

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**Secretariat of the Assembly**

**Synopsis**

21 January 2008

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday 21 January 2008 in Strasbourg with Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***1st Part of the 2008 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2008):***

*i. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*

a. took note of the report of the Sub-Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights, including the recommendations contained in that report, and decided to forward it to the Assembly members;

b. proposed to the Assembly to ask the government of *Azerbaijan* to submit a new list of candidates for the post of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of that country;

*ii. Draft order of business:*

a. approved the updated draft order of business and decided to reduce the speaking time to 4 minutes for the whole day of Monday 21 and of Tuesday 22 January;

b. decided to invite the newly re-elected President of the Republic of Georgia, Mr Saakasvili, to address the Assembly on Thursday 24 January;

- ***Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (5 October 2007 – 21 January 2008):*** approved the Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee covering the period 5 October 2007 - 21 January 2008;

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

- ***Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2008:*** the Bureau took note of the names of candidates for the post of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in 2008;

- ***Composition of the Monitoring Committee:*** approved the list of members as proposed by political groups, for ratification by the Assembly;

- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** approved the list of members as proposed by political groups as well as of a member not belonging to political groups, for ratification by the Assembly;
- **Presidential elections in Georgia (5 January 2008):** approved the report of the Ad Hoc Committee which had observed these elections (Rapporteur: Mr Eörsi (Hungary, ALDE));
- **Presidential elections in Serbia (20 January 2008):** noted that, in accordance with the Assembly's Election Observation Guidelines and the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the observation mission of the first round of these elections had been cancelled; and agreed to set-up an Ad Hoc Committee composed of one member of each political group to observe the second round of these elections to be held on 3 February 2008;
- **Presidential elections in Armenia (19 February 2008):** took note of an invitation letter addressed by Mr Torosyan, Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia, to observe these elections and approved the composition of the pre-electoral mission foreseen for 29 and 30 January 2008;
- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President; the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 25 January 2008 at 8.30 am;
  - . Paris, Thursday, 13 March 2008 at 3 pm.

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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:

#### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Doc. 11345**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Branger and others**  
**Human rights and democratic concerns for the integration of migrants**
2. **Doc. 11346**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hajiyeva and others**  
**Europe's population decline and migration**
3. **Doc. 11347**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Çavuşoğlu and others**  
**Diasporas: their role in the integration of migrants:** reference of these three motions to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for the drafting of one single report on "Human rights and democratic concerns for the integration of migrants"*  
*[PACE priority: Strengthening the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups, including migrants, refugees and displaced persons; Contribute to the management of migratory flows]*
4. **Doc. 11455 rev.**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Kozma and others**  
**A new start for youth cooperation in Europe,** to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*  
*[PACE priority: Promoting education for democratic citizenship in Europe]*
5. **Doc. 11462**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Ivanov and others**  
**Military waste and the environment,** to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*  
*[PACE priority: Promoting sustainable development (climate, water, energy, pollution...)]*

6. **Doc. 11463**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Melo and others**  
**For a new governance of the Oceans – The problem of the North Atlantic**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*  
*[PACE priority: Promoting sustainable development (climate, water, energy, pollution...)]*

**B. REQUESTS TO EXTEND REFERENCES**

1. **Doc. 10802**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Hägg and others**  
**Abortion and its impact on women and girls in Europe**  
**Ref. no. 3175 of 27 January 2006 – Validity: 27 January 2008**, extension until 25 April 2008.
2. **Doc. 10718**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Vermot-Mangold and others**  
**Femicides**  
**Ref. no. 3204 of 17 March 2006 – Validity: 17 March 2008**, extension until 27 June 2008.
3. **Doc. 10753**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Bousakla and others**  
**Abduction and "re-education" of Muslim women and children who have become too "Western-minded"**  
**Ref. no. 3200 of 17 March 2006 - Validity: 17 March 2008**, extension until 27 June 2008.
4. **Doc. 10719**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Çavuşoğlu and others**  
**Migration and mobility in the Eurasian Region – Prospects for the Future**  
**Ref. no. 3198 of 17 March 2006 – validity: 17 March 2008**, extension until 31 December 2008.
5. **Doc. 10948**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Mendonça and others**  
**Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe**  
**Ref. no. 3252 of 30 June 2006 – validity: 30 June 2008**, extension until 31 December 2008.