11267**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hurskainen and others
Actions for the prevention of forced prostitution, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Prostitution – which stance to take?"*
4. **Doc. 11268**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Aligrudić and others
European Convention on the Protection of Old and Traditional Crafts, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for a report to the Standing Committee on the Protection of Old and Traditional Crafts*
5. **Doc. 11269**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Bartumeu Cassany and others
Protection of "whistle-blowers", to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
[PACE priority: Strengthening democracy, good governance and the rule of law in member states (combating corruption and organised crime)]
6. **Doc. 11270**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Wilshire and others
Potential conflict of interests, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities *for information*
7. **Doc. 11271**
Motion for a resolution presented by Lord Russell Johnston and others
The state of health of Mr Abdullah Ocalan, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for consultation on the possible follow-up*

8. **Doc. 11272**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Bodewig and others
Copyright in Europe, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report* and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for opinion*
[PACE priority: Reinforcing and expanding the protection of human rights; freedom of expression; protecting cultural diversity]
9. **Doc. 11273**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Çavuşoğlu and others
Citizenship and language programmes as a means of integration of migrant communities, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
10. **Doc. 11275**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Cilevičs and others
The situation of Ingush internally displaced persons in North Ossetia, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
11. **Doc. 11280**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Heynemann and others
Foreign players in professional football leagues in the member states of the Council of Europe, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
12. **The political dimension of the Council of Europe budget (request for a current affairs debate)** to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report*

II. MODIFICATION OF REFERENCES

1. **Doc. 11198**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Lengagne and others
Nuclear energy and sustainable development
Ref. no 3333 of 16 April 2007, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report* and to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for opinion*.
2. **Doc. 10705**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Eörsi and others
European Muslim communities confronted with extremism
Ref. no 3145 of 7 October 2005, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*.
3. **Doc. 10674**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Gardetto and others
The fight against harm to the environment in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea
Ref. no 3219 of 29 May 2006, decided to maintain the initial reference to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs for report
4. **Doc. 11213**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Dupraz and others
Ban of cluster munitions
Ref. 3341 of 20 April 2007, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

III. EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

1. Doc. 10632

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others

Use of experiences of "the truth commissions"

Ref. no. 3130 of 1 September 2005 – validity: 1 September 2007, extension until 31 December 2007

2. Doc. 10640

Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Jurgens and others

Legal recognition of same-sex partnerships in Europe

Ref. no. 3134 of 1 September 2005 – validity: 1 September 2007, extension until 31 December 2007.