



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

26 January 2009

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday 26 January 2009 in Strasbourg, with Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Implementation of Resolution 1633 (2008) on “The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia”** : took note of a memorandum prepared by the President regarding the Presidential Committee’s visit to Russia and decided to declassify it;
- **2009 First ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 26-30 January 2009):**
  - i. **Current affairs debate: “Situation in Gaza”**: decided to appoint Mr Lindblad, in his capacity of Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee, to open the debate;
  - ii. **Draft agenda**: approved the updated draft agenda and decided to reduce the speaking time to 4 minutes on Monday 26 January in the afternoon, on Tuesday 27 January in the morning and on Thursday 29 January in the morning;
  - iii. **Draft agenda of the Joint Committee (Thursday 29 January at 6.30 pm)**: updated the draft agenda as follows:
    1. Follow-up given to Assembly Recommendation 1846 (2008) on “the consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia”
    2. The situation in Armenia
    3. European Court of Human Rights
      - a) Election of judges to the Court
      - b) Reform: recent developments
    4. The Council of Europe’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the May 2009 meeting of the Committee of Ministers
    5. Budgetary prospects for 2010
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (3 October 2008 – 26 January 2009)**: the Bureau approved the Progress report;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**: approved the lists of members as proposed by political groups for ratification by the Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees** : see appendix;
- **Communications** : took note of communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe as well as the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in 2009**: took note of the names of the candidates for the post of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in 2009;

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

- . Strasbourg, Friday 30 January 2009 at 8.30 am;
- . Paris, Thursday 12 March 2009 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  
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  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

## Appendix

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

### A. References to committees

1. **The follow-up to the issue of political prisoners in Azerbaijan**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Pourgourides and others**  
**Doc. 11468**, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
2. **The real situation of rural women in Europe**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Quintanilla Barba and others**  
**Doc. 11773**, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report* and to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for opinion*
3. **Towards a model rulebook for self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others**  
**Doc. 11774**, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities *for report*
4. **Investing in family cohesion as a development factor in times of crisis**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volonte and others**  
**Doc. 11782**, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*

### B. Reply after consultation

1. **Requiring a minimum of 30 % of each sex on Assembly's national delegations**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Err and others**  
**Doc. 11664**, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities *for report* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*