



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

1 July 2008

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday 27 June 2008 in Strasbourg with Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Follow-up to the 3rd Part of the 2008 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2008):***

i. Questions to the Committee of Ministers: in accordance with Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, agreed to consult the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs with a view to a possible modification of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure;

ii. Resolution 1618 (2008) on State of democracy in Europe – Measures to improve the democratic participation of migrants: agreed to consult the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on rule 15 of the resolution and whether any steps could be taken to ensure a better representation of persons of migrant origin in the membership of the Assembly;

- ***4th Part of the 2008 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October 2008):*** drew up the preliminary draft agenda;

- ***Observation of elections:***

i. Presidential election in Azerbaijan (15 October 2008 to be confirmed): approved the composition of the Ad Hoc Commission for the observation of this election as well as that of the pre-electoral mission and appointed Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) as Chairperson;

ii. Post-electoral missions: authorised post-electoral missions in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and in Georgia;

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

- ***Communications:*** took note of the communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- ***Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize:*** decided to postpone the decision on this item until its next meeting.

- ***Co-operation with the European Parliament:*** took note that a meeting would take place between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament in Brussels on 28 August 2008

and decided to suggest the following topics for discussion: the situation in the South Caucasus; in Belarus; and in Turkey;

- **Appointment of a rapporteur for the Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (27 June – 29 September 2008):** appointed Mr Kyprianou (Cyprus, UEL) as Rapporteur;

- **Forum for the Future of Democracy (Madrid, 15-17 October 2008):** took note of the preliminary draft programme and of the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Forum;

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) :** approved, in the order recommended by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, of the following list of candidates in respect of Slovakia, for transmission to the Committee of Ministers:

- i. Mr. Ladislav GETLÍK ;
- ii. Mr. Peter KOVÁČ ;
- iii. Mrs Anna LAMPEROVÁ ;

- **April 2009 part-session:** subject to approval by the Assembly, proposed to change the dates of the April 2009 part-session to 27-30 April 2009 (instead of from 20 to 24 April as originally foreseen);

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:**

i. *Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs:* Madrid and Zaragoza (Spain), 8-9 September 2008;

ii. *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs):* Katowice (Poland), 13 September 2008;

iii. *Sub-Committee on International Relations (of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development):* Geneva (Switzerland), 11-12 September 2008;

iv. *Sub-Committee on Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education):* Kyiv (Ukraine), 10-11 October 2008;

v. *Sub-Committee on Cultural Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education):* Brussels (Belgium), 23-25 October 2008;

vi. *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:* Moscow (Russian Federation), 10-11 November 2008;

vii. *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population:* Geneva (Switzerland), 25-26 November 2008;

- **Follow-up of Resolution 1593 (2007) on the Parliamentary Assembly “Gender Equality Prize” :** took note of the Rules for the Prize as approved by the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men;

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

- . Paris, Friday 5 September 2008 at 9 am;
- . Strasbourg, Monday 29 September 2008 at 8 am;
- . Strasbourg, Friday 3 October 2008 at 8.30.

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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:

Doc. No	Doc. Type	Title	Committee concerned	Reference No	Date
11587	Motion for a resolution	The gravest security threat to south Caucasus	Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) <i>for information</i>	3466	Assembly 27/06/2008
11590 rev.	Motion for a recommendation	Protecting financial aid granted by Council of Europe member countries to poor countries against the financial funds known as "vulture funds"	Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i>	3467	Assembly 27/06/2008
11597	Motion for a recommendation	Wealth, welfare and wellbeing: how to reconcile them in a changing Europe?	Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i>	3468	Assembly 27/06/2008
11611	Motion for a recommendation	The wage gap between women and men	Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for report</i> Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for opinion</i>	3469	Assembly 27/06/2008
11613	Motion for a recommendation	Migrant women: at particular risk of domestic violence	Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>for report at the Standing Committee</i> Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population <i>for opinion</i>	3470	Assembly 27/06/2008
11634	Motion for a resolution	Forests: the future of our planet	Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs <i>to take it into account in the preparation of the report on "The challenges posed by climate change" (Doc. 11581 – Ref. 3447)</i>	3471	Assembly 27/06/2008
11578	Motion for a resolution	Protecting innovation and consumers in Europe	Committee on Economic Affairs and Development <i>for report</i>	3472	Assembly 27/06/2008

**Extension of reference
2008 Ordinary Session – 3rd part
27th sitting**

Doc. No	Doc. Type	Title	Committee concerned	Reference No	New date of validity
10948	Motion of recommendation	Detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe	Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population	3252	31 December 2009 Assembly 27/06/2008

**Consultation of committee
2008 Ordinary Session – 3rd part
27th sitting**

Doc. No	Doc. Type	Title	Committee concerned
11633 rev.	Motion for a recommendation	Cases of sexual violence against women in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo	Consultation of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men <i>on a possible follow-up</i>