



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

23 June 2008

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 23 June in Strasbourg, with Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **3rd Part of the 2008 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2008):**
 - i. Requests for debates under urgent procedure:
 - a. *“The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey”* (submitted by the five chairpersons of the Assembly’s Political Groups, on behalf of their groups): confirmed its decision to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure and to refer this matter to the Monitoring Committee for report; and proposed to modify the title as follows: *“The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey: recent developments”*;
 - b. *“Proposed 42 days pre-charge detention in the United Kingdom”* (submitted by 20 parliamentarians):
 - decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold a debate on this subject under urgent procedure during the part-session;
 - proposed to refer the motion for resolution on this matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report, with a view, if possible, to its presentation at the next Assembly part-session;
 - c. *“Implementation by Armenia of Assembly Resolution 1609 (2008)”* (submitted by the Monitoring Committee): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate under urgent procedure and to refer this matter to the Monitoring Committee for report;
 - ii. Up-dating of the draft agenda: approved the up-dated draft agenda and proposed to the Assembly to limit speaking time to four minutes each day with the exception of Friday 27 June;
 - iii. Draft agenda of the Joint Committee: following proposals by the Ministers’ Deputies, up-dated the draft agenda;
 - iv. Meeting of Chairpersons of ad hoc Committees of the Bureau for the observation of elections: due to the absence of the President on Tuesday 24 June, decided to postpone this meeting until the next Assembly part-session;

- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (18 April – 23 June 2008):** approved the Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (Rapporteur: Mr Zala (Slovakia, SOC));

- **Observation of elections:**

i. Parliamentary elections in Georgia (21 May 2008): approved the report of the ad hoc Committee to observe these elections (Rapporteur : M. Eörsi (Hungary, ADLE));

ii. Parliamentary elections in the “former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (1 and 15 June 2008): approved the report of the Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections (Rapporteur : M. Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG));

iii. Presidential election in Azerbaijan (15 October 2008):

a. subject to the receipt of an invitation, decided to observe these elections;

b. decided to set-up an ad hoc committee to observe these elections composed of 30 members, according to the “D’Hondt” system;

c. authorised a pre-electoral mission consisting of five members – one from each political group who were also members of the ad hoc Committee – on the understanding that it should take place approximately one month ahead of the elections;

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

- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:

. Strasbourg, Friday 27 June 2008 at 8.30 am;

. Paris, Friday 5 September 2008 (instead of Monday 8 September 2008) at 9 am.

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Secretary General of the Congress

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

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. 11585**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Sasi and others
The future of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity ("North-South Centre"), to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for opinion*
 2. **Doc. 11586**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Marquet and others
The fight against harm to the environment in the Mediterranean, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*
 3. **Doc. 11587**
Motion for a resolution by Ms Pashayeva and others
The gravest security threat to south Caucasus, postponed its decision
 4. **Doc. 11588**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Wilshire and others
External interference in internal political processes, no further action
 5. **Doc. 11590 rev.**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Wille and others
Protecting financial aid granted by Council of Europe member countries to poor countries against the financial funds known as "vulture funds", postponed its decision
 6. **Doc. 11591**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Jakavonis and others
Rural tourism and the environment, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*
 7. **Doc. 11592**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Adonts and others
Regional Co-operation, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for opinion*
 8. **Doc. 11593**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Mota Amaral and others
Promoting parliamentary diplomacy, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
 9. **Doc. 11595**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Cubreacov and others
Difficult cultural situation of the Istro-Romanian minority particularly threatened, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to take it into account in the preparation of the report on "The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages" (Doc. 11480, Ref. 3406)*
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10. **Doc. 11596**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Melčák and others
Cyclic Use of Raw Materials from Products, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*
11. **Doc. 11597**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Vrettos and others
Wealth, welfare and wellbeing: how to reconcile them in a changing Europe?, postponed its decision
12. **Doc. 11598**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Zernovski and others
Integration of refugees, displaced persons and returnees in South East Europe, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information* (The Assembly adopted Recommendation 1802 (2007) on the Situation of longstanding refugees and displaced persons in South-Eastern Europe)
13. **Doc. 11602**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Dorić and others
The obligation of member states of the Council of Europe to co-operate in prosecution of war crimes, consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *on a possible follow-up*
14. **Doc. 11603**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Petrenco and others
On non-recognition by Romania of the Moldovans' right to national identity, postponed until the holding of the elections in Moldova
15. **Doc. 11604**
Motion for a resolution by Ms Hajiyeva and others
The demographic future of Europe and migration, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*
16. **Doc. 11605**
Motion for a recommendation by Ms Jonker and others
Unaccompanied minors in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
17. **Doc. 11606**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Van den Brande and others
On the compliance of the International Court of Justice decision in the *Avena* case, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
18. **Doc. 11611**
Motion for a recommendation by Mr Wille and others
The wage gap between women and men, postponed its decision
19. **Doc. 11631**
Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers
Draft Council of Europe Convention on access to official documents, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

20. **Doc. 11644 rev.**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Wilshire and others
Proposed 42 days pre-charge detention in the United Kingdom, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
- ii. modification of references*
1. **Doc. 10916**
Motion for a resolution by Mr Jurgens and others
Legal remedies for human rights violations in the North-Caucasus Region, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*, on the understanding that the report is adopted in time for the Monitoring Committee to have it at its disposal before adopting its report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation
- iii. extension of references*
1. **Doc. 10718**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Vermot-Mangold and others
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Ref. no. 3204 of 17 March 2006 – validity: 27 June 2008 (extended on 21 January 2008), extension until 31 December 2008